

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Dates:** November 22, 2008
- Locations:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** 8 GCBC members and 1 guest braved the low temperatures (25F when we started) and birded Lake Conestee Nature Park this morning. 6 of us started at the overlook near the dam at 7.30 and spotted 21 Rusty Blackbirds in two small groups perched in the upper branches of tall trees. They were the first Rusties of the season and this was the earliest date that they have been observed at Conestee.

The lake was mostly frozen over and we saw no ducks in that area apart from a few Mallards flying over.

On the trails we brought the list to 40 species including Pine Siskin which was a lifer for at least one member of the group. Other highlights were 8 Hermit Thrushes, flocks of Cedar Waxwings, both Kinglets and 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. The hoped for Winter Wren and Brown Creeper eluded us. At the end of the outing two of us went to the Forrester Farm section of the Park to check out the north end of the lake for ducks. We added Pied-billed Grebe to the trip list and saw large flocks (100+ birds) of Cedar Waxwings and Red-winged Blackbirds. There were 40 + Mallards on the lake but no other duck species.

In all we reported 42 species.

- Bird List:** Species:
- Wood Duck
  - Mallard
  - Pied-billed Grebe
  - Great Blue Heron
  - Turkey Vulture
  - Red-shouldered Hawk
  - Red-tailed Hawk
  - Rock Pigeon
  - Mourning Dove
  - Belted Kingfisher
  - Red-bellied Woodpecker
  - Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Eastern Phoebe  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Carolina Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Rusty Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch