Greenville County Bird Club Report

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Event: Greenville County Fall Migration Count
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The Greenville County 2010 Fall Migration Count was held on Saturday, September 18 and included the monthly GCBC walk at Lake Conestee. Weather conditions were ideal this year with a low of 70F and high of 85F under mostly clear skies and light wind. Eight parties/areas were covered by 17 participants. The group found 103 species (very close to the spring count of 105) and 3889 individuals. In general, this year's fall migration has been very good with excellent numbers of migrants showing up as early as late August and continuing into October.

Previous count results:

- 2009(9/19) 92sp
- 2008(9/27) 111sp
- 2007(9/15) 82sp
- 2006(9/16) 87sp

The high count honors go to the team of Shelby Birch, Donnie Coody and Donna Slyce with 66 species from Wilson's Farm and other areas. The second place team of Jeff Click and David Kirk found 55 species at Bunched Arrowhead HP, Ashmore HP, Chandler HP and the Furman University Campus. Jeff Catlin had the third highest count of 51 species from the Caesar's Head hawk watch and other nearby areas.

Notable species(rare/unusual, unusually high numbers, etc.):

- Osprey(6), Common Raven(3), Bald Eagle(1), Peregrine Falcon(1) all at Caesars Head by Jeff Catlin
- Philadelphia Vireo(1), Nashville Warbler(1) at Wilson's Farm Shelby Birch, Donnie Coody and Donna Slyce
- Gray-cheeked Thrush(1), Jeff Click and David Kirk who also found all of the owls and nighthawks reported on this count.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird(175), Blue-winged Warbler(1), Judy and Charles Webb
- Rufous Hummingbird(2) at Paris Mountain, Harry Davis

A very good total of 17 species of warblers were recorded for this count. Missing species: sandpipers, terns, gulls (none of these were reported).

Many thanks to everyone who participated. Great job!!! The excel attachment contains the species list which will be submitted to the state migration count coordinator.

-- J.B. Hines, Count Coordinator