

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:** April 4, 2009

**Locations:** Cottonwood Trail, Spartanburg, SC

**Leader:** Louis Womble

**Photos:** Photos courtesy Jeff Catlin can be viewed online at:  
[http://www.pbase.com/watchthabirdy/cottonwood\\_trail\\_birds](http://www.pbase.com/watchthabirdy/cottonwood_trail_birds)

\*Additional photos courtesy Louis Womble can be seen at the end of this report following the species listing.

**Comments:** 15 club members and guests spent a pleasant morning at the Cottonwood Trail. The recent rain had caused the creek to flood in the past few days and some of the trails were still under water. Nevertheless, on the dry trails we were able to tally a total of 49 species (see list below).

The trail is one of the best places in the Upstate to observe Red-headed Woodpeckers and we were not disappointed, having good looks at 2 or more splendidly colored adult birds from the boardwalk. In fact, we had 6 of the 7 possible Woodpecker species.

Some winter species were still around such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Winter Wren and Pine Siskin. New spring arrivals included Common Yellowthroat (several birds singing) and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

**Bird List:** Species:

Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Turkey Vulture  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Mourning Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Pileated Woodpecker

Eastern Phoebe  
White-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Winter Wren  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Pine Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch





