Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 18, 2013
Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park
Leader: Paul Serridge

Despite the poor weather forecast 8 stalwart club members showed up at 6.30 to bird Lake Conestee Nature Park. Unfortunately light rain began almost as we started on the East Bay Loop. By 7.30 the rain was heavy enough for us to "officially" call off the birding.

2 more birders (one with twin 3-year-olds) showed up at Spanco at 8 and we birded the Swamp rabbit Trail for a short time - umbrella birding! Eventually, we decided that the rain had won!

Although there were not many birds the list total was 41 species. It wasn't too long ago when that would have been considered a very respectable total. But, given recent reports, I was anticipating 60+ today if the weather had cooperated. Maybe next time.

The White-rumped Sandpiper was not seen at Spanco (last reported Thursday evening) but there were still 2 Semi-palmated Plovers on the muddy spit opposite the parking area.

The Field Sparrows were, surprisingly, the first reported this month bringing the MTD species total to 109.

Species list (41)

- Canada Goose 9
- Wood Duck 6
- Mallard 1
- Wild Turkey 1
- Great Blue Heron 6
- Green Heron 1
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- Semipalmated Plover 2
- Killdeer 3
- Mourning Dove 2
- Chimney Swift 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 1
- Downy Woodpecker 3
- Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
- Eastern Phoebe 2
- Great Crested Flycatcher 1
- Eastern Kingbird 2
- White-eyed Vireo 1
- Blue Jay 1
- American Crow 1
- Fish Crow 1
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- Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2
- Barn Swallow 8
- Carolina Chickadee 3
- Tufted Titmouse 1
- Carolina Wren 2
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 3
- American Robin 1
- Northern Mockingbird 3
- European Starling 6
- Common Yellowthroat 5
- Pine Warbler 2
- Eastern Towhee 2
- Field Sparrow 2
- Northern Cardinal 7
- Indigo Bunting 3
- Red-winged Blackbird 8
- Common Grackle 1
- Brown-headed Cowbird 3
- Orchard Oriole 1
- House Finch 1