

Greenville County Bird Club Spring Migration Count Report 2015

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2015 (*one area covered on Saturday, April 25*)

Location: Various locations in Greenville County, SC

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33 birders participated in the 2014 Greenville County Spring Migration Count: 24 GCBC members and 9 non-members. 3 of the non-members actually led area counts.

Unfortunately, there were very few reports from back-yard feeders. We can do better in that regard in future.

Together we listed 135 species and 5222 individual birds.

The 135 species breaks the previous record of 129 set in 2012 and then equalled in 2014.

Although most of the areas previously covered were birded this year we missed out on several areas including Paris Mountain SP, the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area (Caesar's Head, Jones Gap SP etc.) and Moonville / Prince Lake.

We benefited from excellent birding weather all over the county – moderate temperatures, little to no wind, partly cloudy skies, and no rain.

Bird highlights:

The following were new additions to the total Spring counts list, bringing the total species reported during Spring Migration Counts since 2005 to 174:

Norther Shoveler (Furman U.)

Hooded Merganser (Hwy 14 and Hwy 11 area)

Bonaparte's Gull (Wilson's Farm)

The accompanying Excel spreadsheets show the details of this year's count by section and a recapitulation of all Spring counts since 2005.

It was a good day to be out there counting!

Thanks again to all who participated.

Paul