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ATLANTA AUDUBON TO HOST EVENTS IN HONOR OF GEORGIA GROWS NATIVE FOR BIRDS MONTH IN SEPTEMBER

(Atlanta, Ga.) August 29, 2019 – Governor Brian Kemp has signed a proclamation designating the month of September as **Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month**. Atlanta Audubon will host a number of events throughout September celebrating the critical connection between birds and native plants.

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Atlanta Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

Headquarters site on tour day: Zonolite Park, Zonolite Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

This year's Wildlife Sanctuary Tour will feature seven locations along an 8-mile route through intown Atlanta (DeKalb and Fulton counties). Each property provides four essential elements for attracting wildlife and birds: food sources (including at least 50% native plants), nesting sites, shelter, and water sources. The tour is self-guided, and visitors will see a wide variety of native plants in a diversity of settings that attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Advance tickets are available for \$25/person through September 11. Walk-up tickets may be purchased at the Zonolite Park location for \$30/person. More information and tickets available at www.atlantaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-tour.

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Concrete Jungle Ramble and Bird Walk

Join Jason Ward, bird walk leader and National Audubon community relations and outreach coordinator, and representatives from Concrete Jungle for a bird walk and tour of some of the urban trees from which Concrete Jungle harvests. Tickets are \$10/each and may be purchased at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Sunday, September 22, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Farm-to-Table Brunch with Atlanta Audubon and Georgia Organics

Wrecking Barn Farm, 4000 Bushy Fork Road, NW, Loganville, GA 30052

Join Atlanta Audubon and Georgia Organics for a farm-to-table brunch and bird walk at Wrecking Barn Farm in Loganville as we explore the relationship between sustainable agriculture, insects, and birds. Enjoy a hearty farm-to-table brunch prepared by local chefs. The brunch will include an omelet station highlighting Wrecking Barn Farm vegetables, a biscuit bar showcasing their artisanal bacon, housemade sausage, and pork butter, along with local fruits, housemade preserves, and whipped cream. There will

also be a Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar and bird-friendly coffee. The \$75/person ticket supports construction of a Chimney Swift tower at Wrecking Barn Farm. More information and tickets at www.atlantaaudubon.org/farm-to-table-brunch.

Thursday, September 26, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Swift Night Out at Brickworks Gallery

686-A Greenwood Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

Join Atlanta Audubon and our partner Brickworks Gallery for a fun night celebrating the Chimney Swift, our 2019-2020 focal species. Brickworks is fortunate to have a chimney that is home to a flock of Chimney Swifts. We'll have a reception and enjoy the artwork in the gallery until dusk, at which point we will adjourn to the street outside to watch the spectacle as the huge flock of swifts descends into the chimney. Tickets are \$12/person and include light appetizers and beverages on the evening of the event. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days

Native Plant Sale at Chattahoochee Nature Center

9135 Willeo Road, Roswell, GA 30075

Atlanta Audubon will partner with Chattahoochee Nature Center on their fall native plant sale to help people find bird-friendly native plants for their landscapes. More information is available at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Sunday, September 29, 1:00 to 6:00 PM

Chalk Art Festival at the Exhibit at Piedmont Park

The Exhibit at Piedmont Park located in Piedmont Commons section near Monroe Drive

Make Piedmont Park your canvas during Atlanta Audubon's Chalk Art Festival sponsored by Atlanta Audubon and the Piedmont Park Conservancy. We invite families, individuals, non-profits, businesses, corporate partners, and local artists to create temporary drawings. Participants will receive a 5 ft x 5 ft square in which to create a unique work of art celebrating Georgia's native plants and animals. The event will take place in front of Atlanta Audubon's Exhibit at Piedmont Park. The Exhibit is a permanent, bird-friendly habitat located in the Piedmont Commons section of Piedmont Park that features a native plant demonstration garden and Georgia's first Chimney Swift tower. Proceeds from the Chalk Art Festival will fund Chimney Swift tower construction around the metro-area. There will be three categories with prizes in each category: 1) organizations; 2) artists; and 3) families. The cost of squares varies by category. The event is free for the viewing public to attend. For more information or to purchase a square, visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/chalkart.

To read the full Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month Proclamation or to learn more about Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month events and purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Atlanta Audubon is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and advocacy.

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