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Forsyth Audubon Newsletter

May 2024



May Chapter Meeting

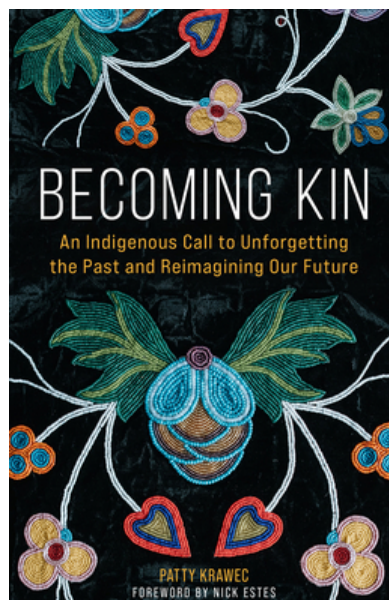
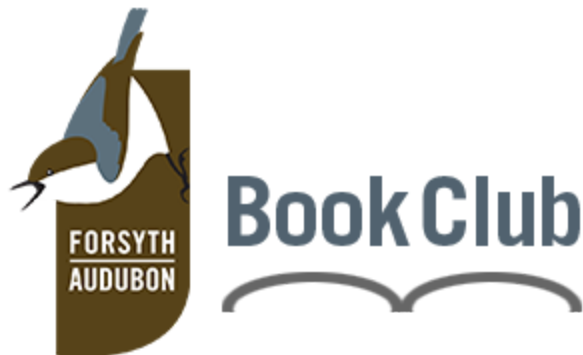
Please join us May 28th to hear from author Dr. Elizabeth Hilborn. Dr. Elizabeth Hilborn is a veterinarian and honeybee specialist who has also worked as a disease detective with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When her North Carolina farm was damaged by toxic chemicals — a combination of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides, including glyphosate,

new memoir, narrates this experience, stating that “In the natural world, going out with a sense of curiosity really helps.” It is curiosity that led her to investigate the causes of the damage to her farm. She says that the type of damage that her family was dealt is reversible, but consumers need to be educated about their options and the power of their money. “I hope that I left space for hope,” Hilborn said. “All of this is under our control.”

Tuesday, May 28th

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

**Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building 2381 Cloverdale Avenue
(just across Cloverdale Avenue from Highland Presbyterian Church)**

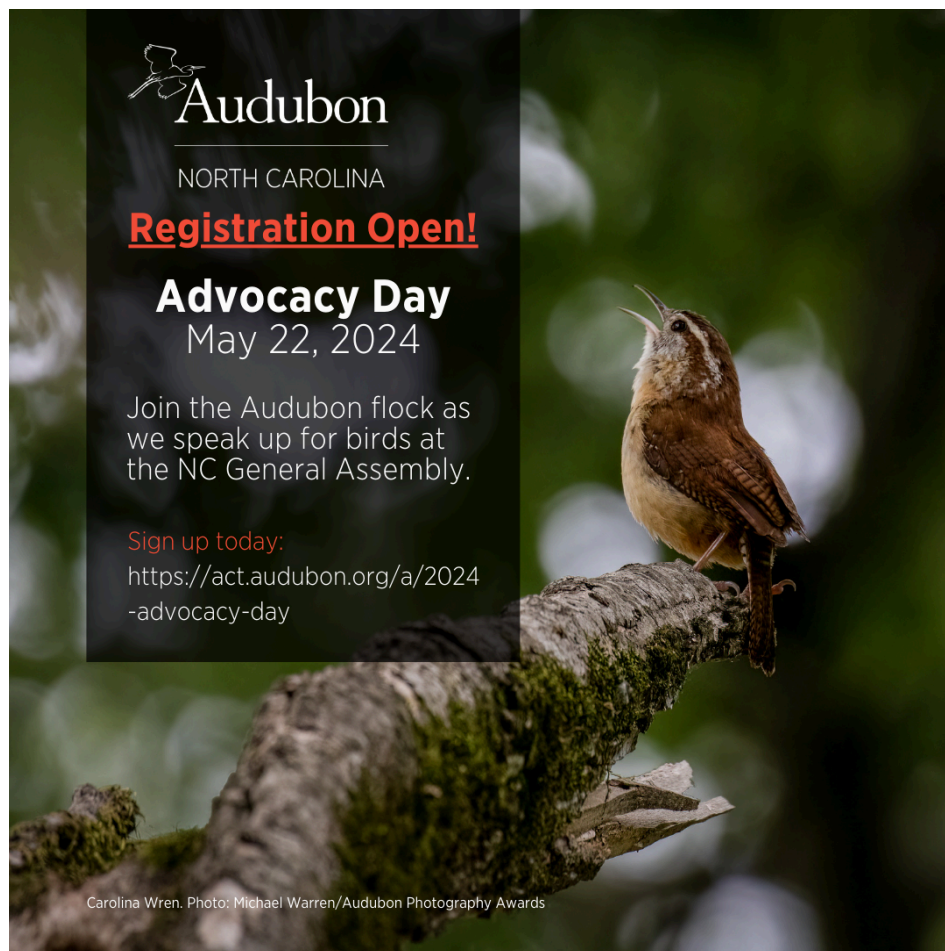


Book Club

May 19th at 4:00 PM: Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future by Patty Krawec

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

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



Carolina Wren. Photo: Michael Warren/Audubon Photography Awards

Last Chance to Register for Advocacy Day!

Registration for Advocacy Day closes May 6th. There is no better way to speak up for protections for birds and people than to meet with your local lawmaker. Join others from Forsyth Audubon and other chapters across the state on Wednesday, May 22 nd at the NC General Assembly in Raleigh to

so that it is an easy and enjoyable day for all. If you have questions about the event, reach out to a Board member or our advocacy chairperson.

[Register now for Advocacy Day 2024 on Wednesday, May 22.](#)

An Invitation to join our Communications Team

Greetings!

I hope everyone is enjoying one or more of the many monthly Chapter activities! May is transition month for our Chapter. This is when board members and chairs who have served their terms step down, and the next cohort of volunteers step in. The Chapter is now seeking volunteers in the areas of communication and IT support for monthly meetings.

First of all, a very huge “thank you” to Heather Moir who has almost single-handedly done communications for the past five years! Also, thanks to Hannah Addair, who has been coordinating the Chapter’s social media communications for the past two years.

Due to the variety of tasks associated with communications, the Chapter is seeking to assemble a team of at least three or four people to become the Chapter’s Communication Committee. The Communications Committee does the following:

- sends out a monthly e-Newsletter which contains information received from the chairs of the other committees,
- updates the online website calendar,
- sends out additional email reminders about upcoming programs and opportunities,
- keeps the Forsyth Audubon email list up-to-date,
- monitors the forsythaudubon@gmail.com account and forward messages to appropriate board members
- maintains Chapter’s Facebook page, and
- maintains the Chapter’s Instagram account.

and Hannah will continue to be available to provide logistical support to their successors. Jean Chamberlain, our website manager, will provide technical support as well.

The Chapter is also looking for one or more individuals who can provide IT support at the monthly meetings. In particular, the Chapter would like to start having hybrid Zoom meetings, meaning that people at home could view the programs live online via Zoom. Now that the Chapter is holding its monthly meetings at Highland Presbyterian Church, we have the capacity to do this. Since September 2023 in person attendance at monthly meetings has ranged from 25 to 81 individuals which is only a fraction of our membership. By also providing the ability to view meetings online, we could also reach members who are home bound or have work and/or family responsibilities that currently prevent them from attending in person.

If you are interested in helping with one or more of these tasks, please contact me at cmarshlci@gmail.com.

Thanks!
Chris Marsh
President

Forsyth Audubon Monthly Dinner

We will meet at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, May 14th, 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

Let us know if you are planning to come. Send an email forsythaudubon@gmail.com with your name and total number of people including yourself. Note that this month our reservation is at 6:15!

Thank you Volunteers!

Spring is a busy time for Forsyth Audubon. There are so many birds to find, and so many ways that we volunteer to share our love of birds with others in our community. We would like to give a huge thanks to all of those who volunteered at the Piedmont Environmental Alliance Earth Day Fair, and those who led bird walks for various groups for Earth Day events held throughout the community. Our outreach does make a difference!

Thank you too, to all those who counted birds in the rain for our Spring Bird Count. We are grateful to our count compiler Johnathon Barnett, to Ann Robertson for coordinating the count teams, and to Nathan and Sarah Gatto for hosting our count dinner.



Saturday, May 11 - Second Saturday Bird Outing at Miller Park - 8:00

AM Join outing leaders Jane and Craig McCleary at Miller Park. We will meet in the Queen Street parking lot and look for spring migrants and summer residents in the park.

Monday, May 20 - 9:00 AM- Join outing leader David Collins at Yadkin Memorial Park. David will lead a bird outing at the park. Then, travel to the Yadkin Cultural Arts Center to see David's photography exhibit ***Birds Through a Camera's Lens***. Yadkin Memorial Park is located at 1142 Crystal Lane in Yadkinville, NC.



Don't miss it! Forsyth Audubon member David Collins' exhibit of photographs in the Welborn Gallery of the Yadkinville Cultural Arts Center will be on display until June 21st. Photos will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the Arts Center, NC Audubon and Forsyth Audubon. The Yadkin Cultural Arts Center is located at 226 East Main Street in Yadkinville, NC.



Mark your Calendar

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May 19 - 4:00 PM - Book Club - Becoming Kin by Patty Krawec

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May 22 - Advocacy Day

May 28 - Chapter Meeting Social time starts at 6:30, program starts at **7:00 PM**
Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building 2381 Cloverdale Avenue,
Winston-Salem

June 8 - 8:00 AM - Second Saturday Bird Outing - Horizons Park 2835

Please note - we do not hold Chapter Meetings in the summer months. Our Chapter will meet again in September. Bird outings and other events will continue through the summer.



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