

Whistler

April - May, 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 7, 2015 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| April 11, 2015 | Second Saturday Bird Walk – Miller Park, 8 a.m. (Leader: Nathan Gatto) |
| April 15, 2015 | Birds and Beer – District Rooftop Bar & Grille, 725 N. Trade St., 6 p.m. |
| April 26, 2015 | Weymouth Woods/Sandhills Day Trip – Leaders: Craig & Jane McCleary) |
| April 27, 2015 | Monday Bird Walk – Bethania, 8 a.m. (Leader: Cynthia Donaldson) |
| April 28, 2015 | Chapter Meeting – Historic Bethabara Visitors Center, 7 p.m., Scott Anderson, NCWRC, “N.C. Birding Trail, Riparian Breeding Bird Survey, Bachman’s Sparrow” |
| May 2, 2015 | Forsyth County Spring Bird Count (Compiler: Ron Morris) |
| May 5, 2015 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| May 6, 2015 | Hanging Rock Spring Bird Count (Compiler: Phil Dickinson) |
| May 9, 2015 | Second Saturday Bird Walk — Reynolda, 8 a.m. (Leader: TBA) |
| May 20, 2015 | Birds and Beer — District Rooftop Bar & Grille, 725 N. Trade St., 6:00 p.m. |
| May 24, 2015 | Smartview Recreation Area Day Trip (Leaders: Craig & Jane McCleary) |
| May 25, 2015 | Monday Bird Walk – Tanglewood Park, 8 a.m (Leader: Carol Gearhart) |
| May 26, 2015 | Chapter Meeting – Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., Matt Jeffery, “Audubon International Alliances Program” |

Spring Trip to Monterey, Virginia

Our Spring Field Trip heads to Monterey, Virginia, May 29 – 31. We will visit several stops on the Virginia Birding Trail, including Warbler Rd., Hidden Valley, Paddy Knob and Blue Grass Valley. High on our target list are Mourning and Golden-winged Warblers, but we expect to see many more neotropical songbirds arriving on their breeding territories.

The cost is \$25 for Forsyth Audubon members and \$35 for nonmembers. Sign up by sending an email to forsythaudubon@gmail.com. Space is limited to 25 people. Accommodations information may be found on the Weekend Trips page of www.forsythaudubon.org. For questions, contact Cynthia Donaldson at cadonaldson@triad.rr.com,

Spring Bird Counts

Ron Morris heads up our Forsyth Spring Count on Saturday May 2nd. To sign up for a team, contact Ron at ronmorris@triad.rr.com, 725-1254. Join us for the count dinner that evening. Remember, the Spring Bird Count is held in conjunction with our annual Birdathon fundraising efforts to support local projects and our N.C. coastal sanctuaries. Make checks payable to ASFC or Forsyth Audubon.

Our Hanging Rock Spring Count will be on Wednesday May 6th. We will count from 8 a.m. until noon. Contact Phil Dickinson at 659-2464, pdickins@triad.rr.com.

Wood Thrush Recapture

Last year, we captured and attached GPS locator tags to 21 male Wood Thrushes at Pilot Mountain State Park and Historic Bethabara. In late May, we will need volunteers to assist in recapturing as many of these birds as possible to find out where they have been. Volunteers are needed to search for breeding territories,

carry equipment, set up nets and record data. Attend a 6:30 p.m. training session before the April 28th chapter meeting at Bethabara. Watch for more information about signing up.

Bird-Friendly Garden

Volunteer to help plant a bird-friendly garden in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and their Youth United volunteers. Tools and gloves are provided for this planting day on Saturday April 18th, 9 a.m. – noon. The family loves birds and we're going to plant a dogwood, magnolias, a variety of berry-producing native plants, flowers and vines for hummingbirds. Sign up at <http://habitatforsyth.volunteerhub.com/events>. Contact Kim Brand with questions 336-391-9614, kim.b.brand@gmail.com.

Earth Day Fairs

We need volunteers to staff our educational display at the Piedmont Environmental Alliance Earth Day Fair on April 25th at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Can you help with a two-hour shift between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.? Also, we can use similar help on April 22 at an evening Earth Day event at Wake Forest University. Contact Heather Moir at hmoir@triad.rr.com.

N.C. Birding Trail

Scott Anderson, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, reports on the N.C. Birding Trail and the Commission's bird conservation efforts at our April 28th chapter meeting. Socializing begins at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:30 at Historic Bethabara.

International Alliances Program

On May 26, Matt Jeffery will speak at our chapter meeting about the Audubon International Alliances Program. Matt traveled with us to Belize last year and works on Piping Plover habitat protection in the Bahamas. Join us at Bethabara at 7 p.m.

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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