

Greenville County Bird Club Report

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Event: Greenville County Fall Migration Count

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The Greenville County 2013 Fall Migration Count was held on Saturday, September 21st and included the monthly GCBC walk at Lake Conestee. Weather conditions were unfavorable this year with light rain most of the day. Seven parties/areas were covered by 28 participants. The group species total was 90 with 3335 individuals.

Previous count results:

- 2012(9/15) 103sp
- 2011(9/17) 110sp
- 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 Jeff Click and Brad Dalton with 54 species from Ashmore HP, Bunched Arrowhead HP and Caesar's Head. Second place honors go to the team of Shelby Birch, Donnie Coody and Chip Gilbert with 49 species from Wilson's Farm. The third place honors go to the Lake Conestee group of 18 led by Paul Serridge with 43 species. All group totals were much lower than normal as a result of the inclement weather. As usual for these counts, almost every group added one or more unique species to the total .

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

- Green-winged Teal at Berry's Mill Pond(6), Bald Eagle(1), Common Raven(1), and D-e Junco(2) ,Great Egret(2) , Ruby-throated
- Hummingbirds(647) An average count of 550(estimated based on nectar consumed) were at Judy and Charles Webb's feeders at Lake Lanier. They
- also had an early Calliope Hummingbird again and an adult male Rufous Hummingbird. The best bird of the count was the Connecticut Warbler at
- Wilson's Farm(Shelby, Donnie and Chip), a rare species in spring but even more unusual in fall migration.

Species not seen: sandpipers, terns, gulls, nightjars

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. I was not able to list the names of all participants, so let me know if your name was left out.

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