

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 28, 2011

Location: Blue Ridge Parkway, NC

Leader: Elizabeth Galloway

Comments: Elizabeth Galloway led eight GCBC members and one guest from Brevard, NC up to the Blue Ridge Parkway on Saturday, May 28th. We started at Hospital Fields in Brevard, then moved to the adjacent property, where we had a very cooperative Willow Flycatcher.

We then stopped at the Sycamore Flats picnic area on US276, where we found a Louisiana Waterthrush singing over the river. Next, at the Davidson River area, we got a brief glimpse of what may have been a Swainson's Warbler. Don's silhouette photograph shows either that, a Red-eyed Vireo, or Bigfoot; opinions vary. We did have undisputed Hooded Warbler and Acadian Flycatcher there as well. Moving on to the Pink Beds picnic area, we saw Blackburnian Warbler.

We stopped at the Buckeye Gap trailhead and picked up a few more things, then moved up towards Mount Pisgah. On the way, we stopped at an overlook to watch a Common Raven, and were rewarded with looks at Chestnut-sided Warbler, Broad-winged Hawk, and Peregrine Falcon as well. At the Mount Pisgah trailhead, we added Veery to the list, then headed to the Mt. Pisgah picnic area for lunch, where we found a rather pale Red-breasted Nuthatch.

After lunch, we continued down to the Shining Rock trailheads, where we found Alder Flycatcher, Canada Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, and Golden-crowned Kinglet. We finished up the day with a steak dinner in Brevard on the way home.

The complete list of 68 species is below.

Bird List:
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Wild Turkey
Great Blue Heron

Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Broad-winged Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Northern Parula
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart

Swainson's Warbler (?)
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Canada Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch