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The Audubon Society of Forsyth County Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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September 9	Second Saturday Birdwalk, Reynolda Gardens 9:00 a.m.
September 26	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks 7:00 p.m. Liz and Tom Schmid, Project Feeder Watch
October 3	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres 7:00 p.m.
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October 8	THE BIG SIT , Tanglewood Park
October 14	Second Saturday Birdwalk, Tanglewood Park 9:00 a.m.
October 24	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks 7:00 p.m. TBA

CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 26th

Join us for the first chapter meeting of the 2006/07 year! Long-time ASFC members (and proprietors of Wild Birds Unlimited in High Point) Liz and Tom Schmid will be talking about Project Feeder Watch on Tuesday, September 26th. The talk begins at Sciworks at 7:30 p.m., with refreshments served at 7:00.

For further information on Project Feeder Watch, see www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw. This site includes general information about the project, and instructions for participation.

See page 3 of this newsletter for a full listing of ASFC talks and activities for the coming year!

FALL TRIP: NEW RIVER IBA

The ASFC is planning its second survey of the New River IBA. We plan to meet at the McDonald's on US 221 in West Jefferson at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23. We will be met there by Doug Monroe, a guide for the Bluff Mountain Nature Preserve. Bring binoculars, a picnic lunch, water, a hat, sun screen and good walking shoes. The hike is a moderate one of about two miles, sometimes over a bit of rocky terrain. We will bird (look up — it's hawk migration!) and botanize our way over eleven natural communities. On the southeast side of the mountain is Bluff Mountain's most celebrated natural feature, a twenty-five acre plateau consisting of a glade and a southern Appalachian fen, a wetland similar to a bog.

After our time at Bluff Mountain, we will make the short drive to Jefferson to the Best Western Eldreth Inn (see www.bestwesternnorthcarolina.com or call 336-246-8845 or 800-221-8802). This is a convenient hotel for both Bluff Mountain and the New River Corridor. They take AAA and AARP and breakfast is included with your room charge.

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2006-2007 PROMISES TO BE A BIG YEAR

September kicks off a full year of programs, walks and field trips for the Audubon Society of Forsyth County. This month alone you can join our Saturday bird walk, hear Liz and Tom Schmid at SciWorks, watch swifts and hawks, and travel overnight to the Nature Conservancy's Bluff Mountain Preserve and our adopted New River IBA.

Susan Jones has a great slate of speakers, and on October 25 the Forsyth and Greensboro chapters co-host a special program about the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker. New Field Trip Chair Don Adamick will be working on plans for our regular extended winter and field trips, as well as some one-day jaunts. We also will have more IBA activities at New River and Hanging Rock. And, don't forget our Christmas and Spring Birdathon counts.

As our new Conservation Chair, Ann Robertson will keep you abreast of what happens with the OLF landing field, the Navy's proposed sonar range, the Alaska refuge, etc. I also want to welcome Myrna Harris to our Board as our new Treasurer.

As we go forward, take a moment to reflect back on two wonderful people who contributed so much to our Chapter: Ramona Snavely and Bob Witherington. We encourage all of you to share in their legacy and love of birds. Mark the calendar included with this issue.

*Phil Dickinson
President, ASFC*

Kathy Treanor, author of "Forever these Lands: Piedmont Land Conservancy's Protected Places," will speak at the Forsyth County Central Library on **Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 3 p.m.** in the auditorium. The library is located at 660 West Fifth Street in Winston-Salem. The public is invited to attend.

Incorporated in 1990, the Piedmont Land Conservancy is now helping to protect over 11,000 acres of land in Piedmont North Carolina. With a view to the future quality of life for all North Carolina residents, the Land Conservancy's goal is to insure that these natural areas are not forever lost to development. The current value of these protected lands is over three million dollars.

This program is a part of the Library's "On the Same Page" annual community reading project. The selected book for this year is [The Land Breakers](#) by Winston-Salem author John Ehle. For more information, contact the Forsyth County Public Library at 336-703-3020, or visit our website at www.forsythlibrary.org

CONSERVATION CORNER

A few weeks ago Chester and I were driving to Moore County to visit my folks. There is often little of bird interest along 421 on a Sunday morning, but I spied a Turkey Vulture sailing gracefully along and thought, "I want to make the world safe for Turkey Vultures." Sounds a bit silly, perhaps, but it is part of a vision of a world in which people realize that "everything is connected to everything else" and if it isn't good for TVs, it probably isn't good for people either - in the long run, at least.

Of course, with ecological disasters predicted at every turn, and environmental action alerts pouring into the inbox, the task of making the world safe can seem daunting. I felt inadequate until last week when I read a passage written by a wise man a couple of millenia ago. I will amend and abbreviate it a bit to suit our purpose:

"Having gifts that differ. . . let us use them. . . . If service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." So, each of us can play a valuable role and make our unique contributions. Alone, we may not accomplish a great deal but added together, we will make great progress!

And while I personally will never fill long-time Conservation Chair Nancy Sommer's big shoes, I certainly think of her as a benchmark. Therefore, I called to learn about the Forsyth Audubon connection with Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful, which was one of Nancy's causes. Through that organization, ASFC will again participate in "The Big Sweep" on **Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. We are assigned to Miller Park, and will assemble in the Queen Street parking lot. I'm told that Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful will supply doughnuts, pizzas, snacks and drinks at intervals during the event. Please bring your own plastic bags to stash trash, wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Binoculars are also suggested.

For those of you with a green thumb and good back, Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful is also sponsoring a "Bulblitz" on **November 18th from 9:00 to noon**. Please call 727-8013 for details.

Continuing on the theme of "thinking globally, acting locally", most of you probably know that Chimney Rock faces the auction block. As I write it is early August, so the situation may have changed dramatically by the time this newsletter goes to press. For now, at least, a good website to check for details on how you can help save this natural treasure is www.savechimneyrock.net.

As conservation issues come up that I think local birders would want to respond to, I will post information on the forsythbirds listserve. If you don't belong, please consider joining. It is a valuable information link for our local birding community. There is not a great deal of traffic, and most postings are of the "happy" variety as birders share good sightings and photographs. Details may be found at www.forsythaudubon.org.

Ann Robertson

ASFC CALENDAR FOR 2006-2007

Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., Second Saturday birdwalks begin at 9:00 a.m., and chapter meetings start with a social at 7:00 p.m. and a talk at 7:30 p.m.

September 5	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres	January 23	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Chris North, Teeming with Wildlife
September 9	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Reynolda Gardens	February 6	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres
September 26	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Liz and Tom Schmid, Project Feeder Watch	February 10	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Washington Park
October 3	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres	February 16-19	Greater Backyard Bird Count
October 7	Big Sweep , cleanup at Miller Park 9:00 a.m.	February 27	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Christopher Moorman
October 8	The Big Sit , Tanglewood Park	March 6	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres
October 14	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Tanglewood Park	March 10	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Historic Bethabara
October 24	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks TBA	March 27	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Jeff Gordon, The Ivory-Billed Controversy
November 7	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres	April 3	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres
November 11	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Horizons Park	April 14	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Civitan Park
November 11	Start of Project Feeder Watch	April 21	Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful Miller Park cleanup
November 28	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Simon Thompson, Bhutan	April 24	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks 7:00 Will Cook, Butterflies
December 5	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres	May 1	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres 7:00 p.m.
December 9	2nd Saturday Birdwalk and cleanup, Miller Park	May 5	Spring Bird Count
December 30	Christmas Bird Count	May 12	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Reynolda Gardens
January 2	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres	May 19	New River IBA Survey
January 12-15	Winter Field Trip, Savannah and Beaufort	May 22	Chapter Meeting, Sciworks Linda Davis, Australia
January 13	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Salem Lake	June 1-3	Spring Bird Trip, Smokey Mountains
January 20	Miller Park cleanup	June 9	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Tanglewood
		July 14	2nd Saturday Birdwalk and cleanup
		August 7	Board Meeting, Arbor Acres
		August 11	2nd Saturday Birdwalk, Archie Elledge

BULLHEAD MOUNTAIN HAWK COUNTERS NEEDED

After Mahogany Rock hawk watchers watched a 2000 bird double kettle erupt in the distance over Bullhead Mountain in 1994, efforts were made to save Bullhead and establish a hawk watch to compare with that at Mahogany Rock. Though limited documentation of the flight over private land on Bullhead further demonstrated the value of a hawk watch on Bullhead, attempts to facilitate the purchase by the adjacent Blue Ridge Parkway and then Audubon North Carolina failed. When Blue Ridge Rural Land Trust, Blue Ridge Birders, and Conservation Trust for North Carolina finally helped the Mountain become Bullhead State Natural Area in 2000, the establishment of a hawk watch was unexpectedly blocked by State Parks.

Not until discussions between Blue Ridge Rural Land Trust, Blue Ridge Birders, and North Carolina State Parks were finally revived in early 2005 was an agreement consummated to prepare a view site on Bullhead and allow limited access again for a hawk count. A special permit, with a variety of limitations, was issued to the Blue Ridge Birders hawk watch compiler in August 2005, and a few trees were removed in late fall on the agreed watch site to permit a limited view (although too late for the fall 2005 migration).

A spring hawk count from March 1 to May 4, 2006 – the only spring count south of Baltimore reported on line – proved the value of this count site with 339 birds documented, including twenty-two Ospreys, three Bald Eagles, one harrier, all of the expected falcons and significant numbers of Broad-winged Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks and accipiters.

Now we have an opportunity to put the fall count on Bullhead back on line. All we need is a few good counters to document the hourly weather data and raptor numbers on days between September 1 and November 1. Are there days when you could conduct the count on Bullhead?

Or if the permit restrictions, such as the kind of vehicles (four-wheel/all-wheel) or the number of watchers in your party (maximum of five), do not allow you to do Bullhead, could you take on the Mahogany Rock count to free up a hawk counter from there to go to Bullhead only a few miles away? By doing both our longstanding hawk count at Mahogany Rock (celebrating its twentieth year) and Bullhead simultaneously, we hope to discover how consistently different species of hawks utilize certain combinations of thermals and ridge lift under different weather conditions and the varied topography between Bullhead and Mahogany Rock.

If you can help keep the count or if you first need more information, contact Jim Keighton, Mahogany Rock and Bullhead hawk count compiler for Blue Ridge Birders and the Hawk Migration Association of North America, at 336 372-5908 or brbirders@skybest.com.



David Disher

SEARCHING FOR THE IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER

T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon and Audubon of Forsyth County will jointly sponsor a presentation by Dr. Robert Fulton on the Ivory-billed woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*) on **Wednesday, October 25th**. The program will be held at the Triad Girl Scout Learning Center on the Magnolia Manor in Colfax beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cornell University's renowned Lab of Ornithology chose Dr. Fulton to be a member of the team looking for additional documentation verifying the 2004 re-discovery of the "Lord God Bird," long-believed to be extinct.

Dr. Fulton and five other volunteers spent two weeks in April of this year exploring the Bayou de View, a swampy area of Arkansas's Big Woods. In doing so, they worked with Bobby Harrison and Gene Sparling, the two men who made the initial find in 2004.

The program's photos "are... a testimony to the beauty of and benefits from conserving such important places. What the searchers learned is proving to be a bonanza of information — information which Cornell will use to further increase its knowledge of birds and other wildlife."

Copies of a book detailing Dr. Fulton's experiences with the team will be available for purchase after the program.

Contact Gregg Morris at 883-3270 or at gregg.morris@highpointnc.gov. Space is limited to 75, so pre-registration is required. You are welcome to make a small donation to help defray expenses.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON RESCUED, REHABILITATED AND RE- LEASED

Local wildlife rehabilitators Bob and Jean Chamberlain released a Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Miller Park on Thursday evening, May 11th, near Shelter No. 2. The bird bombed out of the carrier faster than I could photograph its flight to freedom and thus happily ended a month-long heroic effort on the part of the Chamberlains, and a concerned vigil by local birders.

The odyssey began on Sunday, April 9th when park visitors noticed an injured YCNH "flopping around" in distress near Shelter No. 2, the Winston-Salem Yellow-crowned Night Heron epicenter for more than two decades now. The bird didn't appear to be seriously wounded, but could not retain its balance. An unknown man contacted the Chamberlains through the **Winston-Salem wildlife hotline, 785-0912**. Susan and Mark Andrews happened upon the heron while the man was gone to obtain a carrier for it. Susan soon became an information conduit between the rehabilitators and Phil Dickinson, who in turn shared updates and solicited help for the rehabilitators from members of the birding community.

When Bob Chamberlain first evaluated the injured heron, he said it had a fifty-fifty chance of survival. It had a wound near its eye, probably having been attacked by another heron or raptor. It had been observed that there were four nests and nine herons, so perhaps this bird lost an attempt to take over a mate or territory. And, in years past birders have witnessed territorial battles between Yellow-Crowned Night Herons and the Cooper's Hawks that also nest in Miller Park.

Regardless of the mysterious source of injury, Bob and Jean determined to beat the odds. They fed the heron three times a day via a tube for a couple of weeks, then massaged food down its neck for a time until it could eat on its own. Once it began to feel better, it had a voracious appetite and was very picky. It preferred the Yellow-Crowned Night Heron's specialty food - crayfish. Since those were difficult to purchase, Jean began crayfishing on the Chamberlains' property. She spent hours each day catching dozens of the crustaceans so that the heron could eat its way to health.

And it did. Thanks to the special skills and incredible dedication of Bob and Jean Chamberlain, the heron had a second chance. Judging by its strong wingbeats as it confidently flew through the woods of Miller Park, their job was well done indeed. With any luck, the heron is now loafing in the post-breeding dispersal as it leisurely makes its way to some nice coastal climate for the winter.

For more information about the work of Wildlife Rehab, Inc., please visit www.wildliferehabinc.org. For raptor rehab specifically, you may contact Jean and Bob Chamberlain at 983-6543 (a Tobaccolville number).

Ann Robertson

The following is a tentative agenda for the November 15 North Carolina Partners in Flight meeting to be held at Weymouth Woods State Natural Preserve near Southern Pines from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., with presentation times and tentative speakers. Further meeting details will be released over the next few months. Mark your calendars now and hold the date!

1:05-1:15	Scott Hartley, NC State Parks Bird Conservation Efforts at Weymouth Woods
1:15-1:45	Pete Campbell, USFWS Sandhills Conservation Trust Partnership
1:45-2:10	Jessie Schillaci, Ft. Bragg MB Fort Bragg Bird Monitoring and Research
2:10-2:40	Jeff Marcus, WRC Sandhills GL Bird Monitoring
2:40-3:00	Adam Bausch, WRC Sandhills CURE Bachman's Sparrow Project
3:00-3:25	Break
3:30-3:45	Carol Price, WRC Wildlife Action Plan, Teaming with Wildlife
3:45-3:55	Susan Campbell Hummingbird Monitoring and Research Update for North Carolina
4:00-4:15	Salinda Daley, WRC NC Birding Trail
4:15-5:00	Other NCPIF Committee Updates and Announcements

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For further information about NC Partners in Flight, see
<http://faculty.ncwc.edu/mbrooks/pif/>

Now is your chance to help our Chapter with the study of our local hawk migration. Between September 15 and September 30, we will be collecting data on the birds seen at Pilot Mountain State Park. We will be working with members of the Piedmont Bird Club and the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society. It is a great way to meet other members of our birding community.

We are looking for volunteers to staff individual time periods during those two weeks. If we get enough people, once or twice for each should provide good coverage. If you're interested, please contact Phil Dickinson at 659-2464 or pdickins@triad.rr.com. Our Board ought that this would be a great project in Ramona Snavelly's memory, since she discovered this migration path.



KC Foggin

NEW RIVER IBA (continued)

Feel free to make whatever arrangements you might want to make, however, as other hotels and camping are available nearby. We will have an orientation for the survey sometime during the afternoon or evening on Saturday. During the spring survey we all carpooled to a friendly restaurant in West Jefferson for dinner the evening before the survey.

On Sunday morning we will all have our survey assignments and will be in the field by 7:00 a.m. We will have six to ten different points per team for the survey. An ideal team would be one recorder and two spotters. Anyone with a GPS unit will be granted Most Favored Person status. We should be finished by 11:00 or 12:00 and be free to stay around and canoe, hike, shop, bird or head home.

Contact Don Adamick (at 766-8436 or dadamick@bellsouth.net) or Phil Dickinson (at 659-2464) or pdickins@triad.rr.com for further information.

BOOK REVIEW

Curtis G. Smalling and Gregory Kennedy. Compact Guide to North Carolina Birds. Auburn, WA: Lone Pine Publishing International, 2006. Pages 4-192.

Curtis Smalling, the mountain area biologist for Audubon North Carolina, co-authored this work with Gregory Kennedy, while Gary Ross, Ted Nordhagen and Ewa Pluciennik provided the color illustrations. This volume is the perfect size for putting in your pocket (at 4.25 x 7.5 inches), and starts with a helpful five page reference guide accompanied by small drawings of the eighty-three birds treated in the book. These species were selected as the "most abundant or noteworthy" birds in the state (although the process of selection is not made any more explicit). The book's opening is useful and accessible, providing an introduction to basic birding at home or on walks. It also includes a list of twenty-three top birding sites in North Carolina, from the mountains to the coast. The book also contains a brief two page glossary, with a diagram of the elements of the bird used in identification which is especially helpful to the novice. Finally, there is a checklist of all 379 birds regularly seen in North Carolina.

Two pages are given over to each of the included species, one of which provides an illustration of each bird with its distinguishing field marks and characteristics pointed out, as well as an interesting fact about the bird ("Did you Know?") as well as its particular marks and/or behaviors ("Look For"). The second page of each entry describes the size, voice, status, habitat, and nesting behavior (including a photo of an egg) of the species, including where to look for it. A map inset is also included to provide a sense of the bird's range and season, along with small pictures of similar birds (this last feature is a great help to the novice birder). This slim volume is rich in marvelous facts about even the most common of birds, including that the heat of the brooding mallard increases the rate of growth of the grass beneath her (which further conceals her nest), that the mourning dove may produce up to six broods a year, and that the male brown thrasher can produce up to three thousand song phrases (the most of any North American bird).

In sum, this is a fabulous book for the beginning birder (including older children), as well as an enjoyable read for those who are more experienced. Moreover, at a cost of only \$13.95, it is a great gift idea for the would be birder!

Susan Rupp

THE RURAL LIFE: THREE BIRDS

Verlyn Klinkenborg

New York Times July 3, 2006

So far, I remain an accidental bird-watcher. I have lots of books about birds and a good pair of binoculars, which I use whenever I see a bird that looks unfamiliar to me. We have year-round bird feeders, and I listen to recorded bird songs, hoping I'll be able to recognize the birds I can't see by their singing. But I have yet to set off actually searching for them. I watch the ones that come to me, the ones that make themselves known in the clearing at the edge of the woods that we inhabit.

Lately, I've been thinking about the volume the birds around us occupy. I don't mean the vast migratory territories they mark out over the course of a year. I mean the spatial dimensions of their ordinary lives among us. This is a thought that has been working away in my head for a long time, ever since I saw a red-winged blackbird perched on a cattail and realized that the bird and the wetland in which the cattail was rooted were nearly synonymous.

"Habitat" sounds awfully general. It turns out to mean not some willful choice — the kind a human would make deciding to live in Dallas rather than in Denver — but a profound correlation. The marsh is who the red-winged blackbird is. The fence post is the meadowlark.

When I first began to notice birds, I thought of them as autonomous creatures whose habitations were simply unconnected matters of fact — as though the pictures of the birds in my bird book could somehow fly free of the pages themselves. But recognizing what you see means, first of all, taking account of where you see it. It becomes clear, sooner or later, that we live in a world of infinitely overlapping and abutting habitats — and that we are one of the rare creatures that are unbound, except in the broadest sense, by place and vocation. It takes an act of will on our part to remember how profoundly, and how beautifully, bound to habitat all the other creatures around us really are.

This thought occurs to me again and again on fine summer evenings, which have been so rare this year, when the phoebes are fluttering after bugs, sometimes pausing on the grass, but swiftly coming to rest on the back of a lawn chair or the very end of a twig. Where the phoebes will not fly, the barn swallows take over, also pursuing insects. Sometimes a swallow will cruise past my head. Compared with the swallow's manner, the phoebe flies a parenthetical flight. And as the two of them take bugs from very different regions of this place of ours — before they retire in favor of the bats — I can hear the catbird hidden in the densest shadow, mewing away. It shows itself just at the edge of the thicket, peering into the clearing where a human sits, hoping that the good weather lasts for a while this time.

The author and New York Times editor Verlyn Klinkenborg is visiting Winston-Salem to give a talk and reading from his recently published book, Timothy, or Notes of an Abject Reptile. Timothy the turtle lived in the garden of the eighteenth-century English curate, naturalist, and early ecologist Gilbert White, author of the classic Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne. Now Klinkenborg has written a charming, entertaining, and wry novel from Timothy's point of view as he observes the relationship between nature and humanity in all its vanity and hypocrisy. Klinkenborg will read from his book and discuss the challenges of representing lives long since past, whether human or reptile, and the communities they shared. That morning we'll have a Turtle Day for children and families, co-sponsored by Reynolda Gardens. This will include a walk to see the Lake Katharine turtles, a lesson by Camilla Wilcox on the ways of turtles, then a studio art making session at the Museum. Klinkenborg's talk will be held on **Saturday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m.** Admission is \$8, members and students \$5. Contact Reynolda House for further information.

ATTENTION CAROLINA BIRDERS!

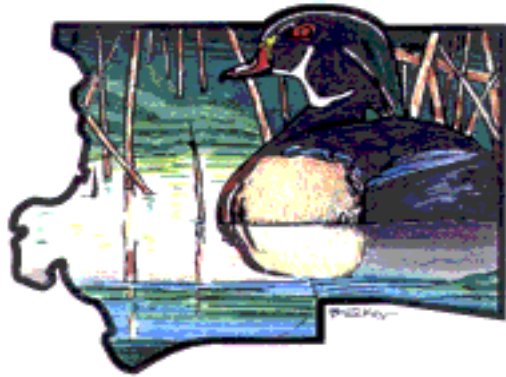
Now in its tenth year, the Wings Over Water festival has become the premier birding festival of the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This event offers birding trips throughout a variety of diverse eastern North Carolina habitats, including barrier islands, maritime forests, and salt marshes. Registration materials and information for the 2006 festival have been posted on the main web site www.wingsoverwater.org. Bird lists from past festivals can be accessed through <http://www.northeast-nc.com/wings/birdlist2.pdf>. This year's festival will be held November 7-12, which is an excellent time of year to see the Outer Banks -- cooler temperatures, fewer tourists and fewer bugs! If you have any questions about the festival field trips, please contact Wildlife Interpretive Specialist Ann Marie Chapman at (252) 987-1118 or at AnnMarie.Chapman@fws.gov. If you have any questions about registration or trip availability, please call (252) 441-8144.

Highlights from this year's festival include a keynote address by Ken Rosenberg of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and one of the principal researchers on the Ivory-billed Woodpecker Recovery Project. The presentation is also cosponsored by the Carolina Bird Club and will specifically address the efforts currently underway to bring this bird back from the brink of extinction. Also an expert in optics, Ken will lead two field trips during his stay on the Outer Banks, and more information about his trips can also be accessed through the web site.

This year, the festival has teamed up with the Outer Banks Sentinel, a local newspaper that has donated all the printed materials and advertising for this year's festival. Due to this increased amount of exposure, festival planners anticipate higher participation than in previous festivals, and a corresponding increased competition for popular birding trips. If you are interested in attending this year's festival, we strongly encourage all our Carolina Birders to register early to beat the rush. This is your festival, come out and be a part of it.

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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Please include your name, address and zip code.

NOTEWORTHY SIGHTINGS

There have been a number of sightings of broad-winged hawks, as well as great egrets, in the Winston-Salem area. The hummingbirds are in full swing and the goldfinches are nesting as this issue goes to press. Great crested flycatchers were seen on the Salem Creek Greenway.

Please contact Linda Davis with any noteworthy sightings (davisl@mindspring.com)

