

Whistler

February — March 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 7, 2012 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| February 11, 2012 | Second Saturday Bird Walk — Salem Lake (Leader: Laura Phail), 9 a.m. Meet at parking area near picnic shelter at end of Salem Lake Rd. |
| February 15, 2012 | Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 5:30 p.m. |
| February 17 — 20, 2012 | Great Backyard Bird Count (see below) |
| February 28, 2012 | Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m.
Phil Dickinson, "Birds of Hungary: Garganeys to Great Bustards" |
| March 6, 2012 | Board Meeting — Arbor Acres Clubhouse, 7 p.m. |
| March 10, 2012 | Second Saturday Bird Walk — Bethabara Wetland (Leader: Doug Demarest), 9 a.m. Meet at daycare center at Reynolda and Bethabara Park Roads. |
| March 17, 2012 | Audubon North Carolina Chapter Day — N. C. Zoo, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Open to all Audubon members. Registration requested. |
| March 21, 2012 | Birds and Beer — Foothills Brewery, 5:30 p.m. |
| March 27, 2012 | Chapter Meeting — Bethabara Park Visitors Center, 7 p.m.
Tommie Castleman, "Birds of Ethiopia" |

Great Backyard Bird Count

This year's Great Backyard Bird Count takes place from February 17 – 20. Don't forget to take part! Participation is easy. Count birds in your yard or at favorite birding spots. Then report your observations and keep track of results on line at <http://birdsource.org/gbba>. Count as many days and in as many places as you like.

Many of us birders have a competitive streak, and the Great Backyard Bird Count gives us a chance to show others that Forsyth County is a hotspot for birds and birding. In 2011, Winston-Salem was fourth in the state in both species (88) and number of checklists (165). Clemmons, Lewisville, Kernersville and other local communities added to our county tally. With your participation, we can improve on those totals.

Forsyth Audubon is collaborating with the Forsyth County Library to offer several GBBC activities for local children and families:

Central Library — February 17, 4 p.m. (Learn about GBBC and take a bird walk); February 18, 10 a.m., (Storytelling features birds); February 20, 2 p.m. ("Shake a Tail Feather!" music and movement)

Southside Library — February 17, 10:30 to noon, 4:30 to 6 (drop in and look for birds)

Carver School Road Library — February 17, 4:15 to 4:45 and February 20, 4:15 to 5:15 (Audubon Bird Count 2012)

Contact libraries or go to www.forsyth.cc/library/ for details.

Birds of Hungary

Many of us birded with Ferenc Domoki during his stays in Winston-Salem, while he worked at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. Last May, Phil and Mary Dickinson, Susan and Warren Jones, Jim and Mary Allen Martin and Tara O'Leary took Ferenc up on his invitation to see the birds of his country. With Ferenc as our guide, we visited Budapest, Kiskunság National Park, the Zemplen Hills of northeast Hungary and Ferenc's home town of Szeged. We soaked in lots of history and culture and saw more than 150 species of birds. At our chapter meeting on February 21, Phil and friends present "Birds of Hungary: Garganeys to Great Bustards," a photo recap of this journey. Join us at the Bethabara Park Visitors Center at 7 p.m.

Birds of Ethiopia

On March 20, chapter member Tommie Castleman takes us birding in Ethiopia. Called the "roof" of Africa because of its high mountain ranges and also home of the famous Rift Valley, Ethiopia has about 850 bird species. Tommie organizes birding trips to a variety of exotic places around the world, and you certainly will enjoy this African adventure. Our March chapter meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Historic Bethabara Park Visitors Center.

Join Forsyth Audubon

If you are not a member, we invite you to join. Membership in Forsyth Audubon includes membership in National Audubon Society and is just \$20 for the first year. Send your check made out to ASFC: to Forsyth Audubon, P.O. Box 15111, Winston-Salem, NC 27113. Please include your name, email, address and zip code.

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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