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Park Rangers have many duties. One is to do one mid-season wood duck nest box check. We check to see if any birds are using the nest boxes. Last week, at Lee State Park, during their mid-season check, the Rangers got a pleasant surprise. DUCKLINGS! Once all the ducklings hatch, they'll only stay in the box for about one day so finding ducklings in the box was serendipitous. This is the first time that we know of that hooded mergansers have successfully nested at Lee. In addition to wood ducks and now hooded mergansers, Lee Rangers have also found Carolina wrens nesting in wood duck boxes.

This mid-season check is the one and only time that Park Rangers go near the nest boxes during the nesting season. We request that you also appreciate nest boxes from afar. Too much disturbance around a nest box could make the hen, or female duck, abandon the nest, thinking it is too dangerous for her to stay and hatch her eggs.



**Dawn Headley-Muschell** Wish Georgia State Parks would post as much as SC Parks post! We have got some beautiful things happening in GA also! HINT! HINT! GEORGIA!

at 12:37:03 on 5/08/2012 UTC



**Kim LaBrie** Beautiful!!!!!! Thanks for all everyone of you do, and the update!!!!

at 12:37:24 on 5/08/2012 UTC



**Elaine Macmillan** Wow - look at them all!

at 12:37:55 on 5/08/2012 UTC



**Diane Thompson** Love this!!! We spent 3 days in Hunting Island and had more raccoons then I ever thought could be in one place, both day & night! They were so brave they would come up to your site when you were there. These were smart raccoons because we caught one opening our cooler! They know where to look! We enjoyed them but please keep in mind in you camp in that campground to keep all your food items locked up day or night. We will be going back as soon as we can, we loved this park, so clean and nice!

at 12:46:24 on 5/08/2012 UTC



**Mina Harrington** LOL Diane -- I know exactly what you mean about the raccoons at Hunting Island (a place I love). They are also that way at Edisto Island State Park. Those little critters taught me some valuable lessons!!

at 13:54:29 on 5/08/2012 UTC

**Stephen Perry Williams** Not a state park but this past weekend at Springfield campground



on Lake Hartwell we had blue jays that scolded us and begged from the moment we got out of the truck, a troop of nine grey squirrels that ran laps around the campsite when they weren't burying the snacks they snatched from our leftovers and a curious baby grackle that walked up to us while we were packing up and then strolled on by.

at 1:54:33 on 5/09/2012 UTC



**Holly Gooddog** I am available to herd all baby ducks (gently) and herd all raccoons away. I love any park that my person will take me to.

at 3:40:05 on 5/09/2012 UTC