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Forsyth Audubon Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

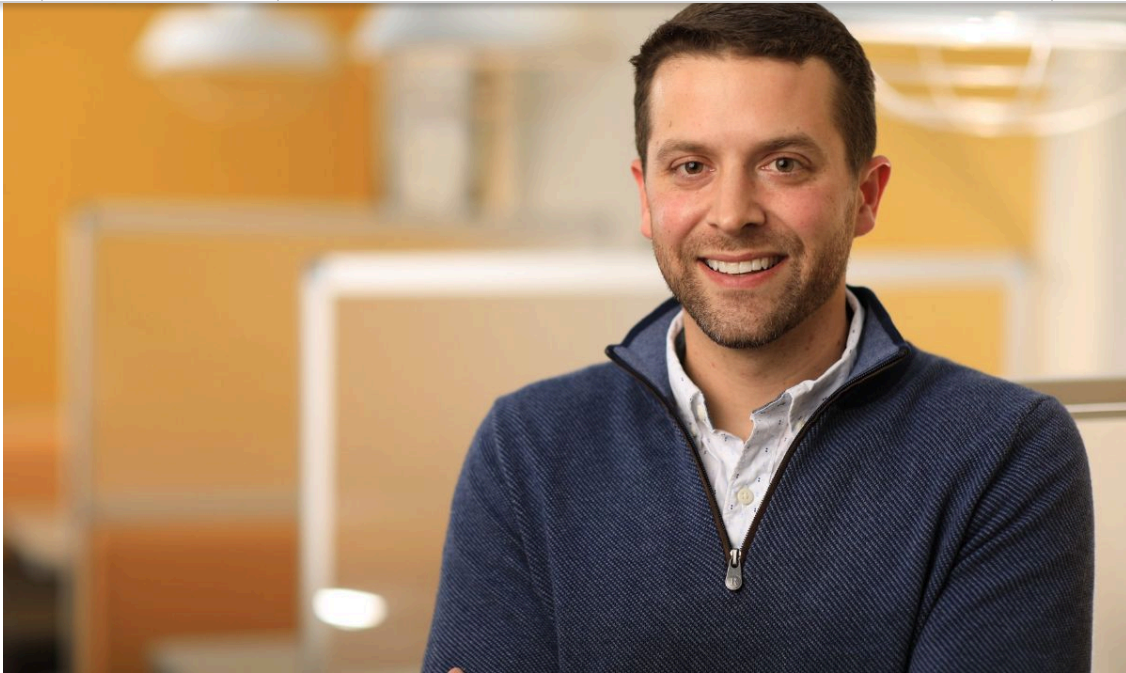
Forsyth Audubon Monthly Chapter Meeting

Come Join Us on **September 24th** for the First Chapter Meeting of the 2024-2025 Season!

We will meet at Highland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall - 2381 Cloverdale Avenue, WS, NC 27103. Enter the building through the wide, white middle door that borders the parking lot; NOT the Cloverdale entrance that faces the church.

Social time begins at 6:30, program begins at 7:00 PM

Former Forsyth Audubon President Nathan Gatto will speak on "Pelagic Adventures Between the Gulf Stream and California Current"



Nathan Gatto, well-known and admired by many Forsyth area birders, has been interested in birds since the age of four. His birding addiction started by collecting bird feathers and trying to see new species at Miller Park. His first job was with the US Forest Service and the University of Georgia, conducting bird and flora surveys in the Nantahala district out of Coweeta station. After graduate school, he purchased Wright's Birding Center with his wife Sarah to continue their love of all things bird-related as a business. Nathan enjoys all types of birding except for hawk watching! Currently, Nathan is working with his two daughters to foster the same love of nature while still chasing rare birds.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: "LIGHTS OUT" PROJECT COORDINATOR

Do you have a passion for helping protect migrating warblers, thrushes and other songbirds? If so, Forsyth Audubon needs an individual who is interested in serving as the contact person for the Chapter's Lights Out Program. Fall migration is about to get into full swing and so it's important for local residents and businesses to be reminded of the dangers that lights left on after dark create for nocturnal migrating birds. The program is described on our website: <https://forsythaudubon.org/lights-out/>

What does this position entail?

- 2) Serve as the liaison between Forsyth Audubon and the City of Winston-Salem's Sustainability Department who is also interested in promoting the Lights Out program.
- 3) Post information about Lights Out on the Forsyth Audubon FaceBook page.
- 4) Respond to inquiries about Lights Out sent to Forsyth Audubon.
- 5) Optional: Join the Conservation Committee which meets approximately 4-6 times a year.

To express interest please email Chris Marsh, President,
at cmarshlci@gmail.com

September Young Birders Outing!

September 28 at 9:00 AM

Join us for a very special Young Birders Outing: BIRDING AND GEOLOGY (you might say, Birds Rock!).

This outing will be at the Gateway Nature Preserve at Washington Park. Parking for this outing will be at the Family Services paved parking lot - 1200 S. Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Special expert leader, Jeremy Reiskind, will lead the outing. Jeremy is a lifelong birder and retired Geology Professor, UNC School of the Arts. He will show us birds and teach us about the special geological features and stream ecology of the Washington Park / Gateway Preserve area.

All Young Birders must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We encourage everyone to bring a snack and water. Please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Though this walk is geared for the younger set, ALL AGES are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Volunteers Needed for Apple Festival at Historic Bethabara Park
September 28, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

might want to join the Chapter. Volunteers at the Forsyth Audubon table will share how to become involved with our Chapter, show people how to use the birding app Merlin, share information about our Bird Friendly Habitat program and invite children to make their own bird feeder to take home. To join the fun or learn more contact Shari Burrell at (336) 575-6989 or shariburrell68@gmail.com.

Christmas Bird Count - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 28, 2024

- More Details will follow in November
 - Team Start and End Times Vary
 - We will celebrate with a Count Dinner
 - Compiler: Johnathon Barnett
 - Contact: Ann Robertson
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Friends of the Thomas Trail will hold their first trail maintenance workshop on September 7th, 9-11AM. Birders who enjoy birding the trail are welcome to join!

Landscape architect Tony McGee, who designed and built the Stuart and Emma Thomas Memorial Trail, will introduce trail maintenance basics such as

Please meet at the Reynolda Road trailhead for a 9AM start.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. We recommend sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, and layers to adjust to changing weather. No experience is necessary! We welcome volunteers of all skill levels. Tony and Piedmont Land Conservancy staff will provide guidance and training on-site.

What to bring: a friend (the more the merrier!), water, snacks, work gloves (we have extras if needed), grocery bag for trash pick-up, backpack for stuff, and tools*.

* We provide tools, but some volunteers like to use their own hoes, rakes, hand saws, shovels, or clippers. If you have a weed whacker you are comfortable using, they are always helpful additions.

- Mary Ford and Andrea Thomas, Friends of the Thomas Trail Coordinators

Mark Your Calendar

September 10 - 6:00 PM - Monthly Dinner - River Birch Lodge - 3324 Robinhood Rd. Winston-Salem, NC

September 14 - 8:00 AM - Second Saturday Bird Outing at Black Walnut Bottoms - 5393 Ham Horton Lane, Bethania, NC

September 23 - 9:00 AM - Monday Bird Outing - Historic Bethabara Park - Meet at the Visitors Center

September 24 - 6:30 PM - Monthly Chapter Meeting - Highland Presbyterian Activity Building - 2381 Cloverdale Avenue, Winston-Salem, 27103

September 28 - 9:00 AM - Young Birders Outing - Gateway Nature Preserve / Washington Park - 1200 S. Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

September 28 - 10:00 AM - Apple Festival - Historic Bethabara Park - 2147 Bethabara Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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