Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 12, 2012

Location: Nine Times Preserve, Eastatoe Valley, and Sassafras Mountain, Pickens County

Leader: Jeff Click

On Saturday, May 12, a group of fifteen GCBC members birded at several locations in northern Pickens County. We started at the Nine Times Preserve, where highlights were Kentucky Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow-breasted Chat, Acadian Flycatcher, and Indigo Bunting. We then worked our way up the Eastatoe Valley, making several stops along the way and adding a few more warblers as well as Eastern Kingbird, Orchard Oriole, and three species of swallows. After lunch at Sassafras Mountain, we birded our way back down the entrance road. Like last year, we were lucky enough to find a Swainson's Warbler, and also had a very cooperative Ovenbird. The complete species list is below.

Total Species: 61

Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo

Blue Jay

American Crow Tree Swallow

Red-eyed Vireo

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow Carolina Chickadee Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch Brown-headed Nuthatch

Carolina Wren

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird Wood Thrush

Northern Mockingbird

Brown Thrasher European Starling Cedar Waxwing Northern Parula

Black-throated Blue Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler Yellow-throated Warbler

Pine Warbler Prairie Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler American Redstart Worm-eating Warbler Swainson's Warbler

Ovenbird

Louisiana Waterthrush Kentucky Warbler Common Yellowthroat Hooded Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat Scarlet Tanager Eastern Towhee Chipping Sparrow Field Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco

Dark-eyed Junco Northern Cardinal Indigo Bunting Common Grackle Brown-headed Cowbird

Orchard Oriole American Goldfinch