

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:** October 18, 2008

**Locations** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leader** Paul Serridge

7 GCBC members and 2 guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park this morning. 5 of us started at the overlook near the dam at 7.30. The lake held several large groups of Canada Geese, 132 in all, as well as a few Woodies and Mallards. The Blue-winged Teal reported earlier in the week were not seen. A trio of Great Egrets was seen soaring over the lake. Beautiful!

On the trails birds were relatively scarce except near the observation deck and a section of the blue trail where we observed a fairly steady passage of Yellow-rumped Warblers. After a while we stopped trying to count them. They were everywhere!

Interestingly, a stop at the overlook around noon showed the lake to be completely devoid of waterfowl. All the geese and ducks had moved elsewhere. Birding is often serendipitous! In all we reported 47 species.

-- Paul Serridge

**Bird List:** Species:

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Killdeer  
Rock Pigeon  
Mourning Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker  
Eastern Wood Pewee  
Eastern Phoebe  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Tennessee Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
American Redstart  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
House Finch