

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: November 8, 2008

Locations: Townville area and Beaverdam Creek WMA, Anderson County, SC

Leader: Brian Barchus

Comments: **Photos follow species listing**

Submitted by Paul Serridge:

14 GCBC members and 1 guest participated in the outing. The farms around Townville yielded the expected sparrow species, including Vesper and White-crowned, as well as an American Pipit, although the wind tended to keep the birds low to the ground.

We were fortunate to spot 2 coyotes, also keeping pretty low as they moved among the cattle.

The pond at Dobbins Farm turned up 6 American Wigeon, several Mallards and 20 + Green-winged Teal.

The color of the fall leaves made the Beaverdam Dam WMA beautiful but, unfortunately, there were not many birds to be seen or heard.

The very low lake levels were such that a stretch of Lake Hartwell carried a few Canada Geese but no ducks.

Shorebirds were also few in numbers: a few Killdeer, a couple of Lesser Yellowlegs, one or two Wilson's Snipe and a small group of Western Sandpipers. Many docks and boats were high and dry and a long way from any water!

The total species count was 56.

Thanks are due to Brian Barchus for leading this outing as a late replacement for Jeff Redmile.

Bird List: Species:

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Northern Harrier

Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Killdeer
Lesser Yellowlegs
Western Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Mourning Dove
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Palm Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Purple Finch
House Finch

American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

Photos submitted by Don Faulkner:



Unknown Sparrow #1



Unknown Sparrow #2



Savannah sparrow



Red-tailed hawks #1



Red-tailed hawks #2



Field sparrow (left), Swamp sparrow (right)



Kildeer



Palm warbler