

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 30, 2015

Location: Brevard and the Blue Ridge Parkway south of Asheville

Leader: JB Hines



Six GCBC members enjoyed a beautiful day of birding in the Brevard area and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Our first stop was the “Hospital Fields” near Brevard. Our next three stops were along US Highway 276 at Sycamore Flats picnic area, the fish hatchery, and Buck Spring trailhead. The remainder of the day was spent along the Blue Ridge Parkway beginning at the Mt Pisgah trailhead, lunch at Mt Pisgah picnic area, Black Balsam (Shining Rock) and finally at Devil’s Courthouse.

We had a very decent list of 53 species, with the best birds being Swainson’s Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush seen together along the stream at the fish hatchery. After hearing the Swainson’s, I played its song and to our surprise a Louisiana Waterthrush flew in with the Swainson’s. At Black Balsam we had a very cooperative Alder Flycatcher which was seen then heard. We also had excellent looks at Blue-headed Vireo, Black-throated Blue Warbler and numerous Chestnut-sided Warblers. The list follows.

Species List (53)

Canada Goose	American Robin
Mallard	Gray Catbird
Turkey Vulture	Northern Mockingbird
Broad-winged Hawk	Brown Thrasher
Mourning Dove	European Starling
Chimney Swift	Cedar Waxwing
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Ovenbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Flicker	Swainson's Warbler
Pileated Woodpecker	Common Yellowthroat
Acadian Flycatcher	Hooded Warbler
Alder Flycatcher	Northern Parula
Eastern Phoebe	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Great-crested Flycatcher	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Blue-headed Vireo	Black-throated Green Warbler
Red-eyed Vireo	Yellow-breasted Chat
Blue Jay	Eastern Towhee
American Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Common Raven	Field Sparrow
Rough-winged Swallow	Song Sparrow
Barn Swallow	Dark-eyed Junco
Carolina Chickadee	Northern Cardinal
Tufted Titmouse	Indigo Bunting
House Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Carolina Wren	American Goldfinch
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
Eastern Bluebird	
Veery	