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Second Annual Atlanta Bird Fest 2017

(Atlanta, Ga.) February 8, 2017 –Atlanta Audubon Society is excited to announce this year's **Second Annual Atlanta Bird Fest** from April 15 to May 14. Atlanta Bird Fest will feature five consecutive weekends of activities and events, including exclusive birding field trips, workshops, presentations, and more. Proceeds from all events go toward supporting Atlanta Audubon Society's work to protect Georgia's birds and their habitats through education, conversation, and advocacy.

Atlanta Bird Fest 2017 will offer something for both the casual and serious bird and nature enthusiast.

Highlights include:

- 1) An **Open House at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve** featuring a performance by the Green Theatre Group, National Audubon's 2016 Photography Awards, visits by ambassador animals from AWARE Wildlife Center, and a nature scavenger hunt through the Preserve on April 15;
- 2) **Birds & Brunch at Serenbe**: Back by popular demand, there will be two Serenbe trips this year, one on April 22 and another on April 29. Join Atlanta Audubon for a morning of birding on the private trails of Serenbe followed by brunch at The Hil restaurant;
- 3) **Building Your Wildlife Sanctuary Workshop** on April 22 to teach homeowners and property managers how to transform their property into a Wildlife Sanctuary, to be followed by a Native Plant Sale at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve;
- 4) **An Evening with Author David Haskell: *The Songs of Trees* Book Reading and Signing** on April 22 in partnership with Chattahoochee Nature Center;
- 5) **ID Yourself – Difficult Bird IDs, Spring Edition** and **eBird Workshops** on April 23;
- 6) **Nocturnal Birds at Pine Log WMA**, featuring early morning birding to find nocturnal birds such as owls, Whip-poor-will, and Chuck-will's-widow and to hear the chorus of breeding and migratory birds on April 29;
- 7) **Thirsty Thursday**: Atlanta Audubon will be the nonprofit beneficiary at **Three Taverns Brewery** Decatur on May 4;
- 8) **Wine & Warblers in North Georgia** on May 6; spend the morning birding in the North Georgia mountains in the restricted conversation area of Smithgall Woods, followed by lunch and wine tasting at Cottage Vineyards and a wine tasting at Yonah Mountain Vineyards;
- 9) **Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Zoo Atlanta's Avian Collection** on May 7;

- 10) A variety of bird walks at locations around the metro-area and others, including **Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area, Newman Wetlands Center, Rolling Meadows Family Farm, Sweetwater Creek State Park, Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, the Georgia Coast, and other birding hotspots;**
- 11) Celebrate the final day of Atlanta Bird Fest 2017 and Atlanta-area mothers. Join us for **Mother's Day Birding & Historic Tour at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center** on May 14 with a tour of the 27,000 square foot mansion and a stop at the historic Bath House where participants can enjoy finger foods and beverages.

Registration for Atlanta Bird Fest will open to Atlanta Audubon members on March 1 and to non-members on March 8. For a complete listing of Atlanta Bird Fest events or to register, visit <http://www.atlantaaudubon.org/atlanta-bird-fest>.

Atlanta Bird Fest 2017 is presented by Atlanta Audubon Society thanks to our generous sponsors Cox Enterprises and Eagle Optics. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michelle Hamner, Director of Development, at michelle@atlantaaudubon.org.

The mission of Atlanta Audubon Society is to protect Georgia's birds and their habitats through conservation, education, and advocacy.

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