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Forsyth Audubon Monthly Newsletter

January 2025

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Forsyth Audubon Monthly Chapter Meeting



Photo: Lindsay Addison

Join us on January 28, 2025 for our chapter meeting with Audubon North Carolina coastal biologist Lindsay Addison! Lindsay will update us on her work tracking coastal bird movements through banding Black Skimmers and putting data loggers on American Oystercatchers and Royal Terns.



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.

This month's program will also be available for viewing via Zoom. Instructions on how to register to view this month's program live via Zoom will be sent out the week prior to the meeting.

Forsyth Audubon Christmas Bird Count Summary

On December 28th, Forsyth Audubon hosted its annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Over 60 people spanning 15 different teams braved the rainy conditions to observe and count as many birds as they could find. The data collected by team members will be compiled and submitted to Audubon as part of the longest running citizen science survey in the world.

Despite the less than ideal conditions, the teams logged an impressive 81 species and thousands of individual birds counted. Noteworthy observations were species such as Baltimore Oriole, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Bonaparte's Gull.

Thank you again to all that were either participants or team leads in this CBC! This couldn't be done without you, and we are already looking forward to next year's CBC.



Ramona Snavelly Award Recipients

On December 28th, 2024, at the Christmas Bird Count dinner (hosted at their house!), Sarah and Nathan Gatto were awarded the Ramona Snavelly Award for their outstanding service to Forsyth Audubon. Sarah and Nathan have each supported Forsyth Audubon by serving in many roles. Nathan held leadership positions for five years (Field Trip Chair 2013-15, Vice President 2015-16, President 2016-18) and followed that hard work with three years at the Christmas Bird Count Compiler (2019-22). Sarah served as Communications Chair from 2016-18. And of course after becoming owners of Wright's Birding Center in 2013 they have promoted appreciation of birds in our community with Forsyth Audubon discounts, bird book lending, binocular donations and by leading bird walks and trips. We are so fortunate to have them, and their two little birders, in Winston-Salem!



Mark Your Calendar

January 14 - 6:00 PM - Monthly Dinner - River Birch Lodge - 3324 Robinhood Rd, Winston-Salem, NC

January 18 - 9:00 AM - Saturday Bird Outing led by Doug DeNeve - Salem Lake Marina - 815 Salem Lake Road Winston-Salem, NC 27107

January 25 - 10:00 AM - Young Birders Outing - Salem Lake Marina - 815 Salem Lake Road Winston-Salem, NC 27107

January 27 - 9:00 AM - Monday Bird Outing led by Bernie Carr - Tanglewood Park Yadkin River Nature Trail (meet at gravel parking lot near BMX track entrance across from Shelter 3 pond)



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