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# Forsyth Audubon Newsletter

February 2024



## February Chapter Meeting

NATIVE PLANTS! WHAT ARE THEY? WHY ARE THEY SO IMPORTANT  
FOR WILDLIFE IN WINSTON-SALEM AND BEYOND?

Dr. Bridle will define “native plants” and their critical role in supporting our local wildlife and birds. He will also discuss invasive plants and their impact. He will emphasize the need for ecological restoration one garden and one yard at a time.

Dr. Kenneth A. Bridle has been a professional scientist for over 40 years. Ken was trained as a botanist with emphasis on plant physiology and natural product chemistry (Ph.D.), these interests have been applied to a variety of projects. He has worked as a natural heritage and watershed inventory biologist, field ecologist, science museum exhibits director and environmental consultant.

Ken is the author of several county Natural Heritage Inventories (1998-2002) as well as watershed assessments, wetland delineations and rare plant and animal surveys. He has conducted other local and regional conservation research and restoration projects in North Carolina and around the southeast for a variety of groups.

Ken has long been committed to the Piedmont Triad's natural heritage and conservation. He is a founding member of the Dan River Basin Association and the Carolina Butterfly Society and has served on the board and been a volunteer for many conservation groups in North Carolina and Stokes County where he lives. He is a past Chair of the Wildlife Resources Commission, Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee which helps to facilitate work and listing of rare animal species in this state, a board on which he served for two decades.

## **Forsyth Audubon Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, February 27th**

**Social Time begins at 6:30, Program starts at 7:00 Join us at Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building 2381 Cloverdale Avenue (just across Cloverdale Avenue from the church). The parking lot is flat and well-lighted. Enter**

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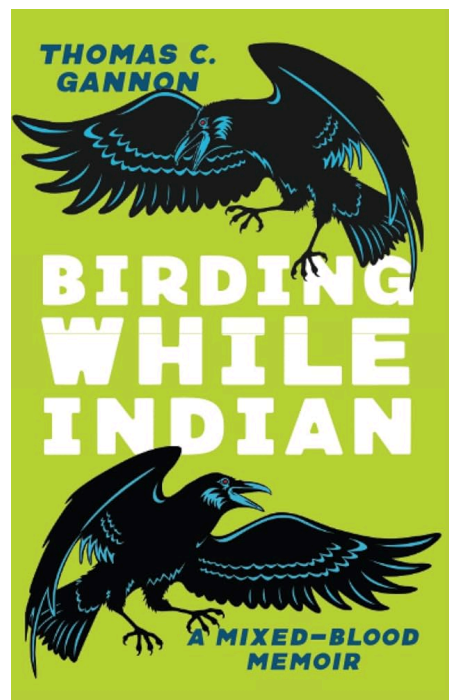
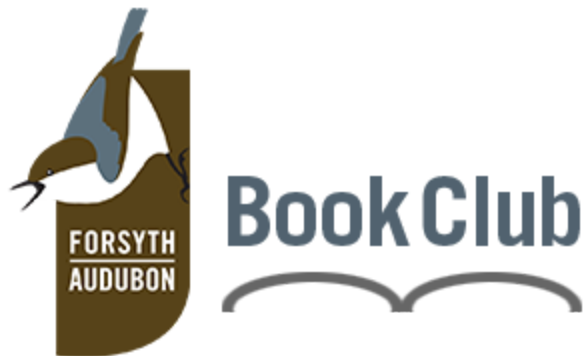


## Great Backyard Bird Count!

It's February, and that means it's time once again for the Great Backyard Bird Count! The Great Backyard Bird Count is a fun way to learn about the birds in your neighborhood, AND an important way to contribute to Citizen Science. The Great Backyard Bird Count started in 1998 and allows for a snapshot of birds right before one of their annual migrations. The data accumulates in the eBird database, which is used in over 100 scientific publications. If you've never participated before, or would like a refresher on how to get started, click on the link for some helpful hints: <https://www.audubon.org/news/how-take->

photos of your feathered friends during the Great Backyard Bird Count, please share them with Forsyth Audubon! Send them to [forsythaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:forsythaudubon@gmail.com), or share them with us on our [Facebook](#) page. We love photos!

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## Book Club

Our Book Club meets on Zoom the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM. Email [Hannah Addair](#) for the Zoom link.

February 18th at 4:00 PM: Birding While Indian: A Half-Blood Memoir by Thomas C. Gannon

March 17th at 4:00 PM: The Feminist Bird Club's Birding for a Better World: A Guide to Finding Joy and Community in Nature by Milly Adams and Sydney



Visit Winston-Salem local bookstore, Bookmarks, and use coupon code **20AUDUBON** to receive 20% off online and in store.

<https://www.bookmarksnc.org/forsyth-audubon%E2%80%99s-book-club>

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### Want to go Plirding?

What is Plirding? Picking up trash while birding! This is our first Plirding date for 2024!

When: Sunday, February 18, 9:00-10:30 am

Details: Meet in the parking lot behind Bethabara Moravian Church. This connects to a flat, wide, paved path. We will walk the Lower Bethabara Trail that travels behind the palisade next to Monarcas Creek. First we will enjoy birds and count for the Great Backyard Bird Count. On the return trip, we will collect any trash we have seen along the trail. Bethabara Moravian Church 2100 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem [map](#)

What to bring suggestions: used empty plastic bags, gloves, shoes that can get wet, binoculars (Also some will be available to borrow.) trash grabber

Sign-up by Friday, Feb. 16 by emailing Joy Rochester, [jimnjoy@triad.rr.com](mailto:jimnjoy@triad.rr.com)

Sign-up required in case of date changes due to weather.

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### Forsyth Audubon Monthly Dinner

We meet at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at River Birch Lodge on Robinhood Road, <https://riverbirchlodge.com>. Our group reservation will be under Forsyth Audubon.

There is no formal program, just a fun get together to share conversation about birds, nature, conservation or anything else that comes up. Come for a drink and/or a meal. There is a full menu of appetizers, sandwiches and dinner entrees.

Our next dinner will **Tuesday, February 13th**. Let us know if you are planning to come. Send an email [forsythaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:forsythaudubon@gmail.com) with your name and total number of people including yourself.

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### Upcoming Outings

**February 10** - 8:30 AM - Second Saturday Bird Outing - Meet outing leader David Disher at the Linville Road entrance to Salem Lake. Click [here for map](#).

**February 18** - 9:00 AM - Pliriding at Historic Bethabara Park- Meet Joy Rochester in the parking lot behind Bethabara Moravian Church, 2100 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem. This connects to a flat, wide, paved path. We will walk the Lower Bethabara Trail that travels behind the palisade next to Monarcas Creek.

**February 26** - 9:00 AM Monday Bird Outing - Meet outing leader Ann Newsome at the parking lot of the Bethabara Visitor Center, 2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem. We hope to see sparrows, woodpeckers, kinglets and a variety of other birds.

**March 9** - Evening Woodcock Watch at Muddy Creek Greenway -more details to come!





**Save the Date:** Forsyth Audubon member David Collins will be having an exhibit of photographs at the Yadkinville Cultural Arts Center in May. Photos will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the Arts Center, NC Audubon and Forsyth Audubon. There will be an opening reception on **May 2 from 5 PM to 7 PM** at the Welborn Gallery of the Yadkinville Cultural Arts Center. More details to come!

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### Spring Bird Counts Scheduled

SPRING WILL ARRIVE! SAVE THE DATES!



HOO'S WHERE? AND HOW MANY?

That is what we'll seek to discover in three local bird counts:

Hanging Rock Spring Count: Wednesday, May 1st





### Mark your Calendar

**February 10** - 8:30 AM Second Saturday Bird Outing - Linville Road entrance to Salem Lake

**February 13 -6:00 PM** – Forsyth Audubon Monthly Dinner – We will meet at River Birch Lodge on Robinhood Road. RSVP to [forsythaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:forsythaudubon@gmail.com).

**February 16 - February 19** - [Great Backyard Bird Count](#)

**February 18** - 9:00 AM Pliriding at Bethabara - meet at the parking lot behind Bethabara Moravian Church

**February 18** - 4:00 PM - Book Club - [Birding While Indian: A Mixed-Blood Memoir](#)

**February 26** - 9:00 AM - Monday Bird Outing - Bethabara Trails - Meet at the

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**February 27 - 7:00 PM - Chapter Meeting - Highland Presbyterian Church**  
Activity Building Social time starts at 6:30. Program with Dr. Ken Bridle

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