

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: February 11-14, 2011

Location: South Carolina Coastal sites

Leader: Jeff Click

Comments: Eight GCBC members and one guest birded along the SC coast from February 11th to February 14th, 2011. We started Friday at Donnelley WMA, then moved to Bear Island WMA before finishing at Bennett's Point. Some of the best sightings of that day were Tundra Swans, White Pelicans, a very crowded Black-Crowned Night-Heron roost, Avocets, and a partial albino Red-Tailed Hawk.

On Saturday, we spent most of the day at the Santee Coastal Reserve WMA, then finished at Santee Delta WMA. Highlights were Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, a soaring Golden Eagle, more White Pelicans, a Peregrine Falcon (who we flushed from a recent Pintail kill), a Merlin, a very cooperative American Bittern, and decent looks at a King Rail. We also had a Barred Owl out during the day.

On Sunday, we spent most of the day at Huntington Beach State Park, before finishing up at the beach at the southern end of Pawley's Island. We got the most unusual species of the trip with a pair of Great Skuas flying a bit offshore. Other good birds included Red-Throated and Common Loons, Horned Grebes, Black Scoters, a Least Bittern, a Clapper Rail, a Saltmarsh Sparrow, and a Screech Owl sitting out on a snag.

Monday, some of the group continued. We started at the beach at Pawley's Island, then went to the Georgetown Water Treatment Plant, and then stopped by Santee National Wildlife on the way back to the Upstate. At Santee NWR, we were able to see an Osprey, Sandhill Cranes, and a Woodcock.

Bird List: Total Species: 147
Canada Goose
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck

Mallard
Mottled Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Black Scoter
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Wild Turkey
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Northern Gannet
American White Pelican
Brown Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Wood Stork
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Golden Eagle
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon

Clapper Rail
King Rail
Sora
Common Moorhen
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
Ruddy Turnstone
anderling
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin
Dowitcher Species
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Laughing Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Great Skua
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Loggerhead Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Blue Jay

American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pine Warbler
Palm Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow