Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: December 11, 2010

Location: Santee National Wildlife Refuge, Clarendon County, SC

Leader: Jeff Click

Comments: Six GCBC members and one guest birded the Santee

National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, December 11th, enduring a long drive and cold, wet weather. We started at the visitor center, then moved on to the Wright's Bluff Nature Trail on the Bluff Unit. Here we were rewarded with several species of waterfowl, including Tundra Swans and Snow Geese. After the Bluff Unit, we stopped briefly at the Dingle Pond unit before moving on to the Cuddo Unit. Here we saw several more species, including great looks at a Barred Owl and a Bald Eagle. The complete species list is

below.

Bird List: Number of species: 77

Snow Goose Canada Goose Tundra Swan Wood Duck Gadwall

American Wigeon

Mallard

Northern Shoveler Northern Pintail Green-winged Teal Ring-necked Duck Hooded Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Wild Turkey Common Loon Pied-billed Grebe Horned Grebe

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Great Egret White Ibis Bald Eagle

Northern Harrier Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

Killdeer

Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs

Least Sandpiper

Wilson's Snipe

Ring-billed Gull

Forster's Tern

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Barred Owl

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker

Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay

American Crow

Tree Swallow

Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Brown-headed Nuthatch

Carolina Wren

House Wren

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Eastern Bluebird

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird

Brown Thrasher

Cedar Waxwing

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Pine Warbler

Palm Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow

Field Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Northern Cardinal Red-winged Blackbird Common Grackle Baltimore Oriole American Goldfinch