

# **Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report**

**Date:** Saturday, Dec 12, 2015

**Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leaders:** Denise DuPon and Paul Serridge

The 2 outings at Conestee were scheduled for the second Saturday this month to avoid a conflict with the annual Christmas Bird Count on the third Saturday.

A total of 16 GCBC members participated - 9 on the longer walk starting at Conestee Park, 7 on the shorter walk starting at Spanco Drive.

There was dense fog over the park which precluded seeing anything in the East Bay, and so the participants in the longer walk decided to carpool to Spanco immediately and go to the East Bay later.

The fog slowly lifted and the morning ended in bright sunshine.

The combined lists show a **total of 50 species - an excellent count for mid-December. Highlights are in bold type. The Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher was a real surprise - the latest reported date for this species.**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Short walk</b>	<b>Long walk</b>
Canada Goose	13	32
Wood Duck	1	2
Mallard	2	5
Pied-billed Grebe		4
Great Blue Heron	1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	2
Mourning Dove	1	14
Belted Kingfisher	2	2
<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>	2	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2
Downy Woodpecker	2	5
Northern Flicker		2
Eastern Phoebe	2	3
Blue Jay	1	1
American Crow		1
Fish Crow		1
Carolina Chickadee	7	7
Tufted Titmouse	4	4

White-breasted Nuthatch		1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	2	3
<b>Winter Wren</b>	1	1
Carolina Wren	5	6
<b>Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher</b>	1	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	6
Eastern Bluebird	7	12
Hermit Thrush	1	1
American Robin	3	3
Brown Thrasher	1	1
Northern Mockingbird	1	2
European Starling		35
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>	5	
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	1	1
Pine Warbler		3
Yellow-rumped Warbler		8
Chipping Sparrow		4
Field Sparrow		3
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>		2
White-throated Sparrow	13	7
Song Sparrow	3	4
Swamp Sparrow	1	1
Eastern Towhee	1	3
Northern Cardinal	8	11
Red-winged Blackbird		25
<b>Rusty Blackbird</b>	45	
Common Grackle		40
House Finch	1	6
American Goldfinch	4	8
<b>Totals: 50</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>