

Whistler

December 2012 - January 2013



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4, 2012	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
December 8, 2012	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Newell-Massey Greenway, 9 a.m. (Leader: Jeremy Reiskind)
December 14, 2012	Mt. Jefferson Christmas Bird Count – Contacts: Eric Harrold, Ron Morris
December 15, 2012	New River Christmas Bird Count – Contacts: Harrol Blevins, Ron Morris
December 16, 2012	Hanging Rock Christmas Bird Count – 8 a.m. at park. Contact: Phil Dickinson
December 19, 2012	Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6:00 p.m.
December 23, 2012	Stone Mountain Christmas Bird Count – Contacts: Guy McGrane, Ron Morris No Chapter Meeting This Month. Happy Holidays!
January 5, 2013	Forsyth County Christmas Bird Count – Contact: Ron Morris
January 8, 2013	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
January 12, 2013	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Tanglewood Park, 9 a.m. (Leaders: Ann Newsome, Sven Halling)
January 16, 2013	Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 6 p.m.
January 18-21, 2013	Winter Weekend Trip – Huntington Beach, SC (Trip Leader: Rob Rogers)
January 22, 2013	Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., “Birds of

Botswana," Susan Jones and Ron Morris

January 26, 2013

Historic Bethabara Park Cleanup – 9 a.m. at wetland (Leader: Pam Wooten)

Join Us at Huntington Beach

Our Winter 2013 weekend excursion heads to Huntington Beach State Park and nearby birding spots in South Carolina. The dates are January 18-21. The park is famous for its variety of habitats. We will spend Saturday at the park visiting areas such as the causeway, the marsh, the carriage path and the jetty. Check the park website: <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/huntingtonbeach/introduction.aspx>.

Birding possibilities for Sunday include Brookgreen Gardens, Georgetown Water Treatment Plant, Litchfield Beach and Waccamaw Middle School, where Red-cockaded Woodpecker is a possibility.

Our base of operations will be the "Oceanfront Litchfield Inn" of Pawley's Island <http://litchfieldinn.com/>. There are a variety of rooms ranging from \$52-\$72/ night up to \$162/ night for a suite. If we book 10 rooms, the meeting area will be free of charge. Make your reservations and let Rob know that you plan to go – rogers10@triad.rr.com, 336-971-0439.

See "Birds of Botswana" in January

Chapter members Susan Jones and Ron Morris visited South Africa and Botswana this summer only a few days apart. At our chapter meeting on January 22, they collaborate on a photo essay about the "Birds of Botswana." Ron is former curator of the N.C. Zoological Park, and Susan

is a world birder extraordinaire. We meet at the Historic Bethabara Park Visitor's Center, with socializing at 7 and the program at 7:30.

Winter Superflight Hitting Our State

This season is being called the winter of the superflight. Northern finches and other birds are moving south in record numbers. Here in Forsyth County, birders already are seeing high numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Purple Finches and Pine Siskins. Common Redpolls, Evening Grosbeaks and both Red and White-winged Crossbills have been reported elsewhere in the state. Watch your feeders.

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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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