Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: April, 13, 2013
Location: Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve, Greenville, S.C.
Leader: Brad Dalton, Piedmont, S.C.

Species List
Compiled by: Brad Dalton
Total Species: 50 species

Resources: https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/managedland?p_id=6 (Foundational information)
https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/directions?p_id=6 (Directions)

Trip Logistics: 8:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 1.5 miles GCBC Outing

Eight members and guests had perfect weather for a morning at Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve. Upon arrival, the group was greeted by a Blue Grosbeak singing from the top of a tree across from the parking lot. There was quite a bit of birding to be done before even hitting the trail as we listened to the morning chorus that included meadowlarks, Common Yellowthroats, and a Prairie Warbler that didn't seem to want to be found. Others vying for attention were a few local roosters and a boisterous peacock that clamored to be counted.

Eight warbler species were located throughout the hike and the group had great looks at Palm, Prairie, Black-throated Blue, and Common Yellowthroat. Persistence paid off with the Prairie when, after listening to it for at least fifteen minutes, we finally spotted it in the top of a pine and were able to watch it sing in full sunlight. Some other late highlights included Red-breasted Nuthatch and a female Hooded Merganser.

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* All seen soaring over the back field  

* female
Carolina Chickadee 8
Tufted Titmouse 4
Red-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1
Carolina Wren 13
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6
Eastern Bluebird 9
Hermit Thrush 2
Northern Mockingbird 2
Brown Thrasher 3
Louisiana Waterthrush 1 Heard singing deep in woods
Common Yellowthroat 9
Northern Parula 2
Black-throated Blue Warbler 1 Great looks up close at a singing male.
Palm Warbler 7 Great close looks in the middle of the trail
Pine Warbler 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler 7
Prairie Warbler 2

After searching in vain for one that was singing when we first arrived, we were able to find one singing in a pine tree as we re-entered the first field at the end of the walk.

Eastern Towhee 9
Chipping Sparrow 4
Field Sparrow 12
Savannah Sparrow 5
Swamp Sparrow 1
White-throated Sparrow 8
Northern Cardinal 16
Blue Grosbeak 1 Singing from top of tree near the monastery
Eastern Meadowlark 4
Common Grackle 1
Brown-headed Cowbird 5
House Finch 1
American Goldfinch 3

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