

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: August 4, 2012

Location: Allendale area and the Super Sod Farm near Orangeburg

Leader: Jeff Click

Seven GCBC members went last Saturday to the Allendale area in search of Swallow-tailed and Mississippi Kites, and then stopped by the Super Sod Farm at Orangeburg on the way home. We met with success at both places. Near Townville, we found both species of kites in large numbers, as well as Dickcissel, Painted Bunting, Anhinga, Moorhen, and Loggerhead Shrike. At Millet Road, we found maybe 80 or 100 Swallow-tailed Kites, including some that came very close.

At Orangeburg, we found a good variety of shorebirds. There were dozens of Pectoral Sandpipers, and good numbers of Least Sandpipers along with a (solitary) Solitary Sandpiper and even a Buff-breasted Sandpiper. We also had a brief look at a Bank Swallow that sped by. The complete species list is below.

Total Species: 55

Wood Duck	Great Crested Flycatcher
Northern Bobwhite	Eastern Kingbird
Anhinga	Loggerhead Shrike
Great Egret	Blue Jay
Snowy Egret	American Crow
Little Blue Heron	Fish Crow
Cattle Egret	Horned Lark
White Ibis	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Black Vulture	Bank Swallow
Turkey Vulture	Barn Swallow
Osprey	Tufted Titmouse
Swallow-tailed Kite	Carolina Wren
Mississippi Kite	Eastern Bluebird
<i>Accipiter Species</i>	Northern Mockingbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	European Starling
Red-tailed Hawk	Eastern Towhee
Common Moorhen	Northern Cardinal
Semipalmated Plover	Blue Grosbeak
Killdeer	Indigo Bunting
Solitary Sandpiper	Painted Bunting
Least Sandpiper	Dickcissel
Pectoral Sandpiper	Red-winged Blackbird
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Eastern Meadowlark
Rock Pigeon	Common Grackle
Mourning Dove	Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Ground-Dove	American Goldfinch
Red-headed Woodpecker	House Sparrow
Pileated Woodpecker	



Swallow-tailed Kite – Louis Womble, photograph