



2017 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour Will Feature Properties in North Atlanta



Ruby-throated Hummingbird, by Robert Johnson

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 16, and make plans to attend the **2017 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour**. This year's tour will feature Atlanta Audubon-certified properties in North Atlanta. For 2017, Atlanta Audubon is excited to partner with the Atlanta History Center to feature the beautiful, certified Goizueta Gardens and Living Collection at Atlanta History Center as one of the tour stops.

The Wildlife Sanctuary Tour will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Ticket purchasers must provide their own transportation to the tour sites, but they may tour at their own pace and in any order they choose. Ticket sales will begin this summer on the Atlanta Audubon Society website. Look for more information in future issues of *Wingbars* and *Bird Buzz*.

Each property on the 2017 tour has been certified by Atlanta Audubon Society as a wildlife sanctuary because it provides five essential criteria for attracting wildlife and birds: food sources, nesting sites, bird feeders, shelter, and water sources. Visitors will see a wide variety of native plants and



Save the date for the September 16 Wildlife Sanctuary tour. Photo by Melanie Furr.

trees in a variety of different settings that attract a variety of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Atlanta Audubon staff and volunteers will be available at each site to guide visitors through the habitats.

"Atlanta Audubon Society's annual Wildlife Sanctuary Tour is a great community event for people to learn how to enhance their own properties or shared common spaces for birds and other wildlife," says Nikki Belmonte, executive director of Atlanta Audubon Society. "Whether you have your own yard or are looking for new ways to improve a local park, you're sure to be inspired by the properties on the Sanctuary Tour and learn more about using native plants that benefit birds and other wildlife."

All proceeds will support the education and conservation efforts of Atlanta Audubon Society.



Sanctuary of Mey and Carolyn Brown, featured on 2015 tour. Photo by Dottie Head.

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From the Executive Director

By Nikki Belmonte

I always make sure that I organize and/or participate in activities that remind me of where we (Atlanta Audubon) came from and where I came from. In May, I met up with Girl Scout Troop #12495 of Alpharetta to assist with the installation of a dozen Brown-headed Nuthatch nest boxes the girls built for their service project. The City of Alpharetta and Atlanta Audubon have found this simple way to partner with other organizations that makes a huge difference for both birds and people in the community. We romped through the back trails of Big Creek Greenway on a Saturday morning just behind bustling North Point shopping district. Along the way, we saw snags marked with flagging, and it was my brief opportunity to point out the importance of their project—the loss of these snags is just one reason why Brown-headed Nuthatches need nest boxes. As we approached one of the many feeder creeks into Big Creek, two of the girls rushed to the muddy banks to explore. It was refreshing to see these 5th grade girls just being in nature, and at the same time, creating an important amenity for a declining bird.

Atlanta Audubon has gone through a transformation over the past couple of years. While we may look a little different and feel a little different, we continue to support and value these seemingly small community projects. It's a part of who we are as an organization. The Board of Directors and staff took a close look at who Atlanta Audubon is in 2017, and as a result, we have crafted our next strategic plan. During that process, we felt our



Girl Scouts from Alpharetta-based Troop #12495 built and installed Brown-headed Nuthatch boxes to create habitat for this declining species. Photo by Nikki Belmonte.

mission needed to be refreshed. We are doing more than just protecting Georgia's birds and habitats. We're creating them, and we're creating community while we're at it. Atlanta Audubon builds places where people and birds thrive.

Soon, you'll be receiving a letter from me about the 2017 Annual Fund. With our new strategic plan, we're introducing a new mission and grand vision. There is lots of work to be done. The board and staff are so excited to keep growing the success of Atlanta Audubon; I hope you'll continue on the ride with us. You can donate to the Annual Fund at www.atlantaudubon.org/donate.

Special Guest for 2017 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

As part of the 2017 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour, Atlanta Audubon is pleased to welcome **Doug Tallamy**, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*, to Atlanta for a special presentation on the evening of Thursday, September 14.

Mr. Tallamy will discuss the unbreakable link between native plants and native wildlife, and how anyone with access to a patch of earth can make a significant contribution toward sustaining biodiversity. *Bringing Nature Home* has sparked a national conversation about the link between healthy local ecosystems and human well-being. Look for more information and event registration in future issues of *Wingbars*.

Sanctuary Tour Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available

Interested in sponsoring the 2017 Sanctuary Tour? Sponsorships begin at \$250, and sponsors receive benefits including complimentary Sanctuary Tour tickets, business name/logo on promotional materials, social media recognition, and more. Contact Michelle Hamner at michelle@atlantaudubon.org for more information.



Special Thanks to Everyone Who Contributed to an Amazing 2nd Annual Atlanta Bird Fest!

Planning Committee members Les Cane, Linda DiSantis, Phyllis Hawkins, Robert Johnson, Mary Kimberly, Melinda Langston, Charles Loeb, Susan Loeb, Ellen Miller, Steve Phenicie, and Rusty Pritchard.

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Finally, thank you to each of our Atlanta Bird Fest sponsors for your generosity:



ASK CHIPPY



Dear Chippy,

We're hoping you can help us solve a problem in our garden. This year our bluebird and titmouse nest boxes were invaded, and their eggs were dumped on the ground. We suspect Carolina Wrens. How can we stop future invasion?

Thanks,
-Livia and Robert

Dear Livia and Robert,

Thanks for submitting such an interesting question. I suspect this is not Carolina Wrens or even House Sparrows. Carolina Wrens tend to share habitat and don't typically invade and destroy other birds' homes and nests.

House Wrens are prolific, curious, and aggressively territorial during nesting season. HOWR reportedly destroy the eggs of 29 different bird species, and they are hard to deter. Males arrive in early spring (late April in the South and early May in the North) and start making "dummy" nests out of loose sticks. If you find a "dummy nest," you can remove it to deter HOWR nesting. Once the female picks her nest, she completes it with spider webs, feathers, hair, inner bark, or grass and converts it to a deep, conical-



House Wren, by Dan Vickers

shaped cup. Like other birds, the House Wren family is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The Sialis (<http://www.sialis.org/wrens.htm>, named for the Eastern Bluebird) website created an interesting article that addresses your concerns. It covers many factors affecting cavity-nesting birds and gives suggestions on how to avoid future problems. Use the index to compare the Carolina Wren with the House Wren. If you still think you have rogue Carolina Wrens, please follow up with us by e-mail.

Happy Birding!

-Chippy

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT on Scottie Johnson

By Steve Phenicie

(This is the 21st in a series on Atlanta Audubon volunteers.)

Wandering the streets of downtown Atlanta before daylight in search of dead or injured birds admittedly isn't for everyone, but Scottie Johnson says the task has its rewards. Until being laid up this year with a medical problem, she has been involved in Project Safe Flight, an Atlanta Audubon program to monitor bird collisions with buildings and see what can be done about it.

It's necessary to get an early start because city street-cleaning crews are out quickly to remove any avian casualties from the night before. When Scottie started participating, "I thought it would make me really sad," she says, but the reward comes when she finds a bird that can be rehabilitated and released. Scottie, who lives near Georgia Tech, has walked a number of routes and over time people have gotten to know her, including City Hall employees and street people, both of whom try to be helpful.

Scottie, whose formal name is Eleanor Scott Johnson, is an Atlanta native who grew up on a horse farm near what is now Lenox Square. Her career as a nurse took her to places such as Colorado, New Mexico, Kentucky, and Texas, but she returned to Atlanta in 1999 and worked at Trinity School. She has always been interested in the outdoors and cites a number of experiences that increased her interest in birds. When she lived in Texas,

she ran into some falconers and sometimes went on adventures with them. In the 1970s, she had a chance to observe Sandhill Cranes—"not your usual birds." And after she had a cabin near Mineral Bluff in North Georgia, she began to watch the birds there.

She enrolled in Atlanta Audubon's Master Birder class in 2006, and "learned more than I expected but not nearly enough." From there she got involved in other Atlanta Audubon activities, including working at festivals, getting involved with the Wildlife Sanctuary Program, and helping Melanie Furr with education programs. Scottie can also claim to have something in common with such people as Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, and Esther Lederer, aka Ann Landers: she writes under a pen name. She and Cheryl Beshke tag team in producing the "Chippy" column for *Wingbars*.

Scottie has confined her birding mostly to domestic locations, although she enjoyed birding in India when she went there for work. She and her husband, Jack Meadows, have three daughters: Erin Setzer of Morgantown, W. Va., Amy Morici of Richmond, Va., and Abi Meadows of Carlisle, Pa. She also has five grandchildren (some of whom she has taken to the bird-rich Hawk Mountain, Pa., for birding) and a number of great-grandchildren.



Scottie Johnson

THANK YOU!

A Million Thanks...

... to our bird walk leaders for May: **Joel McNeal, Jason Ward, Chris Showalter, Anne McCallum, Vinod Babu, and Gus Kaufman** ... to **Steve and Rona Cook, Gina Charles, Larry Stephens, Susan Loeb, Anita Chilcutt, Jack and Martha Fasse, and Kathryn Jackson-VanDetta** for their help with Peel & Stick for the May issue of *Wingbars* ... to **Jim Ferrari** of Wesleyan College for his outstanding presentation on vultures at our April monthly meeting ... to **Mim Eisenberg** for her ongoing help proofreading the *Wingbars* newsletter ... to **Sandy Beasley and Victor Williams** for tabling the Incomm volunteer fair ... to **Craig Allen, Melinda Langston, and Margaret Stephen** for representing Atlanta Audubon at Georgia Power's Earth Day Celebration ... to **Les Cane, Judy Killeen, and Teresa Lyle** for representing Atlanta Audubon at Lost Corner Preserve's Pollination Celebration ... to **Megan Wyatt and Mary Lou Collins** for representing Atlanta Audubon at Fernbank Science Center's Bird Day.

Atlanta Audubon Turns Up Volume on Advocacy

Atlanta Audubon Society is the leading voice for the birds in Georgia. We watch vigilantly for harmful activities that could affect birds or undermine the integrity of bird habitat. Since many Georgia birds are migratory and pass through our area on their way to other places, Atlanta Audubon works to inform decision makers about legislation and policies that could either benefit or threaten birds and their habitat on a local, state, national, and, occasionally, international level.

From clean air and water to support for the nation's iconic national parks and national wildlife refuges to climate change and pesticide use, many of the same issues that touch people also touch birds. In addition, protections for birds conferred by such milestone legislation as the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act and the Endangered Species Act have long-term implications for people as well as a more immediate impact on birds.

Led by board member Amanda Woomer, Atlanta Audubon Society's Advocacy Committee has worked in 2017 to develop a framework and decision-making process to help define and guide

our organization's advocacy work. The Committee has conducted outreach with Georgia legislators, the state's Department of Natural Resources, and county commissioners. While there are many issues affecting birds that merit our attention, limitations in time and resources require that we focus our work on issues where we can have a meaningful impact.

In 2017, Atlanta Audubon has signed letters of support for or spoken out on the following issues:

- Cumberland Island private land rezoning
- The Endangered Species Act
- Shoreline development rules
- Jekyll Island Authority Shore Protection permit
- Improved lighting for communication towers
- Designation of Georgia's coast as part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network

Look for additional updates on our Advocacy Committee's work in *Bird Buzz* and future issues of *Wingbars*. If you are interested in lending your time and voice for birds, please contact us.

Willet or Won't it?

Proposed Changes to our Bird Checklists

Lumps. Splits. Armchair Ticks. AOS. NACC. Taxonomy.

By Adam Betuel, Director of Conservation

For many readers these words and acronyms are as foreign as a vagrant shorebird. However, for the more intrepid birder, these terms create excitement—or possibly dread—since they shape the birdwatching landscape. Lists are of great importance to bird watchers. For some, the backyard list reigns supreme, while others focus on their home county, state, or even nation. Have you ever wondered who decides what species can go on your preferred list? Why do all field guides list birds in the same order? Why did that field guide you scoured as a beginner include forgotten names like Louisiana Heron, Solitary Vireo, and Northern Oriole? Gaining a better understanding of birdwatching jargon can provide insight into the changes that have occurred in the past and what we can expect in the future.

The American Ornithological Society, or AOS, is a newly-formed ornithological venture that came to be after the merging of the American Ornithologist Union (AOU) and Cooper Ornithological Society (COS) in late 2016. AOS focuses on the scientific understanding of birds, conservation, disseminating avian knowledge, and growing the field of ornithology in general. It is one of the true pillars of the bird world. Of all the things AOS does, one of the most important is the creation of the checklist of North and Middle American birds. This checklist is the official source on the taxonomy (the science of defining and grouping biological organisms) of the birds that exist in our region of the world. An AOS volunteer committee of ornithologists called the North American Classification Committee (NACC) is in charge of keeping up with distributions of birds and the most up-to-date science to create the standard classification and nomenclature we find on the checklist of North and Middle American birds.

This committee has a difficult job. Anyone who has studied the biological sciences can tell you how difficult it is to determine what a species is, let alone how closely related possible species are to one another. Do two species hybridize or are they really just one species that have two different phenotypes (physical appearances)? Is an isolated population of a species different enough from its relatives to be considered unique? Does that different vocal dialect prohibit one flycatcher species from breeding with a near identical relative? As our collective scientific knowledge grows and as more advanced tools become available (for example, advances in genetics), we can better answer these types of questions. When we come up with new answers, our views on species and relationships among birds change and result in updates to our beloved checklists.

Multiple times each year, the NACC receives proposals from researchers, academics, or even knowledgeable hobbyists that argue why a change to avian taxonomy or nomenclature should occur. Sometimes these proposals call for the combining of two or more species into a single species (a lump) and other times they detail why a species should become multiple (a split). Frequently, these proposals call for a reshuffling of the taxonomic order. Maybe you have noticed the falcons winding up in a different spot in your field guide or that geese are now the first plates you see instead of the loons and grebes. Many of these proposals do not pass, due to a lack of scientific backing. Occasionally, however, the committee deems the changes worthy, and the checklist is updated accordingly.

Like all things scientific, the checklist and the proposals that fuel it are always in a state of flux, shifting based on new scientific discovery and continual testing.

This year's proposals have been submitted and will likely affect the birds we see here in Georgia. One of the most high-profile proposals is the possible splitting of the Eastern and Western Willet. If you frequent the Georgia coast, you have likely seen a Willet. Depending on when you visited and if you were paying close attention, you may have seen both the Eastern Willet subspecies and the Western Willet subspecies. This possibility has been rumored for some time now due to the obvious differences between these subspecies. Eastern Willets breed in Georgia and prefer saltmarshes and brackish water. Western Willets breed in the Great Basin, often prefer freshwater marshes, visit the Pacific coast, and use the Georgia coast only in winter. These subspecies differ in plumage, size, beak shape and vocalizations, and, thanks to recent research, they have been shown to differ genetically. All signs point to these species splitting later this year, thus adding a new species to the Georgia state list and possibly your life list. Birders call this occurrence an "Armchair Tick:" when you add a new life bird to your list because of a splitting (assuming you have seen both subspecies prior to the split).



Eastern Willet, by Adam Betuel

Multiple other interesting proposals are being voted on this year besides the (likely) Willet split. If you've been birding since at least 1972, you may remember when the Yellow-rumped Warbler was actually a couple of species rather than one with many subspecies. It appears as if we are heading back to the good old days, as our beloved "Butter Butts" may again become Myrtle Warblers as they split from the Western Audubon's Warbler and the Guatemalan variant known as Goldman's Warbler. Proposed splits to the Brown Creeper, Nashville Warbler, and Bell's Vireo could all affect East Coast

birders but these are far less likely. A very interesting and somewhat abnormal proposal is the suggested name change of the Ring-necked Duck to Ring-billed Duck. Any new birder or field trip leader would benefit from the disappearance of these confusing names. It seems like this proposal may not pass this time, but I am interested to see if these types of recommendations become more popular. Maybe I will even toss in a proposal in the coming years. (I am looking at you, Red-bellied Woodpecker!)

All of this scientific study, committee voting, DNA research, jargon, and behavioral investigation mixed in with local checklist authorities (Georgia Ornithological Society) come together to form the state and national checklists that

we love to study and fill in. These checklists and the ways in which they are shaped are a great avenue for bird enthusiasts to better understand the science behind our hobby. This type of information is also a great motivator for paying attention to subspecies, shared traits among species groups, and the bigger picture that connects species to one another and their habitats. The decisions regarding the 2017 proposals should become available in early July. Keep your eyes open for the changes, and make sure to really study that Willet next time you visit the coast.

View the current AOS proposals at http://checklist.aou.org/nacc/proposals/current_proposals.html



Western Willet, by Dan Vickers

2017 Atlanta Audubon Bird Seed Sale

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Additionally this year, **orders of \$175 and over will receive a free Project FeederWatch kit** for the 2017-2018 season. Project FeederWatch is a citizen science project hosted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in which participants periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. FeederWatch data help scientists track broad-scale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. Participants receive an instructional kit that includes a bird ID poster, calendar, tally sheet, and instructional materials.

Three Pick-Up Options:

1) Pick up your feed on **Saturday, August 26**, between **9:00 AM and 12:00 PM** at the Atlanta Audubon Society office located at 4055 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA.

2) Pick up your feed on **Sunday, August 27**, before the Atlanta Audubon Monthly Meeting (3:00 to 3:30 PM) at Manuel's Tavern.

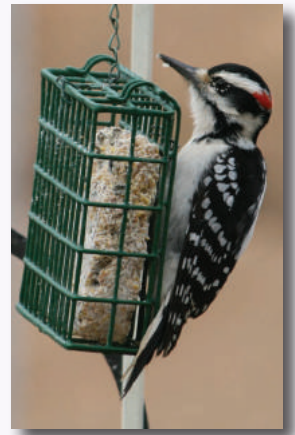
3) **Beginning August 28**, you may pick up your seed at the Atlanta Audubon Office (4055 Roswell Road), Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call us at 678.973.2437 or e-mail dottie@atlantaaudubon.org to let us know when you plan to come by so we can ensure someone will be here to greet you. Please note that storage is a huge issue at Atlanta Audubon, so please pick up your product as soon as possible.

Order by Mail or Online:

You can order online in our store at www.atlantaaudubon.org/AAS-online-store. If you would prefer to mail in your order with a check, please download an order form from our website (or pick one up at our monthly meeting) and send completed form with payment to Atlanta Audubon Society, Birdseed Sale, 4055 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30342.

Orders must be received by Friday, August 18, 2017.

Questions? Call 678.973.2437



Stock up on Cole's Bird Seed at the Annual Bird Seed Sale. Hairy Woodpecker photo by Iris Schumacher.

FIELD TRIPS

are open to the public and free (unless otherwise noted). We welcome everyone from beginners to advanced birders. No registration is necessary except where indicated below. The only fees that apply are parking fees at some venues such as state and national parks. Any applicable fees will be listed in the field trip description on the website.

Details about trips, including driving directions, can be found on our website: www.atlantaaudubon.org/field-trips. As always, we encourage field trip participants to check the Atlanta Audubon Field Trips web page before any of these trips to check for updates, changes, typo corrections, etc., and for the most up-to-date information. Also, frequently trips are added after the newsletter deadline has passed.

Saturday, June 3
Piedmont Park (Fulton Co.)
8:00 AM

Leader: Jason Ward
Cell contact, morning of walk: 404.759.7770
GPS: N 33 47.025 W 84 22.746

Saturday, June 3
Fernbank Forest (DeKalb Co.)
9:00 AM

Leaders: Vinod Babu and Gus Kaufman
Cell contacts, morning of walk:
413.230.6276 (Vinod); 404.483.7457 (Gus)
GPS: 33.77540, -84.32936

Friday, June 9
Vaughters' Farm (DeKalb Co.)
8:30 AM

Co-sponsored by Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites
Leader: Anne McCallum and Mary Kimberly
Cell contact, morning of walk: 678.642.7148 (Anne);
404.308.6279 (Mary)
GPS: 33.6841894, -84.114098

Sunday, June 11
Olde Rope Mill Park (Cherokee Co.)
8:00 AM

Leader: Roseanne Guerra
Cell contact, morning of walk: 678.358.4916
GPS: 34.1242443, -84.5316593

Wednesday, June 14
Reynolds Nature Preserve (Clayton Co.)
8:00 AM

Leader: Anne McCallum
Cell contact, morning of walk: 678.642.7148
GPS: 33.601464, -84.346874

Saturday, June 17
Constitution Lakes (DeKalb Co.)
8:00 AM

Co-sponsored by Friends of Constitution Lakes
Leaders: Joy Carter and Mary Kimberly
Cell contacts, morning of walk: 404.822.0030 (Joy);
404.308.6279 (Mary)
GPS: 33.68306, -84.34740

If you would like to lead a field trip, contribute ideas for places to go, or give feedback about leaders, trips, or the field trip directions, please e-mail Field Trip Director Mary Kimberly at mmkimberly1954@gmail.com.

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	40 lbs.		\$64.25	
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	40 lbs.		\$84.94	
Safflower: Most squirrels and blackbirds don't like it, while cardinals, nuthatches and chickadees can't resist it.	20 lbs.		\$39.20	
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	40 lbs.		\$105.63	
Hot Meats: Nutritious sunflower meats infused with habanero chilies, a natural defense against furry friends.	20 lbs.		\$71.87	
Oil Sunflower: These sunflowers are the highest quality out there. It's over 99% pure and cleaned four times to ensure that you get more seed and fewer sticks.	16 lbs.		\$22.87	
	32 lbs.		\$41.38	
Niger Seed: A favorite of wild finches best used in a specific feeder where it can be economically dispensed.	10 lbs.		\$26.14	
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Dried Mealworms: These energy packed morsels are the perfect treat for your insect loving songbirds.	8.08 oz.		\$14.16	

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Please note that there will not be a June Monthly Meeting. We will resume our monthly meetings on Sunday, July 23, with a presentation from Mark Mandica with the Amphibian Foundation. The Amphibian Foundation now shares office space at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve, and they have lots of great programs going on. Look for a full write-up in next month's issue of *Wingbars*. Hope to see you there!

Birding by Boat at Cubihatcha Outdoor Center Locust Grove, Georgia Saturday, June 10 • 7:00 to 10:30 AM

Atlanta Audubon is pleased to partner with the Cubihatcha Outdoor Center to offer a unique field trip to tour the beautiful forests, wetlands, and drinking reservoirs of this wetland enhancement and protection corridor. Built in 1999, the center encompasses almost 1,000 contiguous acres designated to protect and improve wildlife habitats, while also providing a space for public education and enjoyment. Participants will be treated to a boat tour of one of the reservoirs, where we will explore a variety of habitats. In addition to many species of songbirds, we may see Mallard and Wood Duck families, as well as nesting herons, cormorants, osprey, and perhaps a Bald Eagle. Swallows and Purple Martins also promise to provide a show. We'll also learn about the Wood Duck conservation efforts being done at the center. Space is limited to 15 participants. This trip is free, but registration is required at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/upcoming-events>. Further details will be emailed to participants the week prior to the event.



Eastern Screech Owl in nest box at Cubihatcha Outdoor Center. Photo by Melanie Furr.



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