Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:**
October 18, 2008

**Locations**
Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leader**
Paul Serridge

7 GCBC members and 2 guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park this morning. 5 of us started at the overlook near the dam at 7.30. The lake held several large groups of Canada Geese, 132 in all, as well as a few Woodies and Mallards. The Blue-winged Teal reported earlier in the week were not seen. A trio of Great Egrets was seen soaring over the lake. Beautiful!

On the trails birds were relatively scarce except near the observation deck and a section of the blue trail where we observed a fairly steady passage of Yellow-rumped Warblers. After a while we stopped trying to count them. They were everywhere!

Interestingly, a stop at the overlook around noon showed the lake to be completely devoid of waterfowl. All the geese and ducks had moved elsewhere. Birding is often serendipitous! In all we reported 47 species.

-- Paul Serridge

**Bird List:**

Species:

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Killdeer
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Tennessee Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Palm Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch