

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** October 6 - 7, 2012

**Location:** Southern Coastal areas, SC

**Leader:** Jeff Click

**Comments:** Seven GCBC members and one guest birded at a few spots along the southern South Carolina coast for a very pleasant weekend. We spent Saturday at Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, where we found a great variety of birds. We started the morning off with an American Bittern, and also had a brief Bobolink sighting before working our way slowly around the Wildlife Drive. We had a nice variety of warblers, including Nashville, Cape May, Bay-breasted, Yellow, and Black-throated Blue. A Sora and a handful of Purple Gallinules made nice appearances, and a family of Black-bellied Whistling-ducks was very cooperative for the cameras. One of us managed to gather a brief glimpse of a Lark Sparrow.

On Sunday, we headed for Donnelley Wildlife Management area, where we again had a nice start to the morning with a Black-billed Cuckoo. We had a brief flurry of warblers that included Yellow-throated and Chestnut-sided. We caught a brief view of a Barred Owl, and later heard a Northern Waterthrush, but could not see it. A couple of Wood Storks soared overhead, and we also flushed a juvenile Black-crowned Night-heron.

We continued on to Bear Island Wildlife Management Area in the afternoon, where we started off with a Loggerhead Shrike at the entrance. Here we also added Laughing Gull, Forster's and Royal Terns, and a few more ducks. Glossy Ibis were a nice find, and several Bald Eagles put on a nice show, including a pair of 3rd-year birds chasing each other around.

The complete species list is below. Total species: 115

**Bird List:** 115 Species:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
Wood Duck  
Mottled Duck  
Blue-winged Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Ruddy Duck  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Anhinga

American Bittern  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Tricolored Heron  
Cattle Egret  
Green Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron  
White Ibis  
Glossy Ibis  
Wood Stork  
Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture  
Osprey  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Accipiter Species  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Clapper Rail  
Sora  
Purple Gallinule  
Common Gallinule  
American Coot  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Least Sandpiper  
Dowitcher Species  
Wilson's Snipe  
Laughing Gull  
Forster's Tern  
Royal Tern  
Rock Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove  
Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Black-billed Cuckoo  
Barred Owl  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Eastern Phoebe  
Loggerhead Shrike  
White-eyed Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Marsh Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Swainson's Thrush  
Wood Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Nashville Warbler  
Northern Parula  
Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Northern Waterthrush  
Common Yellowthroat  
Summer Tanager  
Scarlet Tanager

Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Indigo Bunting  
Painted Bunting  
Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Boat-tailed Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
House Finch