

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

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**Date:** November 14, 2015

**Location:** Townville Area

**Leader:** Jeff Click



A dozen GCBC members enjoyed a beautiful day of birding in the Townville area on Saturday, November 14. After gather the group, we started at the ponds at Dobbins Farm, where we had the first of a nice variety of raptors in the form of a first-year Bald Eagle, which stayed perched nicely in view our entire time at the ponds. We also had an Osprey and a young Red-shouldered Hawk at the same location.

On the ponds, the highlights were a single male Bufflehead, a few sleeping Ruddy Ducks, and a quick fly-by of some Green-winged Teal. As is usually the case, Savannah Sparrows and Meadowlarks were prevalent, and we had a few fly-overs of American Pipits. At one point, we heard Horned Lark singing, but could not locate it.

At Beaverdam Creek WMA and the nearby road, we had a nice variety of woodpeckers and sparrows. The bridge at Fork School Road was pretty quiet, however, so we moved on to Prater Farm. There we found White-crowned and Vesper Sparrows, as well as a nice Northern Harrier and an American Kestrel.

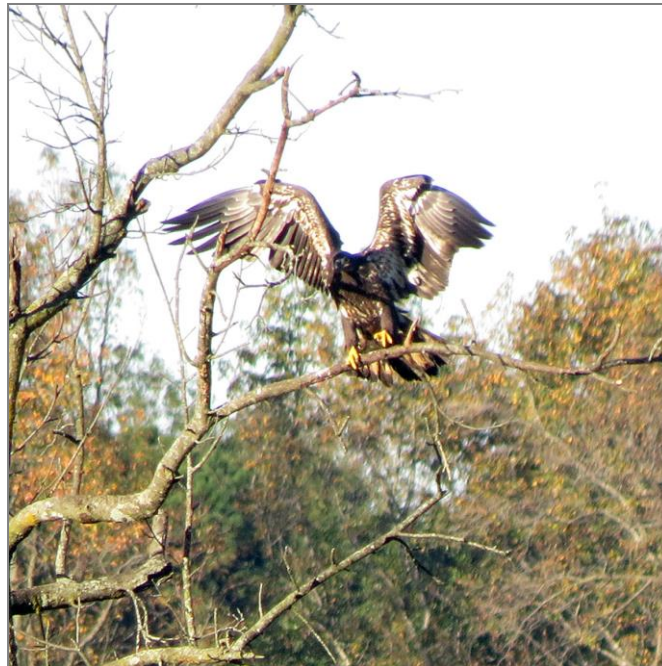
As always, Townville made for a really nice day of birding. The list is below.



*Northern Harrier and White-crowned Sparrow photos courtesy of Don Faulkner*

## Species List (61)

Wood Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker	European Starling
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Pipit
Green-winged Teal	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cedar Waxwing
Bufflehead	Downy Woodpecker	Palm Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Double-crested Cormorant	American Kestrel	Field Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Phoebe	Vesper Sparrow
Black Vulture	Blue Jay	Savannah Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Osprey	Horned Lark	Swamp Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Tufted Titmouse	White-crowned Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	Brown Creeper	Northern Cardinal
Red-tailed Hawk	Carolina Wren	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Eastern Meadowlark
Wilson's Snipe	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Brown-headed Cowbird
Rock Pigeon	Eastern Bluebird	American Goldfinch
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Hermit Thrush	House Sparrow
Mourning Dove	American Robin	
Belted Kingfisher	Northern Mockingbird	



*Bald Eagle photo courtesy of Don Faulkner*