

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report



Date: Saturday, June 4, 2016
Location: Brevard, Davidson River, and the Blue Ridge Parkway
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Species Total: 59

On Saturday, June 4, 2016 nine GCBC members enjoyed a pleasant day of birding in the Brevard area, up Highway 276, and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Our first stop was the Hospital Fields near Brevard. Our next four stops were along Hwy 276 at the Sycamore Flats picnic area, the fish hatchery, the Pink Beds picnic area, and Buck Spring trailhead. The remainder of the day was spent along the Blue Ridge Parkway, beginning at a scenic overlook, lunch at the Mt. Pisgah picnic area, and the Mt. Pisgah trailhead parking area. Our day ended abruptly due to persistent heavy rain at Black Balsam (Shining Rock).



At Hospital Fields, we observed a flock of Cedar Waxwings hawking insects to then feed their young. Next, we had great looks at a rather cooperative Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Though not of the avian nature, we were entertained by a group of white squirrels along the perimeter trail at Hospital Fields. At Sycamore Flats, we first heard Swainson's Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush and were then treated to fairly close looks at each, along with several other species.



At the fish hatchery, we first heard then saw Common Ravens and a Broad-winged Hawk. We also had excellent looks at Indigo Bunting and Chestnut-sided Warbler at the scenic overlook. At one of the stop-offs, we observed a Dark-eyed Junco with unique coloration on its tail feathers; the design resembled that of an Eastern Towhee.



Again this year at Hospital Fields, we failed to find a Willow Flycatcher. We were rained out before we could do any birding at Black Balsam, so we missed the Alder Flycatcher and Canada Warbler expected to be found at that location.

Species List:

Canada Goose	45	Red-eyed Vireo	2	Louisiana Waterthrush	1
Mallard	2	Blue Jay	4	Black-and-white Warbler	2
Double-crested Cormorant	1	American Crow	8	Swainson's Warbler	1
Great Blue Heron	16	Common Raven	3	Common Yellowthroat	1
Turkey Vulture	12	Tree Swallow	2	Northern Parula	2
Cooper's Hawk	1	Barn Swallow	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Carolina Chickadee	4	Black-throated Green Warbler	1
Mourning Dove	3	Tufted Titmouse	1	Chipping Sparrow	4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	Field Sparrow	1
Chimney Swift	6	Carolina Wren	5	Dark-eyed Junco	2
Belted Kingfisher	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	Song Sparrow	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	Eastern Towhee	2
Downy Woodpecker	1	Wood Thrush	2	Scarlet Tanager	1
Northern Flicker	1	American Robin	10	Northern Cardinal	7
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	Gray Catbird	5	Indigo Bunting	2
Acadian Flycatcher	1	Brown Thrasher	3	Common Grackle	2
Eastern Phoebe	2	Northern Mockingbird	2	House Finch	5
Eastern Kingbird	1	European Starling	8	American Goldfinch	10
White-eyed Vireo	1	Cedar Waxwing	5	House Sparrow	4
Blue-headed Vireo	1	Ovenbird	3		