

## **Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report**

**Date:** February 10 - 12, 2006

**Location:** Huntington Beach State Park & Santee Coastal Reserve, SC

**Comments:** Once again the annual GCBC outing to the coast produced some excellent species. The list contains 150 species. On Friday we toured Donnelly WMA and Bear Island WMA where we saw good numbers of waterfowl, waders and others. At one stop we saw three species of rails (King, Virginia and Sora). The Tundra Swans were seen at Bear Island. Saturday's outing to Santee Coastal Reserve appeared to be doomed by the forecast for rain, but fortunately we escaped the heavy rainfall which came later in the afternoon after we finished our walk. The Red-cockaded Woodpeckers gave everyone excellent looks. Around the impoundments we saw adult and immature Bald Eagles, Anhinga and Glossy Ibis as well as other waterfowl and wader species. Sunday turned out to be sunny and windy at Huntington Beach State Park, where we visited the freshwater impoundment, jetty and education center. We found the very cooperative female Common Eider beside the south jetty and were able to approach to within fifty feet of her as she fished and preened in front of us. The Common Ground Doves and Painted Bunting were at the education center's feeders. After lunch we drove down to the Georgetown waste treatment plant where we found the best bird of the trip, the Black-headed Gull.

- JB Hines

**Photos:**



**Black-headed gull**



**Some of the "watchers"**



Cave swallows

**Bird List:**

**Species list:**

Red-throated Loon  
Common Loon  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Horned Grebe  
Northern Gannet  
Brown Pelican  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Anhinga  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Tricolored Heron  
Green-backed Heron  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
White Ibis  
Glossy Ibis  
Wood Stork  
Tundra Swan  
Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Green-winged Teal  
American Black Duck  
Mallard

Mottled Duck  
Northern Pintail  
Blue-winged Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
Ring-necked Duck  
Greater Scaup  
Lesser Scaup  
Common Eider  
Black Scoter  
Bufflehead  
Hooded Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Ruddy Duck  
Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture  
Osprey  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Merlin  
Clapper Rail  
King Rail  
Virginia Rail  
Sora  
Common Moorhen  
American Coot  
Semipalmated Plover  
Piping Plover  
Killdeer  
American Oystercatcher  
Black-necked Stilt  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Wilson's Snipe  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Western Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Purple Sandpiper

Short-billed Dowitcher  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Laughing Gull  
Black-headed Gull\*\*  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Sandwich Tern  
Common Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Rock Pigeon  
Mourning Dove  
Common Ground Dove  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Red-cockaded Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Eastern Phoebe  
Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Cave Swallow  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Marsh Wren  
Ruby Crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher

Cedar Waxwing  
Loggerhead Shrike  
European Starling  
White-eyed Vireo  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Prairie Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Black-and-White Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Northern Cardinal  
Painted Bunting  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow (also Ipswich race)  
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
Seaside Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
Bachman's Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Boat-tailed Grackle  
Common Grackle  
Baltimore Oriole  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch