

# *Whistler*

April - May 2013



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>April 9, 2013</b>     | <b>Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>April 13, 2013</b>    | <b>Second Saturday Bird Walk — Miller Park 8 a.m. (Leader: David Shuford)</b>                        |
| <b>April 17, 2013</b>    | <b>Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>April 20, 2013</b>    | <b>Catawba Ecological Preserve Day Trip (Leaders: Craig &amp; Jane McCleary)</b>                     |
| <b>April 20, 2013</b>    | <b>Historic Bethabara Park Cleanup – 9 a.m. at wetland (Leader Pam Wooten)</b>                       |
| <b>April 23, 2013</b>    | <b>Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., “Birds of Belize,”<br/>David Disher</b> |
| <b>April 26-29, 2013</b> | <b>Spring Trip to Pine Island and Outer Banks (Leader: Rob Rogers)</b>                               |
| <b>April 27, 2013</b>    | <b>Piedmont Earth Day Fair – Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.</b>                           |
| <b>April 29, 2013</b>    | <b>Monday Bird Walk — Bethabara Greenway, 8 a.m. (Leader: Carol Cunningham)</b>                      |
| <b>May 3-5, 2013</b>     | <b>Habitat for Humanity BirdFest – Winston-Salem Arts District</b>                                   |
| <b>May 4, 2013</b>       | <b>Forsyth County Spring Bird Count &amp; Birdathon (Count Leader: Ron Morris)</b>                   |
| <b>May 7, 2013</b>       | <b>Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>May 11, 2013</b>      | <b>Second Saturday Bird Walk — Reynolda, 8 a.m. (Leader: Bill Gifford)</b>                           |
| <b>May 11, 2013</b>      | <b>New River Corridor IBA Bird Survey (Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson)</b>                              |

May 12, 2013	Hanging Rock Spring Bird Count – 8 a.m. (Count Leader: Phil Dickinson)
May 15, 2013	Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6 p.m.
May 27, 2013	Monday Bird Walk – Black Walnut Bottom, 8 a.m. (Leader: Shelley Rutkin)
May 28, 2013	Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., “Hummingbirds”

### Spring Bird Count

One of the biggest events of the birding year – Forsyth County’s Spring Bird Count – soon will be here. On Saturday May 4, teams will set out to see just how many birds we can find. This survey typically records over 120 species, including spring arrivals like orioles, flycatchers, grosbeaks and 20 or more species of warblers. We will also take time to revel in the songs of thrushes and the graceful flight of swallows. Contact Ron Morris at [ronmorris@triad.rr.com](mailto:ronmorris@triad.rr.com), 725-1254, if you would like to participate.

### Birdathon Supports the Wood Thrush

Spring Bird Count is part of our annual [Birdathon](#) fundraiser. Usually, Birdathon donations go to local and state conservation projects. This year, all Birdathon donations will support international research and conservation focused on the Wood Thrush. Forsyth Audubon’s fledgling partnership with National Audubon’s International Alliances Program is beginning to take off. Watch for exciting details as Birdathon kicks off in mid-April – just as Wood Thrushes return from Central America.

### . . .Wood Thrush Thursdays in May

Eager to hear the Wood Thrush’s beautiful song? Each Thursday evening in May, beginning at 7:30, join us on a walk at a local park, including Historic Bethabara Park, where more than 20 pairs breed each year.

### April Trip to the Outer Banks

Who doesn’t like the beach? On April 26-29, travel with us to see migrating shorebirds and songbirds in their breeding plumage. [Audubon Center and Sanctuary at Pine Island](#) will be our base of operations. We will use of the 100-year-old Hunting Lodge for meetings, although sleeping rooms are currently unavailable. Pine Island features diverse habitats providing abundant opportunities to find rails, waders and migrating passerines. Other hotspots include Corolla Light House and Currituck Banks National Estuarine Research Reserve and, of course, the Pea Island area. Stay tuned for details on accommodation options. To sign up, contact Rob Rogers, 336-643-0563, [mitzi.rogers10@gmail.com](mailto:mitzi.rogers10@gmail.com). Include your cell number and the number of attendees.

### Programs Feature Belize, Hummingbirds

On April 23, chapter member David Disher returns with “Birds of Belize.” The program should provide great inspiration as we partner with Belize Audubon to help the Wood Thrush.

On May 28, our attention turns to National Audubon’s new Hummingbirds at Home Project. Get tips on how to create hummer-friendly yards and see a new film, “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air.” We will elect officers and vote on new chapter by-laws (see proposed changes at our website).

**Our Mission:** To conserve and restore natural ecosystems — focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and North Carolina’s biological diversity.

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