

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** March 17, 2007

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

**Comments:** 15 club members birded Lake Conestee Nature Park on the morning of Saturday, March 17th. The morning got off to a good start near the trailhead with sightings of a Blue-headed Vireo. One had been seen in the Park on December 9 last year. Was today's bird an early migrant or a winter resident? We recorded a total of 43 species on our trail walk including all the Woodpecker species except Pileated, Brown Creeper, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Wood Duck, 4 species of Sparrow and 2 warbler species, Pine and Yellow-rumped. After the trails we spent a short time at the Lake Conestee overlook near the mill and added 5 species to the day's list, giving a Conestee Park record one-day's total of 48 species. I anticipate that the April 21st trip should allow us to surpass 50 with ease as the migration will then be in full swing. Two of the species at the Lake overlook were new ones for the (new) Park list, bringing it to 74: Barn Swallow and Tree Swallow. (At first we thought we also had Northern Rough-winged Swallow but concluded that they were immature Tree Swallows.) The Wilson's Snipe appear to have left the Lake. I have not seen them since March 5th. Similarly, the American Bittern has not been reported since February 3rd.

Good birding,  
Paul Serridge

**Bird List:**

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Great Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Mourning Dove
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

Eastern Phoebe  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Tree Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren  
Winter Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
American Goldfinch