

Whistler

February-March, 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1, 2015	Historic Bethabara Park Cleanup – 9 a.m. (Leader: Pam Wooten)
February 3, 2015	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
February 8, 2015	Day Trip to Lake Hickory and Riverbend Park (Leaders: Craig and Jane McCleary)
February 13-16, 2015	Great Backyard Bird Count – See details at http://gbbc.birdcount.org
February 14, 2015	Second Saturday Bird Walk – Muddy Creek Gr., 9 a.m. (Leader: Nathan Gatto)
February 18, 2015	Birds and Beer – District Rooftop Bar & Grille, 725 N. Trade St., 6 p.m.
February 23, 2015	Monday Bird Walk – Archie Elledge, 9 am. (Leader: Phil Dickinson)
February 24, 2015	Chapter Meeting – Historic Bethabara Visitors Center, 7 p.m., Prof. Miles Silman, WFU, “Birds of Peru”
March 3, 2015	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
March 14, 2015	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Horizons Park, 9 a.m. (Leader: TBA)
March 14-21, 2015	Creek Week – Education events about our streams: see Creek Week
March 15, 2015	Creek Week Bird Walks – Civitan, Muddy Creek, Newell-Massey, 9 -10:30 a.m.
March 18, 2015	Birds and Beer — District Rooftop Bar & Grille, 725 N. Trade St., 6:00 p.m.
March 19, 2015	“End of Night” – Paul Bogard, Lecture at Wake Forest University

March 21, 2015	Historic Bethabara Park Cleanup – 9 a.m. (Leader: Pam Wooten)
March 24, 2015	Chapter Meeting – Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., Brian Bockahn, N.C. Parks, “Backyard Wildlife Enhancements”
March 30, 2014	Monday Bird Walk – Reynolda, 9 a.m. (Leader: TBA).

Great Backyard Bird Count

The 18th annual Great Backyard Bird Count runs February 13 – 16. This is a fun event for new birders, backyard birders, compulsive listers, adults and children. Count birds in your yard, neighborhood or local parks and submit your reports on line at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org>. We will count together on the Second Saturday Bird Walk along the Muddy Creek Greenway.

At the website, you also can track results locally, around the state, across the country and beyond. There also is a photo contest and activities for nature-loving kids.

Creek Week

This year’s Creek Week will be March 14-21. Forsyth Audubon will lead three bird walks on Sunday March 15 along the Salem Creek, Muddy Creek and Newell-Massey Greenways.

Sponsored by the Forsyth County Agricultural extension and the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Dept., Creek Week features a variety of educational activities about the importance of our local streams. For event details, visit <http://forsythcreekweek.com>.

Outer Banks Winter Trip

Lots of birds and lots of fun! That was our trip to the Outer Banks. For highlights, click on the Blog link at www.forsythaudubon.org.

Our Mission: To conserve and restore natural ecosystems — focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and North Carolina’s biological diversity.

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Birds and Climate Change

North America's birds are and will continue to be affected by the impact of climate change on their habitats. Many species that breed, nest, migrate or winter in North Carolina are among those at risk, including our beloved Wood Thrush and Brown-headed Nuthatch. A National Audubon report on birds and climate change is at <http://climate.audubon.org>.

There are just a few things you can do to help our birds adapt to the changes;

- Plant native trees and fruit-bearing shrubs;
- Put up a Brown-headed Nuthatch box;
- Volunteer for Forsyth Audubon conservation projects;
- Support land conservation groups;
- Contact legislators about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Birds of Peru

Miles Silman, WFU Assoc.Prof. of Biology, presents “Birds of Peru” at our February 24th chapter meeting. Socializing begins at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:30 at Historic Bethabara.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat

On March 24th, our chapter meeting features “Backyard Wildlife Enhancements,” presented by Brian Bockhahn, N.C. Parks Education Specialist. Join us at Bethabara at 7 p.m.