

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: October 15, 2016

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park

Leaders: Michael Robertson and Denise DuPon



Two groups birded Lake Conestee for the monthly GCBC outing, totaling a combined 57 species. The Northern Harrier seen on the shorter walk was a first in the park in any month of October - although 1 has previously been reported in both September and November. The species is very rare at Conestee at any time of the year, a little less rare in the spring.

The Conestee species total so far this month stands at 80. The average for the month over the past 9 years is 87, so there are a few more to be added in the second half of October.

Longer walk (led by Michael Robertson)

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Oct 15, 2016 7:50 AM - 12:40 PM

Protocol: Traveling

2.5 mile(s)

Comments: Monthly long walk of the GCBC. Ten members and one guest from Hendersonville NC birded the East Bay Loop and then the West Bay from Spanco. Very nice weather through out.

46 species (+1 other taxa)

Canada Goose 14

Wood Duck 2

Mallard 14

Great Blue Heron 4

Great Egret 1

Black Vulture 6

Turkey Vulture 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 3

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 16 *Flew over South Bay*

Mourning Dove 8

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red-headed Woodpecker 4

Red-bellied Woodpecker 6

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2

Downy Woodpecker 2

Northern Flicker 2

Eastern Wood-Pewee 2

Eastern Phoebe 9

Blue Jay 13

American Crow 7

Fish Crow 3

Carolina Chickadee 10

Tufted Titmouse 5

White-breasted Nuthatch 3

Carolina Wren 9

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2

Eastern Bluebird 6

Swainson's Thrush 1

Brown Thrasher 7

Northern Mockingbird 3

European Starling 16

Cedar Waxwing 1 *Thanks to Jo Anne's photo from today.*

American Redstart 4

Northern Parula 2

Bay-breasted Warbler 2

Chestnut-sided Warbler 1

Pine Warbler 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler 7
warbler sp. (Parulidae sp.) 2 *One possible
Blackburnian Warbler, waiting on photos.*
Song Sparrow 1
Eastern Towhee 2
Scarlet Tanager 1

Northern Cardinal 7
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2
Common Grackle 8
House Finch 8
American Goldfinch 1

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Shorter walk (led by Denise DuPon)

It was a great morning for a walk at Lake Conestee: the weather and the birds were amazing! At the first overlook near the South Bay we had a Magnolia Warbler that put on quite a show. The West Bay was hopping when we arrived; we had so much movement in the trees we could hardly decide what to ID first! We managed to see Red-headed Woodpeckers, 4 Flickers in one tree, Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers, Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, House Finch, Kingfisher and a Northern Harrier! Many of the birds seemed to be in bright plumage. Don't know if it was the light or the time of year but it was a great day to be birding!

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Oct 15, 2016 7:50 AM - 10:45 AM

Protocol: Traveling

0.9 mile(s)

Comments: Monthly GCBC Short Walk

41 species

Canada Goose 2
Mallard 7
Great Blue Heron 3
Turkey Vulture 1
Northern Harrier 1
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Killdeer 1
Mourning Dove 5
Belted Kingfisher 1
Red-headed Woodpecker 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker 4
Downy Woodpecker 4
Northern Flicker 6
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
Eastern Phoebe 4
White-eyed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 3

American Crow 1
Fish Crow 1
Carolina Chickadee 4
Tufted Titmouse 5
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 2
Carolina Wren 7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
Eastern Bluebird 5
American Robin 3
Brown Thrasher 3
Northern Mockingbird 4
Cedar Waxwing 2
Tennessee Warbler 1
Northern Parula 1
Magnolia Warbler 1
Palm Warbler 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler 4
Yellow-throated Warbler 1
Northern Cardinal 9
Red-winged Blackbird 4

Brown-headed Cowbird 12
House Finch 8
American Goldfinch 2

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