

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:** March 22, 2008

**Locations** Cottonwood Trail, Edwin M. Griffin Nature Preserve, Spartanburg, SC

**Leader** Paul Serridge

**Comments:** *Note: Photos follow species listing below*

15 GCBC members and 4 guests birded the Cottonwood, Wetlands and Beaver Dam Trails in the Edwin M. Griffin Nature Preserve in Spartanburg this morning.

Temperatures steadily rose from the low 40s to low 60s and the weather was almost ideal for birding.

Signs of the impending spring migration were sighting of a solitary Tree Swallow and the song of one or more Common Yellowthroats.

We had excellent looks at Red-headed Woodpeckers and also at a Sharp-shinned Hawk from the boardwalk on the Wetlands Trail. The total species list for the morning is shown below (46 species).

*Please note that the club is scheduled to visit the Cottonwood Trail again later in the migration season on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. See the Outings page for details. The Preserve species list currently stands at 135 and includes 30 Warbler species. We hope to see some of them on the May outing.*

Paul Serridge

**Bird List:** Species:

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Great Blue Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Wild Turkey

Mourning Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Eastern Phoebe  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Tree Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Winter Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
American Goldfinch



Red headed woodpecker / photo by Louis Womble



White throated sparrow / photo by Louis Womble



Birders on Boardwalk / photo by Jeff Catlin



Northern flicker / photo by Louis Womble