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AUDUBON



# 2020 Calendar of Events

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## January

### Jan. 14: Monthly Meeting

#### Taking Action with Audubon: You are What Hope Looks Like to a Bird

Native plants on NC highways; golden-winged warbler habitat; beaches for nesting shorebirds; American woodcock breeding grounds. Audubon NC Executive Director Andrew Hutson connects the National Audubon Society's goals to work being done by our state field staff, Wake Audubon, and you. Catch the energy and excitement of the national convention as Michelle Leonard, Audubon NC Board of Advisors Chair, ignites our passion to protect birds and the places they need today and tomorrow.

### Jan. 18: Field Trip

#### NC Museum of Natural Sciences – Birding the Collection, 9 a.m. – noon

The NC Museum of Natural Sciences' bird collection tells the history of birds in North Carolina from the Carolina parakeet to the present, including some specimens salvaged by Wake Audubon's "Lights Out" teams. A good opportunity to learn more about the museum's role and to study bird specimens up-close. Meet at the main entrance. Contact: Brian O'Shea (Brian.OShea@naturalsciences.org).

## February

### Feb. 11: Monthly Meeting

#### Audubon Pine Island Sanctuary & Center: Preserving the Past, Managing the Present, Improving the Future

Managed as a sanctuary for ducks and other wildlife, Pine Island's historic 1913 hunt club includes 2,600 acres of marsh and upland maritime forest in northeastern NC. Center Director Robbie Fearn will share Pine Island's history and the challenges of managing the sanctuary for daily operations while planning for a future of rising seas. Research is underway to guide future operations in this fragile habitat.

### Feb. 15: Field Trip

#### 40th Annual Woodcock Walk, Schenck Forest, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a sunset walk to witness the spectacular courtship display of the American woodcock at Schenck Forest. Contact: John Connors to register (jconnorsbird@gmail.com).

### Feb. 21-23: Field Trip

#### Escape to Audubon's Pine Island Sanctuary at Corolla

Enjoy a weekend of coastal exploration from the western marshes of Currituck Sound to the surf of the Atlantic. Discover the history of the historic hunt club

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as well as this sanctuary's promising future to study and protect our coast while providing bird habitat. Space limited for hunt club accommodations. Contact: Lena Gallitano (lbg@ncsu.edu).

## March

### Mar. 10: Monthly Meeting

#### Alligator Research and Management in NC

The American alligator reaches the northeastern limit of its range in coastal North Carolina. NC Wildlife Resources Commission biologist Alicia Davis will discuss the Commission's efforts to study and manage this iconic species in our state.

### Mar. 21: Field Trip

#### Birds and Bikes

Wake Audubon partners with Oaks and Spokes for an early spring birding-by-bicycle adventure. Bring your bike and binoculars; we'll venture from downtown Raleigh to Anderson Point to the Walnut Creek Wetland Center and back along city roads and greenways. A no-drop, casual, 20-mile social ride with frequent stops for birding. Contact: Ernie Hahn (ejhahn.was@gmail.com.).

## April

### Apr. 14: Monthly Meeting

#### Tom Cade and the Peregrine Falcon

In 1970, the late Thomas J. Cade founded the Peregrine Fund, Inc., a massive collaboration by scientists, falconers, and conservationists to re-establish peregrine falcons in the lower 48 states, where they

had nearly vanished east of the Rockies, due largely to DDT. Lake Crabtree County Park Manager Drew Cade (Tom's son) will discuss the challenges and successes of these efforts.

### Apr. 18: Field Trip

#### Gators at Lake Waccamaw, 9 a.m.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Waccamaw State Park visitor center. After a short presentation, we'll head out to see alligators and learn about 'gator field research, followed by optional lunch at Dale's Seafood. Limit: 30 people (6-8 vehicles). Participants carpooling from Raleigh should leave by around 6:00 a.m. Contact: Alicia Davis (alicia.davis@ncwildlife.org).

## May

### May 2: Field Trip

#### Turnipseed Nature Preserve, 9-11 a.m.

Enjoy spring birds and wildflowers at Turnipseed Nature Preserve in eastern Wake County. See and hear prothonotary warbler, white-eyed vireo, and northern parula; see and smell sundial lupine, beardtongue, and Quaker maidens. Bring binoculars. Meet at parking lot off Pleasant's Road. Contact: John Connors (jconnorsbird@gmail.com).

### May 12: Monthly Meeting

#### Ecotourism and the Asa Wright Nature Center

Long-time Wake Audubon member Larry Zoller discusses how ecotourism has benefited the ecosystems of Trinidad by establishment of the Asa Wright Nature Center. Starting as a plantation high

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## Join Us!

### Wake Audubon New Membership Chapter Code C1ZR550Z - Raleigh

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Tell us about any special skills or interests you'd like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Your e-mail address will be used only to keep you informed of events, action alerts, and volunteer opportunities. You can unsubscribe from the Wake Audubon e-mail list anytime.

## Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are a fun way to get to know other Wake Audubon members and learn a little something in the process. Monthly meetings usually comprise an interesting presentation on a natural science or conservation topic, followed by informal socializing with other attendees. **Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences Nature Research Center, 121 West Jones Street, Raleigh.** Free parking is available in the lot at Jones and Wilmington streets, one block from the museum. Directions are available on the museum's website at [www.naturalsciences.org/visinfo/index.html](http://www.naturalsciences.org/visinfo/index.html). All meetings are free and open to the public. Check online for updates at [wakeaudubon.org](http://wakeaudubon.org) or [www.facebook.com/wakeaudubon](http://www.facebook.com/wakeaudubon) or [www.meetup.com/Wake-Audubon-Meetup](http://www.meetup.com/Wake-Audubon-Meetup).

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in the Trinidad mountains, the Center has fostered scientific research, championed land conservation, and supported local environmental education from funds generated by ecotourism. You'll also see photos of lots of fantastic tropical birds!

## **May 16: Community Event** **Longleaf Festival, Harris Lake County Park,** **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

A free, family event focusing on the history and importance of the longleaf pine and its ecosystem. Take a wagon ride to a 60-acre longleaf pine management area and visit educational exhibits to learn about the unique critters of the longleaf forest and the role of fire in the life of this iconic tree. For more, visit: <http://www.wakegov.com/parks/harrislake/Pages/Longleaf-Festival.aspx>.

## **June**

### **June 9: Monthly Meeting** **Why Conservation Needs Social Science:** **Understanding Human Behavior in Backyard Bird Feeding**

Solutions to bird conservation challenges require changing human behavior rather than bird behavior. Effectively engaging people in conservation requires understanding human behavior and its drivers. Ashley Dayer shares a case study about bird feeding, shedding new light on how people in the U.S. feed birds, what motivates this behavior, what actions they take to manage predators and pathogens at feeders, and insights on how these interactions affect human well-being and bird populations.

### **June 13: Field Trip** **Explore Backyard Feeders and Birds, 8 a.m. – noon**

Many Wake Audubon members provide feeders and habitats, including native plants, for the birds that visit their yards. This field trip will offer an opportunity to visit several members' homes to learn more about what their interest in birds means to them as well as the birds. Locations TBD. Contact: Lena Gallitano ([lbg@ncsu.edu](mailto:lbg@ncsu.edu)).

### **June 20: Field Trip** **Birds and Bikes**

Wake Audubon partners with Oaks and Spokes, coasting into summer with a birding-by-bicycle adventure. Bring your bike and binoculars. We'll venture from downtown Raleigh to Anderson Point to the Walnut Creek Wetland Center and back along city roads and greenways. A no-drop, casual, 20-mile social ride with frequent stops for birding. Contact: Ernie Hahn ([ejhahn.was@gmail.com](mailto:ejhahn.was@gmail.com)).

## **July**

### **July 14: Monthly Meeting** **Make Your Home Wildlife-Friendly**

Wake Audubon board member and environmental scientist Mary Frazer will discuss how to provide food and shelter for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife in your yard, including information on native plants, birdhouses, bat houses, habitat for other creatures, and what you can do to keep wildlife safe.

### **July 5: Field Trip** **Full Moon Paddle at Lake Crabtree County Park,** **8–10 p.m.**

Paddle Lake Crabtree by moonlight and enjoy views of the Full Buck Moon from the lake. Experience this unique opportunity to be in the park after hours! Bring your own boat or use one of the park's at no charge. Solo kayaks, tandem kayaks, and tandem canoes are available; specify preferred boat type when you RSVP. Adults only; limit two people per tandem boat. Contact: Colleen Bockhahn ([cbockhahn.was@gmail.com](mailto:cbockhahn.was@gmail.com)).

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## **August**

### **Aug. 11: Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m.** **Audience Participation Slide Show and Potluck**

This month's speaker is you! Bring a dish to share and (if you wish) up to five natural history images to briefly describe. A main objective is to share memories — this is not a photo competition. Please consider participating with whatever images you have (just one is OK). Don't miss this fun evening of good eats, learning, and socializing. Please send up to 5 images to Kimberlie Dewey at [kimberlie\\_dewey@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlie_dewey@hotmail.com) and copy John Gerwin at [birdnerdie@gmail.com](mailto:birdnerdie@gmail.com). **Begins at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Aug. 15: Field Trip** **Falls Lake Shorebirds and More, 9 a.m.**

Explore the Ellerbe Creek area of Falls Lake. If water levels are sufficiently low, shorebirds may be abundant, with pectoral and least sandpipers, greater and lesser yellowlegs, short-billed dowitchers, semipalmated plovers, and other species possible. If levels are high, great egrets will still be present, with bald eagles and terns possible, as well as land birds, and we can still sniff the camphorweed. Meet at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to Redwood Road. Contact: Erik Thomas ([erthomas@ncsu.edu](mailto:erthomas@ncsu.edu)).

## **September**

### **Sept. 8: Monthly Meeting** **Into the Future of North Carolina Butterflies:** **Launching the NC Butterfly Monitoring Program**

Casual observations and "trip reports" of butterflies are great, but without surveys using scientifically structured methods, it's difficult to determine what's really happening to our butterflies. Georgetown University research associate, naturalist, and photographer Jeff Phippen will discuss efforts to establish a statewide citizen-science program to monitor natural butterfly populations, and how easy it is for citizens to conduct scientifically rigorous surveys!

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## Sept. 19: Field Trip

### Birds and Bikes

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## Sept. 27: Field Trip

### Swift September Sunday, 6 p.m.

Exact location TBD. Meet at 6:00 p.m. in front of NC Museum of Natural Sciences globe. We'll stroll downtown to witness the spectacle of thousands of swifts coming in to roost. Contact: John Connors (jconnorsbird@gmail.com).

## October

### Oct. 13: Monthly Meeting

#### Why Bats Are So Cool!

Halloween's coming! Bats are collectively the second-largest order of mammal on Earth. Why are they so feared and misunderstood? Dottie Brown, senior bat ecologist with VHB Engineering, will share unique information about bats and their importance, including discussion of white-nose syndrome and other threats.

### Oct. 17: Field Trip

#### Likin' Local Lichens, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn about lichens at Harris Lake County Park. Bring a hand lens if you have one and a water bottle. Space is limited! To register, contact Joanne St. Clair (joanne.stclair@wakegov.com).

## November

### Nov. 10: Monthly Meeting

#### Wake Wonders: Heralding the Most Beautiful Natural Places across Wake County

Long-time Wake Audubon member and retired naturalist John Connors will offer a look at some of Wake County's best remaining natural treasures. Learn

about the WakeNature Preserves Partnership and what is being done to protect these local biodiversity hotspots for the future.

### Nov. 13-15: Field Trip

#### Alligator River Adventure

A three-day, two-night exploration of Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in Dare County, as well as other sites on the Albemarle Peninsula and Outer Banks. Leaders: Jerry Reynolds and Jeff Beane. Cosponsored by NC Museum of Natural Sciences. This popular trip fills quickly! Contact: Jerry Reynolds (919-707-9884, jerry.reynolds@naturalsciences.org).

## December

### Dec. 8: Monthly Meeting

#### Birding in Spain—Gibraltar to the Pyrenees

Separated from the rest of Europe by the Pyrenees Mountains, Spain's isolation and varied topography has astonishing biodiversity, birds included. From Malaga in the south to the Pyrenees in the north, with many parks and mountains in between, long-time Wake Audubon member Lena Gallitano will share birds, landscapes, and adventures from this Audubon NC birding trip in partnership with EcoQuest Travel.

### Dec. 19: Field Trip

#### 121st Annual Christmas Bird Count

Join a team as we cover the Raleigh count circle once again for the world's largest and longest-running wildlife survey. Contact: Brian O'Shea (Brian.OShea@naturalsciences.org).

### Dec. 20: Field Trip

#### Birds and Bikes

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## Why should YOU join Wake Audubon?

Because we're so much more than birdwatchers!

- Wake Audubon is one of the most respected conservation organizations in the Triangle.
- We work hard to protect and preserve open spaces, important habitats, and threatened species.
- Our projects help protect coastal breeding bird colonies, enhance local greenways and parks, expand habitat and nest boxes for local and migrating birds, and more.
- Wake Audubon is a great social network. Our members come from diverse backgrounds and have interests and expertise in a variety of fields.
- Wake Audubon members are also members of the National Audubon Society and receive *Audubon* magazine.

We need YOU to help us continue our work and maintain our organization's integrity, diversity, and success.