

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date:	February 19, 20, and 21, 2016 (small group outings began on 2/17)
Location:	Coastal SC – multiple locations
Leaders:	J.B. Hines and Jerry Johnson
List Compilation and Narrative:	J.B. Hines
Duration:	Three-day outing, plus two earlier small-group trips
Species Total:	120



The GCBC SC Coastal Trip for Feb. 19-21, 2016 produced 120 species and beautiful weather each day. Jerry Johnson and J.B. Hines started the trip on Thur. the 18th in order to explore the Ernest F. Hollings NWR and Botany Bay where we found the White-winged Scoters and Common Ground Doves. Paul Serridge and Don Faulkner also started a day early at Savannah NWR.

On Fri. Feb 19th, our group started the day at Donnelly WMA where we found ~150 Long-billed and Short-billed Dowitchers, along with both Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Dunlin, and Western Sandpipers. We also heard a King Rail and saw many waders and waterfowl species. At Bear Island WMA, the highlights were ~300 American Avocets in several different impoundments, White Pelicans, Tundra Swans, and a Barn Owl.

On Saturday, we birded at Santee Coastal WMA, Santee Delta WMA, the Yawkey Boat Landing, Georgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the wetlands behind the Quality Inn motel. We found Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Bonaparte's Gulls, Laughing Gulls, Bald Eagles, Anhinga, and an early Purple Martin.

On Sunday, we birded Huntington Beach SP, where we added 10 new species to our trip list: Greater Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Red-throated and Common Loon, Sora, Semi-palmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Herring Gull, and White-throated Sparrow.

Combined Species List:

Canada Goose	Willet	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Tundra Swan	Semipalmated Plover	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Wood Duck	Killdeer	Eastern Bluebird
Gadwall	Greater Yellowlegs	Hermit Thrush
American Wigeon	Lesser Yellowlegs	American Robin
Mottled Duck	Ruddy Turnstone	Northern Mockingbird
Blue-winged Teal	Sanderling	Black-and-White Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Dunlin	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Pintail	Western Sandpiper	Palm Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Short-billed Dowitcher	Pine Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	Long-billed Dowitcher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Greater Scaup	Wilson's Snipe	Eastern Towhee
Lesser Scaup	Bonaparte's Gull	Chipping Sparrow
White-winged Scoter (seen at Botany Bay on the 18th)	Laughing Gull	Savannah Sparrow
Bufflehead	Ring-billed Gull	Song Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Herring Gull	Swamp Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Caspian or Royal Tern (undecided)	White-throated Sparrow
Red-throated Loon	Forster's Tern	Northern Cardinal
Common Loon	Rock Pigeon	Red-winged Blackbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Eastern Meadowlark
Wood Stork	Mourning Dove	Common Grackle
Double-crested Cormorant	Common Ground Dove (at Botany Bay)	Boat-tailed Grackle
Anhinga	Barn Owl	Brown-headed Cowbird
American White Pelican	Belted Kingfisher	American Goldfinch
Brown Pelican	Red-headed Woodpecker	
American Bittern	Red-bellied Woodpecker	
Great Blue Heron	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
Great Egret	Downy Woodpecker	
Snowy Egret	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	
Little Blue Heron	Northern Flicker	
Tricolored Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	American Kestrel	
White Ibis	Merlin	
Glossy Ibis	Eastern Phoebe	
Black Vulture	Loggerhead Shrike	
Turkey Vulture	White-eyed Vireo	
Osprey	Blue Jay	
Bald Eagle	American Crow	
Northern Harrier	Fish Crow	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Purple Martin	
Cooper's Hawk	Tree Swallow	
Red-shouldered Hawk	Carolina Chickadee	
Red-tailed Hawk	Tufted Titmouse	
King Rail (heard only)	White-breasted Nuthatch	
Sora	Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Common Gallinule	House Wren	
American Coot	Marsh Wren	
American Avocet	Carolina Wren	