Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date:	Saturday, June 14, 2014	-
Location:	Jackson Park, Hooper Lane, and Fletcher Park, NC	
Leader:	Denise DuPon	
List & Narrative:	Denise DuPon	
Species Total:	44	



Four GCBC members joined the Henderson County Bird Club for their monthly outing. We enjoyed the cool morning, perhaps the last one we'll have for a while. Birding was rather slow, as expected this time of year. The most abundant species were the vocal Song Sparrows and Indigo Buntings. Henderson County is installing a new sewer line along the Warbler Trail. Hopefully the trail will be passable and inviting for fall migration.

From Jackson Park, we took a drive to Hooper Lane to look for Willow Flycatcher. We had information from a local that took us right to the bird at Mills River Park. The flycatcher responded to playback and did us the favor of singing its song to confirm the ID. As we continued along Hooper Lane, we found three species of swallows and a beautiful pair of Blue Grosbeaks.

While in the area, we followed up on a posting about Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks in a pond at Blue Ridge Community College. The campus was easy to find, but the ducks were not. Aside from a large group of Canada Geese and a couple of Mallards, the best find was a busy Purple Martin colony.

One more stop at Fletcher Park added an Orchard Oriole to the day's list.

Species List:

Canada Goose Wood Duck Mallard Great Blue Heron Green Heron Black Vulture Turkey Vulture Red-shouldered Hawk Killdeer Mourning Dove Chimney Swift Red-bellied Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Pileated Woodpecker Willow Flycatcher Great Crested Flycatcher Red-eyed Vireo Blue Jay American Crow Fish Crow Northern Rough-winged Swallow Purple Martin Tree Swallow Barn Swallow Carolina Chickadee Tufted Titmouse House Wren Carolina Wren Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird American Robin Northern Mockingbird European Starling Cedar Waxwing Eastern Towhee Song Sparrow Northern Cardinal Blue Grosbeak Indigo Bunting Red-winged Blackbird Common Grackle Orchard Oriole House Finch American Goldfinch

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