

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: February 5, 2011

Location: Dreher Island State Park, near Prosperity, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments: 4 GCBC members carpoled from Greenville to Dreher Island SP and met 2 Columbia area birders near the park entrance. One of them was Irvin Pitts who had led this trip for the GCBC 3 years ago. One of our first sightings was a passing immature Bald Eagle, which we hoped was a sign for a good morning's birding. Unfortunately, it did not turn out that way. Although we had no rain, the weather was rather cold and dismal with mist covering large parts of the lake. We listed only 42 species (compared to 46 in 2008) and we worked hard for what we got! A passing Northern Harrier and feasting Black Vultures just after we exited the park around 1.30 brought the list up to 44. The highlights of the morning were of the mammal variety: we spotted 2 small groups of white-tailed deer including a very spindly legged fawn, a beaver swimming across a bay, and a red fox which watched us intently from the middle of the causeway before walking slowly away.

Bird List:

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Great Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Bald Eagle
- Cooper's Hawk
- Killdeer
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Forster's Tern
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pine Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
American Goldfinch