

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leaders: Denise DuPon and Paul Serridge

Two separate trips were held, a longer walk starting at 7 a.m. at the East Bay, and a shorter one starting at 8 a.m. at Spanco Drive.

The longer trip (all morning): 9 club members and 4 guests (one had come from Charlotte specifically for the outing), started at the ball-fields, birded the East Bay loop before car-pooling to Spanco and birding the trails back to the ball-fields via the new connector board-walk to the West Bay.

The shorter trip (3 hours): 9 members met at Spanco Drive and birded the paved trail and the West Bay, also via the new connector board-walk before turning around to return to Spanco.

The combined lists (see below) show a **total of 56 species**.

The highlight of the morning was a Long-billed Dowitcher foraging on the mud in the South Bay. It was seen at 8 and was still there at noon. **That was species #201 for the park!**

Species	Short walk	Long walk
Canada Goose	20	24
Wood Duck	13	15
Mallard	8	2
Double-crested Cormorant	1	1
Great Blue Heron	9	9
Turkey Vulture		1
Cooper's Hawk		1
Red-shouldered Hawk		2
Red-tailed Hawk		1
Killdeer	3	5
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1
Solitary Sandpiper	1	1
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	1
Chimney Swift		12
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	1
Belted Kingfisher	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	1
Downy Woodpecker	1	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1
Acadian Flycatcher	1	1
Eastern Phoebe	1	5
Great-crested Flycatcher	1	2

Eastern Kingbird		2
White-eyed Vireo	3	4
Red-eyed Vireo	1	3
American Crow		3
Fish Crow	1	2
N. Rough-winged Swallow	2	4
Purple Martin		1
Barn Swallow	8	8
Carolina Chickadee	3	6
Tufted Titmouse	5	6
Carolina Wren	5	3
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	3	12
Eastern Bluebird	2	9
American Robin	1	1
Brown Thrasher	4	5
Northern Mockingbird		3
European Starling		5
Cedar Waxwing		12
Prothonotary Warbler	1	1
Common Yellowthroat	3	4
Northern Parula	2	3
Black-throated Blue Warbler		1
Eastern Towhee	3	2
Chipping Sparrow	1	1
Field Sparrow		3
Northern Cardinal	2	7
Indigo Bunting	2	2
Red-winged Blackbird	15	8
Common Grackle	5	16
Brown-headed Cowbird		5
Orchard Oriole	1	1
House Finch	1	4
American Goldfinch	2	4
Totals: 56	40	55