

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday, Aug 15, 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 Conestee Park, and a shorter one starting at 8 a.m. at Spanco Drive.

The weather was delightful - low 70s, low humidity, no wind, partial cloud cover.

The longer trip: 9 club members started by birding the East Bay loop where the most interesting bird was a Cooper's Hawk, a first at Conestee since the June outing. Then a few small birds led us a merry dance around the Little League ball-fields as they flitted from tree to tree. One of them was a first-of-season Song Sparrow!

From there the group crossed the Reedy River bridge and did a long loop taking in the North Slough, the Henderson Meadow, Marrowbone Creek and the West Bay, before returning to Conestee Park. Birding was fairly slow all morning, but the first Barred Owl since April added some excitement. Thanks are due to Chris Peak for spotting the bird in a stand of trees some distance from the paved trail.

The shorter trip: 5 club members birded the paved trail and the connector board-walk to the West Bay observation deck before turning around to return to Spanco. The highlight of the walk was a Red-shouldered Hawk perched in full view near the South Bay overlook.

The combined lists (see below) show a **total of 46 species** - exactly the same total as last month.

Species	Short walk	Long walk
Canada Goose	4	
Wood Duck	4	6
Mallard		7
Great Blue Heron		1
Green Heron		2
Cooper's Hawk		1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1
Mourning Dove	3	6
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2
Barred Owl		1
Chimney Swift		38
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	3
Belted Kingfisher	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	3
Downy Woodpecker	2	2

Pileated Woodpecker	1	
Eastern Wood-Pewee		1
Eastern Phoebe		2
Great-crested Flycatcher		2
Eastern Kingbird	1	
White-eyed Vireo		2
Blue Jay	1	
American Crow	5	3
Barn Swallow	6	
Carolina Chickadee	6	6
Tufted Titmouse	4	8
White-breasted Nuthatch		1
Carolina Wren	6	3
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	1	5
Eastern Bluebird	1	9
American Robin		18
Gray Catbird	1	
Northern Mockingbird		1
European Starling		25
Northern Parula		1
Pine Warbler		1
Eastern Towhee	1	2
Chipping Sparrow		8
Field Sparrow		2
Song Sparrow	1	1
Northern Cardinal	7	3
Blue Grosbeak		1
Red-winged Blackbird		3
Common Grackle	81	20
House Finch	3	3
American Goldfinch	3	6
Totals: 46	25	39