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BIRDS GEORGIA CELEBRATES SPRING BIRD MIGRATION WITH GEORGIA BIRD FEST

(ATLANTA, GA) March 6, 2026 – Birds Georgia’s Centennial celebration continues with the 11th annual **Georgia Bird Fest**, taking place **April 10 through May 10, 2026**. This month-long spring festival features more than 35 events across the state, from field trips to premier birding hotspots to hands-on nature workshops.

Timed to coincide with peak spring migration in Georgia, Georgia Bird Fest gives people the chance to witness and delight in the millions of migratory birds traveling through the state along the Atlantic Flyway. Events are designed for everyone, from beginner birders and families to experienced naturalists and photographers. Proceeds from Georgia Bird Fest directly support Birds Georgia’s conservation, education, and community engagement programs.

“Spring migration is one of the most spectacular times for birding in Georgia,” said Adam Betuel, Executive Director at Birds Georgia. “In our Centennial year, Georgia Bird Fest reflects both our 100-year commitment to birds and our invitation for new generations to experience the wonder of migration while supporting conservation efforts that protect birds year-round.”

Events include unique ways to bird — by canoe along the Chattahoochee River, by boat at Lake Lanier, or by bicycle at Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve; special access to the restricted treatment wetlands of the Clayton County Water Authority; guided birding trips to Phinizy Swamp Nature Park in Augusta and Amerson River Park in Macon; explorations of habitat restoration projects on Jekyll Island; and a special walk-and-talk with renowned Atlanta muralist Thomas Turner.

A highlight of the 2026 Georgia Bird Fest is the **Georgia Bird Fest Summit**, now a full weekend experience. From April 24 to 26, participants can enjoy exclusive bird walks and special programming, culminating in a day-long Summit at the **Atlanta Botanical Garden** on **Sunday, April 26**. The Summit will feature artists and vendors, panels on bird photography and urban conservation, and a keynote address by **George Armistead**, founder of Hillstar Nature. Having led guided expeditions on all seven continents, Armistead brings a global perspective to modern birding. In his keynote, he will examine the bird walk itself: why we do it, how today's issues and technology shape the experience, and what this shared pursuit reveals about us.

Georgia Bird Fest is made possible in part by the generous support of Birds Georgia's Centennial Patrons.

Registration for the 2026 Georgia Bird Fest opens **March 10 for Birds Georgia members** and **March 17 for non-members**. View the full schedule of events and register at:

<https://www.birdsgeorgia.org/birdfest.html>

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***About Birds Georgia:** Birds Georgia is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and community engagement. Founded in 1926 as the Atlanta Bird Club, the organization became a chapter of National Audubon in 1973, and continues as an independent chapter of National Audubon Society. Birds Georgia is celebrating its Centennial in 2026. Learn more at <https://www.birdsgeorgia.org/>.*