

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: February 7, 2010
Locations: Lakes of Northern Greenville County, SC
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Our annual Lakes of Greenville County outing was rescheduled from Sat. 2/6 to Sun. 2/7 due to the poor weather forecast. We managed a respectable turnout of nine participants of which three were guests. We started out at Lake Cunningham and had excellent views of ~30 Rusty Blackbirds. We also saw 2 Herring Gulls flying over with a group of Ring-billed Gulls.

At Berry Mill Pond we saw 6 species of waterfowl and a Brown Creeper. At the fish hatchery we had excellent looks at Swamp Sparrows. Our next stop was the observation deck at Lake Robinson where we scoped the many Ring-billed Gulls in hopes of finding something more unusual like a Bonaparte's Gull.

Our last stop was at the wetland area on the upper end of Lake Robinson which can be a very birdy location especially during migration. We could not find anything new at this stop other than some Black Vultures soaring overhead. The trip list of 46 species follows.

Bird List:

Pied-billed Grebe
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered Hawk
American Coot
Ring-billed Gull
American Herring Gull
Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Carolina Wren
Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Blue Jay
American Crow
American Goldfinch
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pine Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle