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### **GEORGIA BIRD FEST RETURNS FOR 2025**

**(ATLANTA, GA,) April 1, 2025** – The tenth annual **Georgia Bird Fest** returns this spring with more than 40 events between April 11 and May 16. Join fellow nature and bird enthusiasts for exciting field trips, workshops, and other events to celebrate and enjoy Georgia’s exciting spring migration period.

Georgia Bird Fest includes events across Georgia, from the mountains to the coast, including both in-person and virtual events and workshops. Some of the event highlights for Georgia Bird Fest 2025 include past favorites such as a canoe trip on the Chattahoochee River; a Warbler Weekend in North Georgia; trips to Phinizy Swamp near Augusta and Harris Neck NWR on the coast; an overnight stay at the Len Foote Hike Inn in Dawsonville; a boat trip on the Altamaha River; a Shorebirds Weekend on the Georgia Coast, and much more.

The highlight of the 2025 event will be the **Georgia Bird Fest Summit** on April 25 and 26 on Jekyll Island. The two-day event will kick off on Friday with trips to Georgia hotspots, including Cumberland Island, a Hampton River Boat trip, and more. Saturday morning will begin with field trips to Jekyll Island hot spots, followed by the Georgia Bird Fest Summit at the Villas by The Sea.

**Janisse Ray**, an acclaimed writer, naturalist, and environmental activist from Baxley, Georgia, will give the keynote address at this year’s Georgia Bird Fest Summit. Ray’s work blends personal narrative with ecological themes, and her deep connection to the southern Georgian landscape profoundly shapes her writing. In addition to her memoirs, Ray has authored poetry and essays featured in over 40 anthologies,

with her works translated into multiple languages. She lives on a family farm in southern Georgia, practicing organic farming and seed saving, aligning her lifestyle with her environmental values. An inductee of the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame and recipient of a Pushcart Prize, Ray inspires through her writing and teaching, championing stories as tools for ecological and social change.

Registration for Georgia Bird Fest is now open at <https://www.birdsgeorgia.org/birdfest.html>.

All proceeds from Georgia Bird Fest benefit the conservation, education, and community engagement efforts of Birds Georgia. We would like to thank the following event sponsors: Georgia Power Company, Southwire, Athletic Brewing Company, the Bird Collective, Outdoor Learning School and Store, Jekyll Island Authority, and Vortex.

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