

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: January 20, 2018

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

The longer walk at Conestee was very well attended - 14 members and 2 guests. My ebird report follows.

If anyone who participated has any species to add to the list please let me know. We did not find many ducks in the East Bay. We did find the Am Bittern and Rusties in the South Bay. The West Bay, as viewed from the Bird Nest, was almost completely ice-covered. Fox Sparrow was my first this year.

Good birding,

Paul

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Jan 20, 2018 7:38 AM - 12:11 PM

Protocol: Traveling

2.5 mile(s)

Comments: GCBC 3rd Saturday longer outing. First birded the East Bay loop; then the South Bay between the Spanco parking area and the obs deck; finally went to the Bird Nest elevated obs platform in the West Bay from the Belmont FD, returning by doing a loop around Marrowbone Creek. Blue sky, sunny, temps from 21F to the low 50s. Beautiful day for birding.

41 species (+2 other taxa)

Canada Goose 26

Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) 1 Bird has become a fixture in the South Bay.

Northern Shoveler 2 Both in the East Bay.

Gadwall 1 Seen through scope at the far side of the East Bay.

Mallard 30

Pied-billed Grebe 7 All in the East Bay.

American Bittern 1 In South Bay. Seen from the Spanco parking area at edge of reeds. Brown streaked bird with bright yellow legs and long yellow bill. This bird has been in the South Bay for the past several weeks.

Great Blue Heron 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 3

Red-tailed Hawk 2 Seen flying near the Belmont FD.

Killdeer 6 4 at the ballfields near the East bay, 2 on the mud in the South Bay.

Wilson's Snipe 17 All actively foraging and flying around in the South Bay.

Mourning Dove 3

Belted Kingfisher 2 Marrowbone Creek.

Red-bellied Woodpecker 4

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1

Downy Woodpecker 2

American Crow 2

crow sp. 4

Carolina Chickadee 7

Tufted Titmouse 5

Brown-headed Nuthatch 4

Carolina Wren 4

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1

Eastern Bluebird 2

Hermit Thrush 1 Piedmont Seeps in Marrowbone Creek area.

American Robin 3

Brown Thrasher 1

Northern Mockingbird 2

European Starling 3

Pine Warbler 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler 3

Fox Sparrow 2 East Bay near Lost lake View.

Dark-eyed Junco 2

White-throated Sparrow 4

Song Sparrow 2

Swamp Sparrow 1

Eastern Towhee 4

Northern Cardinal 8

Rusty Blackbird 40 A very conservative estimate of birds seen through scope in trees at South Bay.

House Finch 7

American Goldfinch 1

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Shorter Walk

5 club members and 2 guests braved the morning chill and the occasionally icy trails for our monthly short walk. Our most surprising sighting was 4 Hermit Thrush, often standing in the trail as we approached. The day warmed up nicely and some of the group found an American Bittern off the parking lot upon their return.

Many thanks to Joan Baker for keeping the list and adding all the pictures, click on the link at the bottom of the page to view all the photos!

Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, South Carolina, US

Jan 20, 2018 7:45 AM - 11:06 AM

Protocol: Traveling

0.5 mile(s)

Comments: GCBC short walk, Spanco parking lot to west bay and back. Sunny, cold start at 32, warming up to 50.

37 species (+1 other taxa)

Canada Goose 8

Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) 1

Mallard 19

American Black Duck 2 Flew several times round back of west bay. Very dark ducks, all white under wings, purplish blue wing patch with no discernible white. Pale face and neck. Dark orange legs.

American Bittern 1 Striped heron type bird, in south bay. First seen (with difficulty) in reeds, then it came out into the open. It was stomping its feet in the water, presumably to stir up food.

Great Blue Heron 2

Wilson's Snipe 9

Mourning Dove 2

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red-headed Woodpecker 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker 4

Downy Woodpecker 1

Northern Flicker 1

Eastern Phoebe 1

Blue Jay 6

American Crow 2

Carolina Chickadee 3

Tufted Titmouse 2

White-breasted Nuthatch 1

Brown-headed Nuthatch 3

Carolina Wren 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

Eastern Bluebird 1

Hermit Thrush 4

American Robin 1

Brown Thrasher 2

Northern Mockingbird 3
European Starling 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler 1
Field Sparrow 2
White-throated Sparrow 3
Song Sparrow 1
Eastern Towhee 3
Northern Cardinal 6
Red-winged Blackbird 3 Some females mixed in with rusty blackbirds.
Rusty Blackbird 140 Estimated by counting in tens, but they were constantly moving, flying up into tree on far side of south bay, then down to the water.
House Finch 1

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