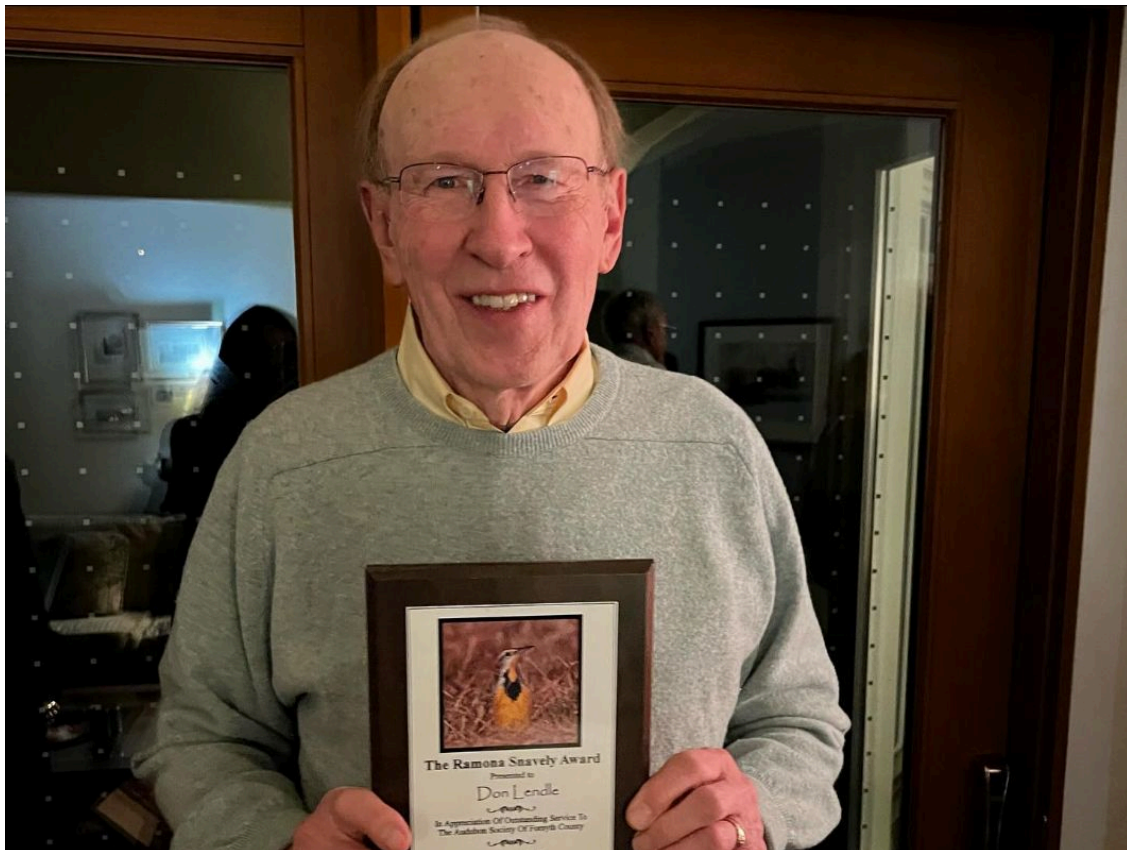


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# Forsyth Audubon Newsletter

January 2024



**Don Lendle wins Snively Award**

chapter founder and matriarch Ramona Snavelly, was instituted in 2007. At our Christmas Bird Count Dinner on December 30th, Forsyth Audubon president Chris Marsh presented the Ramona Snavelly award to Don Lendle.

Don served as Chapter President of Forsyth Audubon for three years. But that really doesn't tell the story of all that he does. He is always willing to offer to lead bird outings, attends Advocacy Days in Raleigh, he can be counted on to join our Clean and Green clean-ups of the Bethabara Wetlands, and does so many other things "behind the scenes" to help our organization, help the environment, and help the birds. He led the effort with Habitat for Humanity to plant native plants at their Education Complex, including a rain garden, and native plant landscaping for Habitat houses. While he was chapter president he created the Advocacy Committee and recruited our first Advocacy Chair, and created the EDIB Committee (Equity Diversity Inclusion and Belonging) and recruited our first EDIB Chair. He kept our "flock" together during Covid, when we weren't able to meet in person, or even have bird outings. He gently, yet persistently introduced the rest of the board to the wonders and frustrations of a "Zoom Meeting." Don continues to make our organization stronger by his quiet good works.





Don participating at one of the Bethabara Wetlands Clean Up Days.

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## January Chapter Meeting

Join us for “State of the Birds 2024” with Audubon NC Executive Director **Curtis Smalling**.

What are the biggest opportunities and challenges for bird conservation in NC in 2024 and beyond? How are emerging social, economic, and ecological realities impacting our work? What is Audubon doing, thinking and planning for those realities, at the national, state, and local level? With a new national Audubon strategic plan announced last year, we will explore how our approach will shape the next decade and beyond. Most importantly, we will discuss how you can help birds in the places you live, work, and play.

Curtis Smalling is currently the Director of Conservation and Interim Executive Director of Audubon NC. In these roles, he is responsible for the Working Lands, Coastal Sanctuaries, and Bird Friendly Communities and Policy programs for Audubon North Carolina. Audubon North Carolina, a state office of the National Audubon Society, represents over 50,000 supporters and nine local chapters and six college campus chapters across North Carolina. Founded in 1902, Audubon North Carolina builds upon a rich heritage of conserving and restoring ecologically valuable land we share with all wildlife by focusing on the needs of birds.

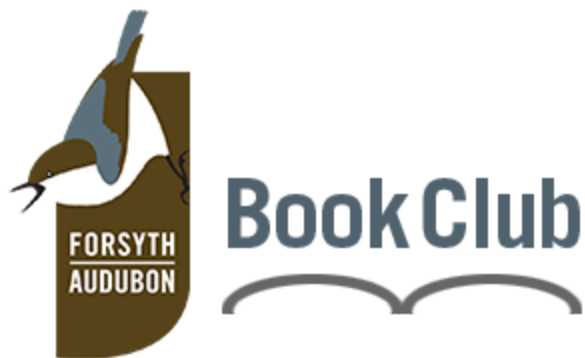
## **New Meeting Location**

**Forsyth Audubon Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, January 23rd**

**Social Time begins at 6:30, Program starts at 7:00**

**We will be meeting at a new location this month. Join us at**

Cleveland Avenue just across Cleveland Avenue from the church). The parking lot is flat and well-lighted. Enter through the side of the building that borders the parking lot, not the door that faces the street.



## Book Club

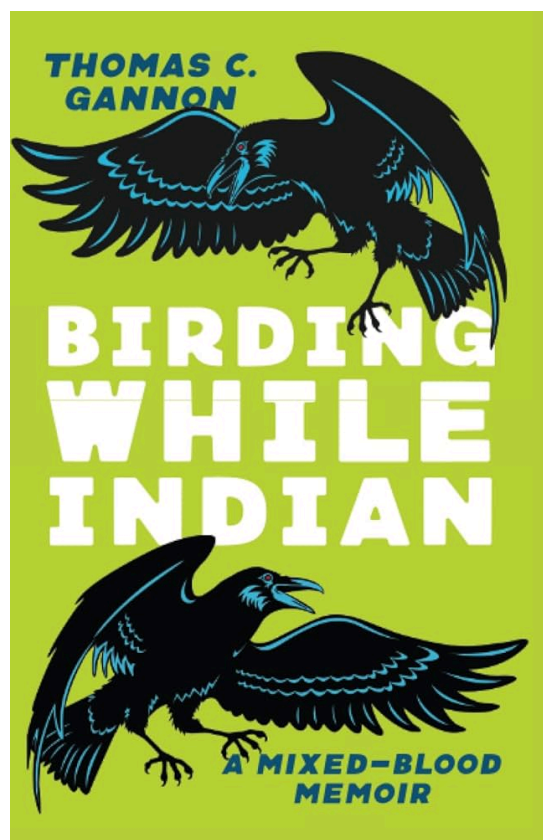
Our Book Club meets on Zoom the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM. Email [Hannah Addair](#) for the Zoom link.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on **January 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM**: Ten Birds That Changed the World by Stephen Moss

In February, we will discuss Birding While Indian: a Half-Blood Memoir by Thomas C. Gannon. We will meet on February 18th at 4:00 PM.

code **20AUDUBON** to receive 20% off online and in store.

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### Botany at Bethania

Join us on January 9th for an outing at Bethania to learn about winter plants! Meet Lisa Gould in the parking lot of the Bethania Visitor Center at 10 AM for a walk along the Black Walnut Bottoms Trail to learn about winter plants of interest along the trail. The Bethania Visitor Center is located at 5393 Ham Horton Lane in Bethania.

photo of Winterberry Holly by Cara Woods from our website section on [Native Plants](#)

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### Forsyth Audubon Monthly Dinner

We meet at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at River Birch

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 **this Tuesday, Tuesday, January 9th**. Let us know right away 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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### We Came, We Saw, We Counted!

We don't have all the results finalized from our Christmas Bird Count, but we had over 90 amazing volunteers spread throughout the count circle on December 30th braving chilly conditions in search of birds. Thank you everyone for your hard work! Thank you to Ann Robertson and Emily Read for providing photos of the SECCA count team and the Washington Park/Civitan Count teams in action. Many thanks to count compiler Johnathon Barnett, to Ann Robertson for organizing our count teams, and to Deirdre Herrington for hosting our count dinner.

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### Upcoming Outings

**Tuesday, January 9 - 10:00 AM - Botany Outing** - Bethania Black Walnut Bottoms - meet plant expert Lisa Gould in the parking lot of the Bethania Visitor Center and walk along the Bethania Black Walnut Bottom Trail looking for winter plants of interest.

**Saturday, January 13 - 8:30 AM** - Second Saturday Bird Outing - Washington Park - Leader Dr. Saubhagya Silwal will meet us in the parking lot of Washington Park off of Broad Street.

**Saturday, January 20 - 9:30 AM** - (note later start time) Young Birders Outing - Salem Lake Linville Road Entrance -please dress warmly, layers work well, and wear closed-toe sturdy shoes. Consider bringing snacks and beverages for your young birders. Join leader Chris Marsh to look for wintering water fowl and other fauna and flora along the way. All are welcome but this outing is designed for our young birders. Meet in the parking area of the Linville Road entrance to Salem Lake.

**Monday, January 22 - 9:00 AM** - Monday Bird Outing - Tanglewood Yadkin River Trail - Meet in the parking area near the dog park to carpool in to Tanglewood, or meet at the Trail head to the Yadkin River Trail. To get to the dog park parking area, after turning in to the Tanglewood entrance, take a left on North Trail Road (before you get to the gate house), and follow North Trail Road until you see the dog park on your left and a paved parking lot on your right. To get to the Yadkin River Trail, proceed into the park, and follow signs for the BMX track. The small gravel parking lot is across from Skilpot Lake at the entrance to the road for the BMX track. Outing leader Rob Rogers will lead this outing on the Yadkin River Trail.

*December*

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker photo taken by Doug DeNeve on the December outing at Salem Lake

**Mark your Calendar**

**January 9 - Botany Outing with Lisa Gould - 10 AM Bethania Black Walnut Bottoms**

**January 9 -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).

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**January 22 - 9:00 AM - Monday Bird Outing - Tanglewood Yadkin River Trail**

**January 23 - 7:00 PM - Chapter Meeting - New Location - Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building** Social time starts at 6:30.



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