

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 20, 2017

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park

Leaders: Paul Serridge and Denise DuPon



See below for a summary of both the regular and shorter walks.

Regular (Longer) Walk

8 GCBC members and 2 guests participated in some or all of the longer outing at Conestee this morning.

The highlight was watching a pair of Prothonotary Warblers feeding young in one of the nestboxes Dave Hargett put up a few years ago. To the best of my knowledge this is the first year that we have conclusive evidence of Prothonotaries successfully nesting at Conestee.

A female Hooded Merganser in the East Bay is the first of this species reported at Conestee in any month of May.

Good birding,

Paul

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From: <ebird-checklist@cornell.edu>

Date: Sat, May 20, 2017 at 12:48 PM

Subject: eBird Report - Lake Conestee Nature Park, May 20, 2017

To: paulserridge@gmail.com

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

May 20, 2017 6:53 AM - 11:44 AM

Protocol: Traveling

3.0 mile(s)

Comments: GCBC outing. Birded the East Bay loop, then from Spanco to the West Bay obs deck, across Woodie Walk to view the nesting Prothonotaries, then around the North Slough, and across the Reedy River Bridge.

Temperatures in the 70s. 100% cloud cover until mid morning. Humid.

48 species

Canada Goose 10

Wood Duck 7 All in East Bay.

Mallard 2

Hooded Merganser 1 First seen trying to enter a Wood Duck box in the East Bay. When that failed the bird swam to a downed tree at the edge of the lake and perched there alongside Wood Ducks. Female. Overall grayish brown with pale belly. Shaggy brown crest. Late bird for Conestee and first one reported there in any month of May.

Great Blue Heron 15 9 occupied nests in West Bay.
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Killdeer 3
Mourning Dove 4
Chimney Swift 4
Red-bellied Woodpecker 2
Downy Woodpecker 1
Pileated Woodpecker 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
Acadian Flycatcher 3
Eastern Phoebe 3
Great Crested Flycatcher 2
Eastern Kingbird 2
White-eyed Vireo 7
Red-eyed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 1
American Crow 3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 3
Purple Martin 3 Seemed to be checking out the martin gourds near the old mill and dam. Looked like 2 juveniles and an adult male.
Barn Swallow 3
Carolina Chickadee 2
Tufted Titmouse 4
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1
Carolina Wren 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10 A conservative count.
Eastern Bluebird 8
American Robin 1
Brown Thrasher 7
Northern Mockingbird 12
European Starling 10
Prothonotary Warbler 4 Watched a pair feeding young in a nest box in the North Slough, west of Woodie Walk (best seen from the Flat-tail Trail). Watched parents delivering food to at least 1 young in nest box (visible through entrance hole), and removing fecal sacs. Also 1 heard in the West Bay near the Spaved trail.
Common Yellowthroat 3
Northern Parula 2
Pine Warbler 1
Chipping Sparrow 5
Eastern Towhee 6
Northern Cardinal 15
Indigo Bunting 2
Red-winged Blackbird 9
Common Grackle 16

Brown-headed Cowbird 16
Orchard Oriole 2 Both singing near Spanco trailhead.
House Finch 1
American Goldfinch 5

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Shorter Walk

7 GCBC members explored the paved trail from Spanco Drive to the West Bay observation deck and beyond. We started the day with some Swallow comparisons to differentiate between immature Barn and Northern Rough-winged. Our highlight too was observing the Prothonotary nest box with the adult male coming to the box and the twittering of youngsters coming from inside. If you are at LCNP next week stop by the nest box south of Woodie Walk off the Flat tail Trail and watch for the fledglings.

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Subject: eBird Report - Lake Conestee Nature Park, May 20, 2017

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

May 20, 2017 7:51 AM - 11:20 AM

Protocol: Traveling

1.0 mile(s)

Comments: GCBC monthly short walk. Spanco to Woodie Walk and back.

42 species

Canada Goose 2
Wood Duck 2
Great Blue Heron 12
Red-shouldered Hawk 2
Red-tailed Hawk 1
Killdeer 1
Mourning Dove 3
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1
Chimney Swift 4
Red-bellied Woodpecker 2
Downy Woodpecker 3
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
Acadian Flycatcher 1
Eastern Phoebe 2
Great Crested Flycatcher 1

Eastern Kingbird 1
White-eyed Vireo 2
Blue Jay 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1
Purple Martin 2
Barn Swallow 1
Carolina Chickadee 2
Tufted Titmouse 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 3
Carolina Wren 3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2
Eastern Bluebird 1
American Robin 2
Brown Thrasher 2
European Starling 6
Prothonotary Warbler 2
Common Yellowthroat 2
Northern Parula 2
Pine Warbler 1
Eastern Towhee 2
Northern Cardinal 9
Indigo Bunting 1
Red-winged Blackbird 2
Common Grackle 50
Brown-headed Cowbird 3
House Finch 2
American Goldfinch 4

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