

8 GCBC members enjoyed a fine morning's birding on the longer outing at Conestee yesterday. We started at the East Bay and, although there were no ducks on the lake, there were plenty of songbirds to keep us on our toes.

Between the East and West Bays Chris photographed a Savannah Sparrow - a rare bird at Conestee and a first for any month of October.

We birded a long loop around the West Bay and Marrow Bone Creek. The birding on that part of the walk was a little slow but FOS (first of season) Brown Creeper and White-throated Sparrow were "good" birds to add to our list.

We finished shortly after 12.30 with a combined list of 48 species (see below).

The final numbers of individuals will be somewhat different after I have collated the ebird reports from other participants.

I believe that Denise's group saw a couple of species we did not see - Killdeer and Eastern Wood-Pewee - and two other GCBC members birding separately reported TV, Red-tailed Hawk, Tree Swallow and Gray Catbird giving a GCBC combined total of 54 species.

Conestee is a great place for birders!

Good birding,

Paul

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Oct 17, 2015 7:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Protocol: Traveling

3.0 mile(s)

Comments: Combined list from GCBC long outing. Birded the East bay loop trail, followed by a loop around the West Bay and Marrow Bone Creek. Blue skies; temperature 47F at start, 64F at end. Light wind.

**48 species**

Canada Goose 20

Wood Duck 3

Mallard 26

Great Blue Heron 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

American Coot 1

Mourning Dove 1

Belted Kingfisher 2

Red-headed Woodpecker 4

Red-bellied Woodpecker 4

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2

Downy Woodpecker 5

Northern Flicker 2

Pileated Woodpecker 1

Eastern Phoebe 5

Blue-headed Vireo 2  
Blue Jay 4  
American Crow 6  
Carolina Chickadee 9  
Tufted Titmouse 9  
White-breasted Nuthatch 4  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1  
Brown Creeper 1  
Carolina Wren 4  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3  
Eastern Bluebird 9  
Swainson's Thrush 1  
American Robin 1  
Brown Thrasher 3  
Northern Mockingbird 2  
European Starling 6  
Cedar Waxwing 4  
American Redstart 1  
Magnolia Warbler 1  
Palm Warbler 6  
Pine Warbler 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 20  
Black-throated Green Warbler 3  
Chipping Sparrow 8  
Savannah Sparrow 1  
White-throated Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 4  
Eastern Towhee 3  
Northern Cardinal 5  
Indigo Bunting 1  
Common Grackle 14  
House Finch 14  
American Goldfinch 2