

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: October 17, 2009

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments: Submitted by Paul Serridge:
It was still raining at 7.45 but despite that 6 GCBC members and 1 guest showed up at the overlook trailhead near the dam in Conestee. The rain stopped at 8 and we were able to bird in cool (low 40s) but dry conditions.
From the overlook at Lake Conestee we observed 3 Coots (the Coot which had been all alone at the lake for the past two months now has some company!), a Pied-billed Grebe, a Great Egret, and a couple of Double-crested Cormorants flying over.
Our final tally was 45 species (see complete list below), including several Warbler species. The Yellow-rumped Warblers were the first of this season. We saw a couple of other warblers and two small Empid flycatchers which we were unable to identify.
The observation deck in the center of the park was inaccessible as the heavy rains had flooded the trail near the deck.
The new 200+ feet long bridge over the Reedy River is almost completed and should be open soon, allowing access to the Forrester Farm section of the park including the north end of the lake – just in time for the arrival of migrant and wintering ducks.

Bird List: **Species:**

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Egret
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- American Coot
- Mourning Dove
- Chimney Swift
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Pine Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
House Finch
American Goldfinch