

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leaders: Denise DuPon and Paul Serridge

Two separate trips were held, one starting at 7 a.m. and one at 8 a.m. Both concluded around 10.15 a.m. because of the heat and humidity - draining on birders and the birds are not very active in such conditions.

10 club members and 1 guest started at the ball-fields, and birded the East Bay loop before continuing along the Reedy, over the bridge and around Heron Circle to the West Bay observation deck.

3 birders (Denise and 2 guests) met at Spanco Drive and birded the paved trail, and then took the new connector board-walk to the West Bay observation deck, where quite fortuitously, the 2 groups met and were able to compare notes.

The 2 groups reported respectively 46 and 38 species.

The combined list (see below) shows a **total of 50 species**, two more than this same outing last year.

The Pied-billed Grebe seen from the Spanco Drive overlook was only the second of this species ever reported during a month of June. The first June report dates from June 21, 2013, so the 2 birds were seen at almost the same date in June.

One of the birders starting at Spanco is a Boy Scout and today's outing was part of his Bird Watching merit badge.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Killdeer
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
House Wren
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Common Yellowthroat
Pine Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch