

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Date:** November 19, 2011
- Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** 9 GCBC members and 2 guests (one of whom has now joined the club) participated on a rather cold, overcast day. On arriving at the stadium parking area I thought we would have a LOT more participants, but the hundreds of people assembling there were taking part in a 6K race! Even though a race monitor assured me that the race would not go through the “birding area” (I told her that’s the entire park) we decided to carpool to Spanco Drive and start birding there. We birded our way back to the stadium and covered most of the trails. The trail system in the park is now so extensive that it’s impossible to cover all the trails in one morning. We reported 50 species, a good count for mid-November, but, unfortunately, the American Bittern stayed out of sight (it was seen again a couple of days later) and we saw no Rusty Blackbirds. I had reported 200+ earlier in the week. The bird list follows. The highlights were a Double-Crested Cormorant flying over the park (the first ever in November) and a Fox Sparrow, next to the trail close to the East Bay. The Fox Sparrow was the first of the season.

- Bird List:**
- Canada Goose
 - Wood Duck
 - Mallard
 - Pied-billed Grebe
 - Double-crested Cormorant
 - Great Blue Heron
 - Turkey Vulture
 - Sharp-shinned Hawk
 - Red-shouldered Hawk
 - Red-tailed Hawk
 - Rock Pigeon
 - Mourning Dove
 - Belted Kingfisher
 - Red-bellied Woodpecker
 - Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 - Downy Woodpecker
 - Northern Flicker
 - Pileated Woodpecker

Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch