Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date:	Saturday, March 19, 2016				
Location:	Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC				
Event:	"Third Saturday Outing" at Lake Conestee Nature Park				
Leader:	Denise DuPon	R			
Species List:	Joan Baker	1			
Narrative:	Denise DuPon				
Species Total:	47 species				

Due to forecasted rain, the outing led by Paul Serridge was rescheduled to Sunday. A separate trip report will reflect species found on that occasion.

There was a good turnout of birds and birders for our outing. It turned into a beautiful morning full of singing birds, likely the last outing of the winter season allowing easy viewing of the birds without having to peer through those pesky leaves. Many thanks to Joan Baker for keeping the species list on her new ebird app.

Highlights were:

A flock of Cedar Waxwings very close off the Spanco boardwalk that posed and sang for us. A couple of the birds had crests so flared it looked as though they had spiked their "dos" with hair gel in order to impress their prospective mates.

We had singing Ruby-crowned Kinglets. We are used to their raspy winter "jit" calls and their beautiful song is quite a surprise in the springtime.

Species List:

23	Canada Goose	1	American Crow	1	Northern Mockingbird
7	Wood Duck	3	Fish Crow	4	European Starling
2	Mallard	3	crow sp.	17	Cedar Waxwing
2	Pied-billed Grebe	1	Northern Rough-winged	2	Pine Warbler
8	Great Blue Heron		Swallow	4	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Barn Swallow	1	Chipping Sparrow
1	Red-tailed Hawk	6	Carolina Chickadee	1	Field Sparrow
1	Killdeer	3	Tufted Titmouse	6	White-throated Sparrow
1	Pectoral Sandpiper	2	Brown-headed Nuthatch	2	Swamp Sparrow
8	Wilson's Snipe	1	Winter Wren	6	Eastern Towhee
2	Mourning Dove	6	Carolina Wren	8	Northern Cardinal
2	Belted Kingfisher	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	Red-winged Blackbird
2	Red-headed Woodpecker	5	Eastern Bluebird	2	Common Grackle
6	Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Hermit Thrush	1	Brown-headed Cowbird
1	Downy Woodpecker	8	American Robin	3	House Finch
4	Eastern Phoebe	1	Gray Catbird	8	American Goldfinch
6	Blue Jay	4	Brown Thrasher		

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