Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 19, 2007

Location: Conestee Nature Park – Greenville, SC

Comments: 10 GCBC members and 2 prospective new members participated in the club's monthly trip to Lake Conestee Nature Park this morning. Vegetation at this time of the year is luxuriant in the Park and finding birds was not very easy. We recorded a total of 52 species (see below). There were no new additions to the Park list (update attached). However, the morning's list includes 8 different Warbler species and 2 Vireo species. A good look at a Yellow-breasted Chat was a special treat near the start of the trails. We heard at least two other Chats during the morning. For the first time in several weeks we did not see (nor hear) any shorebirds. All the sandpipers appear to have passed through by now. An Eastern King Snake on the new paved trail provided some non-avian entertainment as it angrily shook its tail at us (more specifically at Chip!) before sliding into the undergrowth. We visited the cinder block house at the end of the paved trail which is being renovated to become a Visitor Center for the Park. Reminder: The next monthly trip to Conestee is scheduled for June 16, 8 a.m. in the trailhead parking lot.

Good birding,

Paul Serridge

Bird List:
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered Hawk
Mourning Dove
Barred Owl
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Pine Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black and White Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat
Eastern Towhee
Field Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch