Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 11, 2013 **Location:** Nine Times Preserve, Eastatoe Valley, and Sassafras Mountain **Leaders:** Denise DuPon and Jane Kramer

Four club members and two guests had a beautiful day of birding with a day's count of 61 species. The day started with a Louisiana Waterthrush in the middle of Preston McDaniel Road, an omen of the 16 warblers that ended up on today's list. We had good looks at a Magnolia Warbler and heard the call of a Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Nine Times Preserve, where Tim Taylor identified a Red Eft, the juvenile stage of the Eastern Newt.

Eastatoe Valley gave us some very vocal Chats and some interesting warbler voices to track down (we really missed Jeff). At Sassafras Mountain, Jane was able to discover the continuous chip in the Rhododendron belonged to a female Hooded Warbler. A great spring day in Pickens County! The full list follows.

Species List (61 Total)

Turkey Vulture **Broad-winged Hawk** Killdeer Mourning Dove Yellow-billed Cuckoo **Chimney Swift Belted Kingfisher** Red-bellied Woodpecker Pileated Woodpecker Eastern Wood-pewee Acadian Flycatcher Eastern Phoebe **Great Crested Flycatcher** Northern Rough-winged Swallow Blue Jay American Crow Fish Crow Common Raven Carolina Chickadee **Tufted Titmouse**

White-breasted Nuthatch Brown-headed Nuthatch Carolina Wren Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird Wood Thrush American Robin Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird **Brown Thrasher** European Starling White-eyed Vireo Red-eyed Vireo Northern Parula Chestnut-sided Warbler Magnolia Warbler Black-throated Blue Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler Pine Warbler Prairie Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler Black and White Warbler Worm-eating Warbler Swainson's Warbler Ovenbird Louisiana Waterthrush Kentucky Warbler Hooded Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat Scarlet Tanager Northern Cardinal Indigo Bunting Eastern Towhee Chipping Sparrow **Field Sparrow** Dark-eyed Junco Eastern Meadowlark Common Grackle **Brown-headed Cowbird** Orchard Oriole American Goldfinch



Acadian Flycatcher



Black-throated Blue Warbler



Scarlet Tanager



Red-eyed Vireo

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