

## Greenville County Bird Club Report

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**Event:** Greenville County Fall Migration Count

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The Greenville County 2011 Fall Migration Count was held on Saturday, September 17 and included the monthly GCBC walk at Lake Conestee. Weather conditions were decent this year with a low of 57F and high of 67F under mostly clear skies and moderate wind. Nine parties/areas were covered by 18 participants. The group total was 110 species and 5431 individuals. In general, this year's fall migration has been very good with excellent numbers of migrants showing up as early as late August and continuing through the end of September.

Previous count results:

- 2010(9/18) 103sp
- 2009(9/19) 92sp
- 2008(9/27) 111sp
- 2007(9/15) 82sp
- 2006(9/16) 87sp

The high count honors go to the team of Shelby Birch and Donnie Coody with 65 species from Wilson's Farm and other areas. The second place honors go to the Lake Conestee group of 8 led by Jane Kramer with 61 species. Third place goes to Jeff Click and Rhonda Dodson with 55 species found at Bunched Arrowhead HP, Ashmore HP and Persimmon Ridge Rd. Jeff and Rhonda had the most species(7) unique(not reported by others) to the count total. As usual for these counts, every group added one or more unique species to the total.

Notable species(rare/unusual, unusually high numbers, etc.):

- Blue-winged Teal(2) and Solitary Sandpiper(1) at Lake Conestee
- Common Raven(1), Veery(1) and Ruffed Grouse(2) Jeff and Rhonda
- Bald Eagle(1) and Great Egret(1) Denise DuPon at Lake Robinson
- Philadelphia Vireo(1), Warbling Vireo(2) and Bobolink(55) at Wilson's Farm, Shelby and Donnie
- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds(788) An average count of 675 were at Judy and Charles Webb's feeders on Lake Lanier. They had estimated 600-750 based on the 2.5 gallons of nectar being consumed daily. Jerry Johnson and I stopped by at noon and were amazed at the spectacle. They also had an early Calliope Hummingbird.
- A very good total of 19 species of warblers were recorded for this count.
- Broad-winged Hawk(18), Bald Eagle(3), Peregrine Falcon(1) and D-e Junco(9) Jeff Catlin at Caesar's Head and vicinity
- Rufous Hummingbird(1) Harry Davis' feeders

Missing species: sandpipers, terns, gulls

Many thanks to everyone who participated. Great job!!! The excel attachment contains the species list which will be submitted to the state migration count coordinator. Any questions, comments or corrections are welcome.

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