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## **ATLANTA AUDUBON HOSTING FREE VIRTUAL EVENTS**

**(Atlanta, Ga.) May 5, 2020** – Atlanta Audubon is hosting a variety of free virtual events on birds and bird-related topics during the COVID-19 outbreak. Atlanta Audubon is seeing a huge uptick in interest in bird watching as people shelter in place. In response, we have developed a number of free webinars, Facebook Live events, and other resources to bring the joy of birding into people's homes. Visit our website at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/digital-resources.html> for a complete listing and additional resources. Many of these events are recorded and available for later viewing on our website.

### **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

#### **Atlanta Audubon Digital Birds and Beers III Friday, May 8, at 7:00 PM**

Join Atlanta Audubon Director of Conservation Adam Betuel for a fun, interactive, and relaxed conversation with an exciting diversity of bird professionals via webinar. Adam will virtually “sit down” with the following speakers for a laid back dive into the world of birds.

Guest speakers will include:

- **Katie Barnes** - Coastal Stewardship Manager, Audubon Louisiana
- **Pierre-Alexandre Dumas** - Biologist and bander in charge at Tadoussac Bird Observatory
- **Rob Ripma** - Owner of Sabrewing Nature Tours
- **John Rowden** - Senior Director, Bird-Friendly Communities at National Audubon Society
- **Nate Swick** - American Birding Association (editor of the ABA blog, podcast host, author)

Grab your beverage of choice and bring your burning questions or hot takes as we chat via webinar about life lists, conservation, travel, spring migration, and more! This will be a fun time for all bird lovers, from the expert to the newbie who has just discovered backyard birding.

The webinar is free to attend. Learn more or register at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/digital-resources.html>

#### **Wildlife Photography: Shooting and Editing in RAW formats with DSLR Cameras with Stephen W. Ramsden, Director Sunlit Earth! Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 to 8:15 PM**

Join Stephen W. Ramsden, Director of Sunlit Earth!, for a free webinar introducing you to shooting and editing in RAW formats with DSLR cameras. In this webinar, Stephen will discuss the reasons you should be shooting images in RAW format, and shows you how it can greatly increase the quality of your wildlife

photography in no time with very little effort.

Stephen will take field images in RAW format and show viewers how to process them using the RAW importer in Lightroom/Photoshop CC. This is very similar to any other RAW importer software and the methods are usable in any RAW editing software.

Sunlit Earth! is a 501c3 non-profit corporation that supports solar astronomy outreach, nature hikes, Sunlight's effect on terrestrial biosystems and general STEM outreach by spreading information, teaching classes, supplying equipment and logistical support in the United States and 27 countries around the world.

This webinar is free to attend but registration is required. Learn more or register at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/digital-resources.html>

**Early Bird Book Club Online**  
**Sunday, June 7**  
**2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Since the Early Birds Book Club can't meet in person due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we'll meet online instead. We're still catching up on missed book clubs, so we're planning to make up our missed April meeting on June 3 via webinar,

This month, we'll be reading *Feathers: The Evolution of a Natural Miracle*, by Thor Hanson.

The Early Birds welcome all who enjoy reading about birds, birding, and birders. We are a "no commitment" book club—some folks come every time and others occasionally. Register for this free virtual event at <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/early-birds-book-club.html>

**FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS**

**Virtual Bird Walks on Facebook Live**

**When: Fridays, May 8, 15, 22, and 29.**

**9:00 AM**

**Where: [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#)**

Since social distancing is throwing a kink in our Atlanta Audubon spring bird walks, we're bringing a walk to you via Facebook Live. Join us on the [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#) each Friday at 9:00 AM, for a virtual bird walk with Atlanta Audubon staff and volunteer field trip leaders as they explore their yards or nearby birdy patches and talk about what they're seeing. We will conduct these "Virtual Bird Walks" weekly on Fridays until we can resume in-person bird walks.

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

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