

Whistler

April — May 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 3, 2012 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| April 14, 2012 | Second Saturday Bird Walk — Miller Park (Leader: Nathan Gatto), 8 a.m. |
| April 18, 2012 | Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 5:30 p.m. |
| April 21, 2012 | Historic Bethabara Park Cleanup, 9 a.m., daycare center next to wetland. |
| April 24, 2012 | Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m. , Kim Brand, “Lights Out Winston-Salem.” |
| April 28, 2012 | Day Trip to Mt. Jefferson State Park (Leader: Ron Morris), details TBA |
| April 28, 2012 | PEA Earth Day Fair, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. |
| May 1, 2012 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| May 5, 2012 | Forsyth Spring Bird Count and Birdathon (Contact: Ron Morris) (see below). |
| May 12, 2012 | Second Saturday Bird Walk — Reynolda Gardens (Leader: Bill Gifford), 8 a.m. |
| May 12, 2012 | New River Corridor IBA Bird Surveys (Leader: Ron Morris) – details TBA. |
| May 13, 2012 | Hanging Rock Spring Bird Count (Leader: Phil Dickinson), 8 a.m., Visitor’s Center. |
| May 16, 2012 | Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 5:30 p.m. |
| May 22, 2012 | Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m. , Prof. Lynn Moseley, “Leks, Sex and the Buff Breasted Sandpiper” |
| June 1-3 | Spring Field Trip – Great Smoky Mountains (Leader: Rob Rogers) (see below) |
| June 1-3 | Audubon North Carolina Annual Meeting – Wilmington, NC |

Spring Bird Count and Birdathon

On Saturday May 5th, dozens of Forsyth Audubon birders will fan out around the county for our Spring Bird Count and Birdathon. It will be the height of the season for warblers and other neotropical migrants, so join us for this fun event.

The Spring Bird Count also is our annual Birdathon fundraiser. Half of the money contributed supports our local chapter programs. The other half goes to support Audubon North Carolina coastal sanctuaries. Pledge an amount per bird or whatever you can. Ask your friends and neighbors, too. By the way, we usually find 120 species give or take a few.

Watch for our website and forsythbirds for more information about Birdathon. To take part in the count, email Ron Morris at ronmorris@triad.rr.com.

Spring in the Smokies

Our Spring Field Trip will head to the Great Smokey Mountains on June 1 – 3. We will visit the Cataloochee section of Great Smokey Mountains National Park, where there is a resident elk herd, historic settlement buildings and lots of woodland birds. We also will bird along the Blue-Ridge Parkway, carpool down the Heintooga Ridge Trail, and search for Black-capped Chickadees and Peregrine Falcons. Rob Rogers is still planning

itinerary details, so stay tuned for more information. Rob can be contacted at rogers10@triad.rr.com. This was a great trip 11 years ago, and it's time we returned.

Lights Out Winston-Salem

Each year, perhaps a billion migrating birds fall victim to collisions with buildings. Buildings in Chicago, New York and other cities turn off lights at 11 p.m. during migration to reduce these accidents. On March 15, Lights Out Winston-Salem began with volunteers patrolling 13 downtown locations at 6:30 a.m. for dead and injured birds. Led by Allison Sloan and Kim Brand, this project also encourages building owners and managers to follow the lead of other cities and dim their lights. At our April 24th chapter meeting, Kim shares information about Lights Out, here and elsewhere. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Historic Bethabara Visitors Center.

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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