

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: February 18, 2018

Location: Lake Hartwell, SC and GA

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Today's outing, rescheduled from the rain/ice event of two weeks ago, was held in beautiful weather with warm temperatures and sunny skies. Four of us started at Hartwell dam scoping for waterfowl and were able to find Common Loon and Bonaparte's Gull. We had very distant looks at a flock of ducks and as the morning fog cleared and the sun peeked out we were able to ID about 35 Redhead, behind the dam was a large concentration of 40-50 Black Vultures perched on various structures as well as on the ground.

We traveled up the SC side of the lake stopping at access areas and were able to get very good looks at Horned Grebe and found a flock of 65 Cedar Waxwings. Just as we were getting ready to leave, one of our group noticed some movement near the edge of the lake and we added Junco, Cardinal, Yellow-rumped Warbler and White-throated Sparrow to the list.

We headed to the Georgia side of the lake hoping to find more species of ducks in the coves. We were only able to find a group of Red-breasted Merganser associating with large groups of Horned Grebe and Bonaparte's Gull.

We had a morning well spent on beautiful Lake Hartwell and a respectable 44 species trip list.

Canada Goose

Redhead

Bufflehead

Red-breasted Merganser

Common Loon

Pied-billed Grebe

Horned Grebe

Great Blue Heron

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Red-tailed Hawk

Bonaparte's Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay

American Crow

Fish Crow

Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch

Brown-headed Nuthatch

Carolina Wren

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Eastern Bluebird

American Robin

Brown Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

Pine Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Dark-eyed Junco

White-throated Sparrow

Eastern Towhee

Northern Cardinal

Common Grackle

American Goldfinch