

# Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** Saturday Jan 19, 2013

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

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

## **Comments:**

10 GCBC members enjoyed an excellent morning's birding at Conestee. We started by doing the East Bay loop and found 9 duck species including 3 Am. Black Ducks, 3 Green-winged Teal, 3 Am. Wigeon and a single female N. Pintail.

We then carpooled to the Spanco trail-head and birded the trails back to the cars.

We did not bird the entire blue trail loop because the recent heavy rain had left parts of the trail very muddy and slick.

The best bird of the day may have been the male Common Yellowthroat spotted by Jane Kramer along the blue trail not far from the West Bay observation deck. This was a first for any month of January and now Common Yellowthroats have been reported at LCNP in every month of the year.

In all we reported 56 species. This was augmented to 57 when a Cooper's Hawk was spotted by Steve Compton as he drove out of the parking lot at Spanco.

Later, Brad Dalton reported 4 Winter Wrens in the East Bay when he went there to look for the recently arrived ducks. (He was unsuccessful.)

We raised this month's species list to 71, a new January record.

## **Bird list: 57 species**

Canada Goose 70

Wood Duck 2

American Wigeon 3 1 male; 2 females

American Black Duck 3 Flew into the East Bay at 8 a.m.

Mallard 49

Northern Shoveler 7 East Bay

Northern Pintail 1 Female. Apparently flew into East bay with Black Ducks.

Green-winged Teal 3 Seen at a distance in the East Bay (scope). 1 sure male; the 2 others were of the same size and shape and assumed to be females.

Ring-necked Duck 3 1 male; 2 females

Ruddy Duck 10 On lake in East bay

Pied-billed Grebe 8 4 at East Bay; 4 at South Bay

Great Blue Heron 5

Turkey Vulture 1

Cooper's Hawk 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 4

Red-tailed Hawk 2

hawk sp. 2

Killdeer 2

Mourning Dove 2

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red-headed Woodpecker 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3  
Downy Woodpecker 5  
Northern Flicker 1  
Eastern Phoebe 2  
Blue Jay 3  
American Crow 1  
crow sp. 3  
Carolina Chickadee 8  
Tufted Titmouse 10  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 5  
Brown Creeper 1  
House Wren 1  
Carolina Wren 12  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 6  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 9  
Eastern Bluebird 15  
Hermit Thrush 2  
American Robin 4  
Northern Mockingbird 4  
Brown Thrasher 3  
European Starling 25  
Common Yellowthroat 1 First report at Conestee in any month of January  
Pine Warbler 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 3  
Eastern Towhee 6  
Field Sparrow 2  
Fox Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 9  
Swamp Sparrow 9  
White-throated Sparrow 20  
Dark-eyed Junco 10  
Northern Cardinal 22  
Rusty Blackbird 16  
Common Grackle 1  
Purple Finch 12 1 at feeders; 11 along blue trail near West Bay  
House Finch 5  
American Goldfinch 7