

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: October 27 - 29, 2006

Location: Savannah River Spoils Site, GA
Donnelly Wildlife Management Area, SC
Bear Island Wildlife Management Area, SC

Comments: Seventeen members of the GCBC enjoyed an overcast but pleasant day at the Savannah River Spoil Site on Friday, October 27. The previous evening's forecast for rain was off the mark and we were able to spend the allocated time birding on the site with Steve Calver, biologist for the Army Corps of Engineers. As always, Steve was both informative and entertaining. We spent the remainder of the afternoon at Savannah NWR. After returning to our hotel to re-group, we ventured to Savannah for an excellent meal at the Shrimp Factory on River Street.

On Saturday we traveled to Donnelly WMA in hopes of finding the previously reported Black-bellied Whistling Ducks. No luck with the ducks, but the birding was exceptional there. We also birded at Bear Island WMA and the Port Royal Boardwalk Park where we found the Seaside and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow.

Sunday morning found us back at Savannah NWR for one last visit before heading home. Part of our group spent the afternoon birding at the Bluff Unit of Santee NWR on Lake Marion.

I hope everyone enjoyed this outing as much as I did. We managed a very respectable list of 117 species.

--- J.B. Hines

Addendum: 11/13/2006 - After discussion with several of the Savannah Trip attendees, additional species need to be added to the list below. Additions: Peregrine Falcon, Black-throated Blue Warbler, & Wild Turkey.

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Photos:







Bird List:

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- American White Pelican
- Double-crested Cormorant

Anhinga
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal
Mottled Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Merlin
Clapper Rail
Sora
Common Moorhen
American Coot
Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer
American Avocet (~600 at spoil site)
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling

Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Laughing Gull
Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Common Ground-Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling
Blue-headed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler
Palm Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Rusty Blackbird
Boat-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Sparrow