Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:**
August 16, 2008

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

**Leader**
Paul Serridge

Seven club members (Jeff Catlin, Don Faulkner, Chip Gilbert, David Kirk, Jane Kramer, Barbara and Paul Serridge) and 3 guests participated in a very productive morning’s birding at Lake Conestee Nature Park. A few of us started at the overlook near the dam in Conestee and had 23 species in 40 minutes or so – a promising start.

We also noted that a boardwalk along the edge of the lake is under construction. This is part of the second phase of trail development in the Park, which, when completed will allow direct access to the heart of the Park from the overlook and open up some parts of the wetlands area which are currently difficult to get to.

Birding on the trails was slow but steady. A Great Egret seen flying over the Henderson Farm pasture was a nice addition to our list. On the red trail we encountered a small mixed flock of warblers (Black-throated Blue, Yellow-throated, American Redstart, Black-and-white). These, added to the already reported Northern Parula and Common Yellowthroat, gave us a satisfying list of 6 warbler species. It looks as though the migration is under way and the prospects are good for next Saturday’s outing to Jackson Park, often a warbler trap.

When we finished the trails the morning’s list stood at an impressive 51 species. We added one more during a second stop at the overlook where we spotted 2 immature Yellow-crowned Night-herons.

52 species in mid-August is a very satisfying total! Month to date the list stands at 59.

I checked the records from last year. The August club outing to Conestee in 2007 yielded only 31 species and the total for the month was only 54.

**Bird List:**

Species:

Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Turkey Vulture
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Northern Parula
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Black and White Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch