

6 GCBC members and one guest birded Conestee yesterday and listed 50 species (see eBird report below).

Highlights show in bold type.

We searched for, but did not find Fox Sparrow and Purple Finch. But, as we all know, there is always another day.

Denise's group had 3 species not on our list. So the GCBC total for the morning was 53 species - pretty good for a morning in November.

Good birding,

Paul

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Nov 21, 2015 7:20 AM - 12:05 PM

Protocol: Traveling

3.0 mile(s)

Comments: GCBC 3rd Saturday outing at Conestee. 7 participants
50 species (+1 other taxa)

Canada Goose 37

Mallard 21

Ruddy Duck 3

Pied-billed Grebe 4

Great Blue Heron 4

Black Vulture 1

Turkey Vulture 4

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 2

Red-tailed Hawk 1

American Coot 2

Mourning Dove 2

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red-headed Woodpecker 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 4

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2

Downy Woodpecker 4

Northern Flicker 2

Pileated Woodpecker 1

Eastern Phoebe 2

Blue Jay 4

American Crow 9

Fish Crow 2

crow sp. 4

Carolina Chickadee 4

Tufted Titmouse 7
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1
Winter Wren 1
Carolina Wren 6
Golden-crowned Kinglet 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2
Eastern Bluebird 17
Hermit Thrush 2
American Robin 1
Brown Thrasher 2
Northern Mockingbird 2
European Starling 13
Pine Warbler 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler 1
Chipping Sparrow 5
Dark-eyed Junco 2
White-throated Sparrow 7
Song Sparrow 2
Swamp Sparrow 1
Eastern Towhee 3
Northern Cardinal 8
Red-winged Blackbird 2
Rusty Blackbird 85
Common Grackle 8
House Finch 5
American Goldfinch 12

Rusty Blackbird 85 Counted 85 individuals in trees opposite the Spanco parking lot. Mix of females (brown and gray, bright eye) and males (darker than females, some black, with bright yellow eye). ALL were RUBL - no RWBL in the mix. A lot of these birds flew down to forage in the marsh next to the short boardwalk close to Spanco, affording excellent looks at short distance. There were probably Rusties already in the marsh and so I consider 85 to be a conservative count. There were probably in excess of 100 present.

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