Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: February 16, 2008

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

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8 GCBC members and 6 guests birded LCNP this morning. 4 of us started at the Forester Farm tract (before meeting the rest of the group at the trailhead) and reported Mallard, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck and Pied-billed Grebe at the north end of the lake. We also had the pleasure of watching a River Otter catch a fish in the lake and climb out of the water on to a dead log to consume it. From the overlook near the dam we saw a shape at the entrance to a Wood Duck nest box. Screech Owl? No, just a gray squirrel.

Despite the warm sunshine, birds were rather scarce on the trails but we managed to see and/or hear a total of 42 species (detailed list below) plus an Accipiter which was probably a Sharp-shinned Hawk. Interestingly, the February outing to LCNP last year yielded a very similar number, 43. From the Observation Deck we had brief looks at a Beaver swimming in the marsh. The two beaver dams appear to be getting more sturdy. We saw turtles sunning themselves on logs in the water and a couple of early butterflies. Spring is not too far away!

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Bird List: Species:

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Ring-necked Duck
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Great Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Killdeer
- Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pine Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Rusty Blackbird
House Finch
House Sparrow
Female Rusty blackbird

Flock of Cedar Waxwings
Canada goose

Dee Blackwood checking out ducks through a scope
Leader Paul Serridge (foreground) and the other birders

Turtles sunning on a log
One of our local beavers