Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: June 9, 2007

Location: Stumphouse Mountain, Walhalla, SC

Comments: On Saturday June 9, fourteen club members joined Kristen Austin at the Stumphouse Mtn./Istaqueena Falls property. We had volunteered as a group to help establish a bird list for the park.

We also birded the Walhalla watershed which offers an entirely different habitat. The early succession forest is ideal for species like Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow and Yellow-breasted Chat. The Stumphouse Mtn park is primarily mature hardwood forest which is better suited to species like Acadian Flycatcher, Black-throated Green Warbler and Hooded Warbler.

After lunch in the park we walked into the main tunnel for a refreshing break from the heat. We will likely return to this area next fall to continue work on the bird list. If anyone visits this park, please make a bird list and send it to Jeff Redmile who volunteered to keep the official list.

Eight members of the group decided to drive up to the Walhalla fish hatchery for some afternoon birding. Although we did not find any Red Crossbills, we did add species to the day list. According to my count, we had 50 species for all sites. Let me know if anything needs to be changed.

Bird List: Species:

   a_species seen at the Walhalla watershed
   b_species seen at the ranger station & Stumphouse Mtn. Park
   c_species seen at the Walhalla fish hatchery

Turkey Vulture abc
Cooper's Hawk b
Red-tailed Hawk a
Mourning Dove ab
Chimney Swift ac
Ruby-throated Hummingbird ab
Belted Kingfisher b
Red-bellied Woodpecker b
Pileated Woodpecker b
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
N. Roughwinged Swallow
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Northern Parula
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
American Goldfinch