

Whistler

September - October 2013



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3, 2013	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
September 12-30, 2013	Hawk Watch – Pilot Mountain State Park (Leader: Phil Dickinson)
September 14, 2013	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Horizon’s Park, 8 a.m. (Leader: Nathan Gatto)
September 17, 2013	Swift Watch – Northwest Middle School, 7 p.m. (Leader: Ron Morris)
September 18, 2013	Birds and Beer — Johanne’s Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.
September 24, 2013	Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., “Breeding Birds of Pee Dee and Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuges,” Will Stuart
September 30, 2013	Monday Bird Walk – Reynolda, 8 a.m. (Leader: TBA)
October 1, 2013	Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
October 5, 2013	Big Sweep Stream Cleanup – Bethabara Wetland, 9 a.m. (Leader: Pam Wooten)
October 12, 2013	Second Saturday Bird Walk — Bethania, 8 a.m. (Leader: Shelley Rutkin)
October 16, 2013	Birds and Beer — Johanne’s Restaurant, 6 p.m.
October 19, 2013	Day Trip — Latta Plantation and Carolina Raptor Center (Leaders: McClearys)
October 22, 2013	Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m., “Why Colombia is #1 in Bird Diversity,” Felipe Estela, Wake Forest Dept. of Biology
October 28, 2013	Monday Bird Walk – Shaffner Park, 8 a.m. (Leader: Jeremy Reiskind)

Count Raptors at Pilot Mountain

Sign up to count migrating raptors during the Pilot Mountain Hawk Watch. Four-hour shifts (or less) are available from Sept. 12-30. Email pdickins@triad.rr.com. Inexperienced birders: come improve your identification skills.

Lights Out Downtown Monitoring

Our efforts to get downtown building owners and managers to turn lights out from 11 p.m. to dawn have reduced bird collisions by a third! We are grateful to Lights Out participating buildings Wells Fargo, Liberty Plaza, R. J. Reynolds historic building, Reynolds American Plaza, and Winston Tower. Daily monitoring runs Sept. 10 – Nov. 30. Up to a 1-hour walk downtown at 6 a.m.? Contact Allison Sloan: allisonlynnsloan@gmail.com.

Thousands of Chimney Swifts

During September, local chimneys offer night-time roosts for hundreds, even thousands, of migrating Chimney Swifts. Join us for Swift Watch on September 17, 7 p.m., at Northwest Middle School on Murray Rd. Check chimneys downtown and at other older area schools, too.

Volunteer at Fall Festivals

Please help Forsyth Audubon spread our message that birds are fascinating, fun and worthy of protection.

1. AppleFest - Sept. 21 - Historic Bethabara Park - 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 2. Black Walnut Festival - Sept. 28 - Bethania - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Contact Tara Bohley: tbohley@triad.rr.com.

Program Features Sandhills Nesters

On September 25, our chapter meeting features Will Stuart presents "Breeding Birds of Pee Dee and Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuges." Will, a member of Mecklenburg

Audubon and the Carolina Nature Photographers Assn., is intimately familiar with these two very different habitats. Socializing begins at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:30 at the Historic Bethabara Visitor's Center, 2147 Bethabara Rd.

Belize – January 2014

You can head for tropical sunshine while it's 40 degrees and raining in Winston-Salem - and help Belize Audubon protect our shared birds at the same time. Belize Audubon and our collaborators from Audubon's international program have come up with a working/playing itinerary that includes bird surveys, plus time for visiting blue holes and the renowned Belize Zoo. Cost is around \$1200 per person, plus food and transportation to/from the airport in N.C. Contact Kim Brand for the itinerary and more information: kim.b.brand@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is September 30.

Urban Bird Habitats

Forsyth Audubon and Habitat for Humanity will join forces to create bird-friendly - and people-friendly! - yards and pocket parks in the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood around Kimberley Park Elementary. Kim Brand has been awarded a Toyota TogetherGreen fellowship to lead this project. **Stay tuned** for information on how to become involved.

Save the Date – February 22

Bird art, birding trips, vacation houses, maybe even a bird tattoo - bid for these items and more at our second-ever live auction on Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Rd. Winston-Salem. All proceeds will benefit Wood Thrush research and conservation. Contact Kim Brand if you're interested in helping plan this fun event: kim.b.brand@gmail.com.

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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