

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** January 15, 2011

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

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

**Comments:** 8 GCBC members and 2 guests participated. The guests attended after hearing the radio program with Drew Lanham on NPR on Dec 28. We left 2 cars at the stadium entrance before starting the walk from Spanco Drive. That allowed us to bird most of the park without retracing our steps on any trails. The paved trail was still a little icy in places, but for the most part the footing was good. The ground, still covered in snow, made foraging birds easy to spot, and Don Faulkner finally got a photo of a Winter Wren! On the other hand, the frozen lake areas resulted in relatively low numbers of waterfowl and the usual Ring-necked Ducks were not found. The pair of Hooded Mergansers was spotted on the Reedy River. The numbers of Fox Sparrows seem higher than previous years and they are more dispersed throughout the park than in the past. We had a total species list of 49 – which would have been 50 if the Black Vultures seen soaring over Donaldson Center had made it as far as Conestee!

**Bird List:**

- Canada Goose 80
- Mallard 22
- Hooded Merganser 2
- Pied-billed Grebe 3
- Great Blue Heron 2
- Turkey Vulture 4
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- Red-tailed Hawk 4
- Cooper's Hawk 1
- Rock Pigeon 4
- Mourning Dove 8
- Belted Kingfisher 1
- Red-headed Woodpecker 2 or 3
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 5
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3
- Downy Woodpecker 7
- Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 3
- Pileated Woodpecker 2
- Eastern Phoebe 2
- Blue Jay 6
- American Crow 4

Carolina Chickadee 3  
Tufted Titmouse 3  
White-breasted Nuthatch 1  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 2  
Brown Creeper 1  
Carolina Wren 4  
Winter Wren 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6  
Eastern Bluebird 6  
Hermit Thrush 4  
American Robin 14  
Northern Mockingbird 2  
Brown Thrasher 9  
European Starling 13  
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 3  
Eastern Towhee 10  
Fox Sparrow 6  
Song Sparrow 7  
Swamp Sparrow 3  
White-throated Sparrow 35  
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) 7  
Northern Cardinal 15  
Red-winged Blackbird 3  
Rusty Blackbird 30  
Common Grackle (Purple) 1000  
House Finch 2  
American Goldfinch 8