

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** February 16, 2008

**Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

**Comments:** **Outing Photos Follow Bird List Below**

8 GCBC members and 6 guests birded LCNP this morning. 4 of us started at the Forester Farm tract (before meeting the rest of the group at the trailhead) and reported Mallard, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck and Pied-billed Grebe at the north end of the lake. We also had the pleasure of watching a River Otter catch a fish in the lake and climb out of the water on to a dead log to consume it. From the overlook near the dam we saw a shape at the entrance to a Wood Duck nest box. Screech Owl? No, just a gray squirrel.

Despite the warm sunshine, birds were rather scarce on the trails but we managed to see and/or hear a total of 42 species (detailed list below) plus an Accipiter which was probably a Sharp-shinned Hawk. Interestingly, the February outing to LCNP last year yielded a very similar number, 43. From the Observation Deck we had brief looks at a Beaver swimming in the marsh. The two beaver dams appear to be getting more sturdy. We saw turtles sunning themselves on logs in the water and a couple of early butterflies. Spring is not too far away!

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**Bird List:** Species:

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Ring-necked Duck  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Great Blue Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Killdeer  
Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Eastern Phoebe  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren  
Winter Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Northern Cardinal  
Rusty Blackbird  
House Finch  
House Sparrow



Female Rusty blackbird



Flock of Cedar Waxwings



Canada goose



Dee Blackwood checking out ducks through a scope



Leader Paul Serridge (foreground) and the other birders



Turtles sunning on a log



One of our local beavers