

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday September 1, 2012

Location: Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC and Hooper Lane, Mills River, NC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments:

18 GCBC members and 1 guest participated in the outing at Jackson Park. We birded the Nature Trail, another trail whose name escapes me, and the Warbler Trail between 7.45 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

The birding was slow but steady until we ran into a large number of warblers on our return along the Warbler Trail. Interestingly, the Warbler Trail had been almost birdless on the way out!

At Jackson Park we listed a total of 54 species including 18 warbler species. It had been an excellent morning.

Most of us went to a local Mexican restaurant, Papa's and Beer, for lunch after which we went to the sod-farm on Hooper Lane hoping for migrating shorebirds. We had seen several there a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, the sod-farm was totally dry – not a puddle to be seen – and the field which had been so productive 2 weeks ago had been recently ploughed. The only shorebird we reported was a Killdeer! However, a passing Bank Swallow and a fly-over Osprey were good sightings.

So we had a great morning, a very good lunch, and a somewhat disappointing afternoon.

Bird list:

Jackson Park:

Green Heron
Black Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Common Gallinule
Killdeer
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpeckers
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow

Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Blue-winged Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Northern Parula
Nashville Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
American Redstart
Northern Waterthrush
Canada Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

Papa's and Beer:

Great Blue Heron
House Sparrow

Hooper Lane:

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Great Blue Heron
Killdeer

Mourning Dove
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Bank Swallow
Unidentified Empid
Yellow Warbler
Eastern Meadowlark