

Whistler

November - December, 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3, 2015	Board Meeting – Arbor Acres, 7 p.m.
November 12, 2015	Forsyth Audubon/Habitat for Humanity Native Plant Project, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
November 14, 2015	Second Saturday Bird Walk–Muddy Creek GW, 9 a.m. (Leader: David Disher)
November 14, 2015	Start of Project Feeder Watch: www.feederwatch.org
November 18, 2015	Birds and Beer – Five Points Restaurant, 109 S. Stratford Rd., 6 p.m.
November 21, 2015	Forsyth/T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Walk–TBA, Guilford Co.
November 24, 2015	Chapter Meeting – Film: Owl Power– Bethabara Visitors Center, 7 p.m.
November 30, 2015	Monday Bird Walk – Salem Lake, 9 a.m. (Leader: Cynthia Donaldson)
December 1, 2015	Board Meeting – Arbor Acres, 7 p.m.
December 12, 2015	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Tanglewood County Park, 9 a.m. (Leader: TBA)
December 16, 2015	Birds and Beer — Five Points Restaurant, 109 S. Stratford Rd., 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2015	Christmas Bird Count—Hanging Rock State Park, 8 a.m. (Contact: Jean Chamberlain)
December 19, 2015	Forsyth County Christmas Bird Count (Contact: Ron Morris)

Become an Audubon Ambassador on Climate Change:

Audubon North Carolina is looking for Ambassadors on Climate Change. Can you volunteer five hours a month for the benefit of our birds, other wildlife and people? There are a host of things you can do, and you probably already do some of them: take part in Christmas Bird Counts, add bird-friendly native to your garden, talk to your neighbors about birds and climate change, write legislators about it. Sign up now for an Audubon Ambassador workshop to learn more about the issue and how you can help. On November 16, there will be a workshop close by in Greensboro from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chapter Wins Grant for Film on Wood Thrush!

Audubon Society of Forsyth County has been awarded a \$5,000 Climate Grant from the National Audubon Society. Using these funds and a supplementary \$500 Toyota Together Green Grant from Audubon North Carolina, the chapter will collaborate with The Climate Listening Project of Asheville, N.C. to produce a video that tells the story of one of our favorite birds – the Wood Thrush.

The chapter has a special connection to this woodland bird with an ethereal flute-like song. Over the past two years, Forsyth Audubon partnered with Audubon's International Alliances Program and the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center tag Wood Thrushes with GPS locators to track their annual movements. Members and friends of the chapter raised \$15,000 and volunteered more than 900 hours in support of this effort. And, it was a happy coincidence to discover that one local bird traveled to Belize, where the chapter already had sent a team to support Belize Audubon Society's fledgling bird conservation program.

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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The video will seek to weave together stories about the impacts of climate change on birds and people through the eyes of the Wood Thrush as it travels between North Carolina and Belize. With this video, Forsyth Audubon seeks to inspire community conversations about how climate change affects life on our planet.

Forsyth Audubon/Habitat for Humanity Native Plant Project Volunteers

Needed:

Plant native plants at 1023 W. 14th St. (corner of University Pkwy. and 14th St.). Six to eight Audubon volunteers needed to supervise and educate about 30 Habitat for Humanity volunteers about planting techniques, birds and Audubon.. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - come when you can and stay for whatever time you can.

Contact: Don Lendle, Conservation Chair

November Chapter Meeting Film:

Owl Power

Bird trainers Lloyd and Rose Buck and their very special family of owls, eagles, falcons, geese, pigeons, and two newly-hatched Barn Owls - Luna and Lily - provide a rare opportunity to learn more about these unique birds.

Social half-hour starts at 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting/Film begins at 7:30 p.m.

Forsyth County Christmas Bird Count:

On December 19, count birds around the county as part of National Audubon Society's 114th annual Christmas Bird Count. We will recap the results at a count dinner in the evening - location to be announced. No fee this year.

Contact **Ron Morris** to participate.