Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

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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