

Whistler

August — September 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7, 2012	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
August 11, 2012	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Archie Elledge (Leader: Carol Cunningham) 8 a.m.
August 15, 2012	Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6 p.m.
September 4, 2012	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
September 8, 2012	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Historic Bethabara Park (Leader: TBA), 8 a.m.
September 9, 2012	Lights Out Volunteer Training — 6:30 a.m. (Contact: Kim Brand)
September 11, 2012	Chimney Swift Watch — 7:15 p.m., Location TBA
September 12 – 30, 2012	Pilot Mountain Hawk Watch (Contact Phil Dickinson to participate)
September 15, 2012	Apple Fest Festival — Historic Bethabara Park, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
September 15, 2012	Day Trip to Pilot Mountain State Park — (Leader: Craig McCleary), 7 a.m.
September 17, 2012	Monday Bird Walk — Reynolda (Leader: Carol Cunningham) 8 a.m.
September 19, 2012	Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6 p.m.
September 25, 2012	Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m. , Manny Reyes, "Saving a Vulnerable Endemic Parrot Species in the Philippines"
September 29, 2012	Black Walnut Festival — Bethania, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Count Raptors at Pilot Mountain

Sign up to count migrating raptors during the Pilot Mountain Hawk Watch. Four-hour shifts (or less) are available from Sept. 12-30. Email pdickins@triad.rr.com. Inexperienced birders: come improve your identification skills.

Sawtooth "Feathered" Exhibit

Sawtooth School for Visual Art features "Feathered" from Sept. 27 through Nov. 16. The exhibit will present works of avian-themed art by six artists, including woodcarver Jim Carpenter. Watch for news about a collaboration between Forsyth Audubon and Sawtooth, weaving together education about birds and conservation and even Birds & Beer! Sawtooth, located at 251 North Spruce Street, is part of the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts.

Keeping Downtown Dark for Birds

An echo of a New York City ritual, the extinguishing of Empire State Building lights at midnight, occurs nightly here in Winston-Salem thanks to Forsyth Audubon members' efforts to protect migrating birds. At 11 p.m., exterior lights at **Wells Fargo, Liberty Plaza, Winston Tower, the R.J. Reynolds Building, and Reynolds American** go out. Most birds migrate at night, and city lights draw birds off course and confuse their navigation systems, leading to hundreds of millions of birds killed by building collisions in the United States every year.

Daily monitoring of 15 buildings in downtown Winston-Salem begins Sept. 1 and continues through Nov. 30. If you're an early riser and like

to walk for exercise - or just want to see an Ovenbird or Black-throated Blue Warbler up really close - come to the volunteer training walk on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 a.m. We need your help! Email lightsout@forsythaudubon.org or contact Kim Brand for more information.

Volunteer at Fall Festivals

Please help Forsyth Audubon at two local fall festivals to spread our message that birds are fascinating, fun and worthy of protection.

1. AppleFest - Sept. 15 - Historic Bethabara Park - 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact Kim Brand: kimbbrand@gmail.com

2. Black Walnut Festival - Sept. 29 - Bethania - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Shelley Rutkin:

shelleyr@windstream.net

September Meeting: Saving Parrots

On September 25, Manny Reyes, professor of biological engineering at North Carolina A & T, will speak about efforts to conserve the Blue-Headed Racquet-Tail, a parrot endemic to the Philippines and listed as "vulnerable." Reyes is a consultant to Kingfisher Park in the Philippines. Historic Bethabara Park Visitor's Center, socializing at 7 p.m., program at 7:30.

Join Forsyth Audubon

If you are not a member, we invite you to join. Membership in Forsyth Audubon includes membership in National Audubon Society and is just \$20 for the first year. Send your check made out to ASFC: to Forsyth Audubon, P.O. Box 15111, Winston-Salem, NC 27113. Please include your name, email, address and zip code.

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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