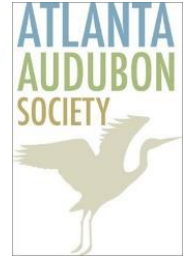


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ATLANTA AUDUBON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TOUR TO BE HELD IN DECATUR ON SEPTEMBER 15

(Atlanta, Ga.) August 14, 2018 — Atlanta Audubon Society will host the 2018 **Wildlife Sanctuary Tour on Saturday, September 15, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. This year's tour will feature six properties along a 15-mile route through Decatur/DeKalb County. This is one of four events taking place during the month of September, which has been declared **Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month** by Governor Nathan Deal.

Each of the tour properties has been certified by Atlanta Audubon as a Wildlife Sanctuary because it provides four essential criteria for attracting wildlife and birds: food sources (including at least 50% native plants), nesting sites, shelter, and water sources. Visitors will see a wide variety of native plants in a diversity of settings that attract a number of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

The 2018 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour features six properties in Decatur/DeKalb County. Public properties included on the 2018 tour include the CRH/Oldcastle Nature Trail at Marcus Autism Center at 1920 Briarcliff Road, NE., and The Wylde Center's Hawk Hollow, located at 2304 1st Street, Atlanta. In addition, the tour will feature four private properties in Decatur. To respect the privacy of our private homeowners, Atlanta Audubon will provide street addresses and GPS coordinates of our private home participants via email to ticket purchasers prior to the event.

Atlanta Audubon staff and volunteers will be available at each site to guide visitors through the habitats. Advance tickets may be purchased through Thursday, September 13, for \$20 for Atlanta Audubon members and \$25 for non-members. After that time, guests may purchase walk up tickets at the CRH/Oldcastle Nature Trail site for \$25 for members or \$30 for non-members.

For detailed descriptions of the tour sites, photos, or to purchase advance tickets, please visit our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-tour.

All proceeds will support the education and conservation efforts of Atlanta Audubon Society. Atlanta Audubon wishes to thank event sponsor Rock Spring Restorations as well as CRH/Oldcastle, The Wylde Center, and our four private homeowners for their support of the 2018 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour.

For more information on additional Georgia Grows Native for Bird Month events or to read the Proclamation, please visit our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

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

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