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Litchfield Beach Fall Meeting September 28 – October 1, 2023

By Richard Hayes

It's Not Even Summer... But Start Thinking Fall! We are going to try this one more time!!! As many of you remember, CBC came within 3 days of meeting at Litchfield last fall, and then Hurricane Ian made landfall about 1 mile from our "to be" hotel!!! So, we have this planned pretty well as most of the Trip Leaders have agreed to lead their field trips this Fall. The dates for our meeting are Thursday, September 28 thru Sunday, October 1. Our headquarters are located at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort at 14276 Oceans Highway, Pawley's Island, SC 29585. Call 877-854-6358 for reservations. Litchfield lies halfway between Georgetown and Myrtle Beach, SC.

The accommodations at the hotel, both hotel rooms and meeting rooms, are excellent. The code you need to use in making your reservations is ***Carolinabirdclub23***. Note that if anyone had a room reservation last year and prepaid for one night that they should call and transfer that prepayment to this year's reservation. The hotel breakfast buffet opens at 6 a.m. and has about everything imaginable on it. The restaurants, places to visit, attractions, and activities in this area of South Carolina are too numerous to list. Over 100 golf courses, killer shopping, dinner theater, fishing, sunbathing, and boating are just a few of the many things to keep non-birding partners busy, or that can be added for an extended visit.

Now to the important part, ***Birding!*** We are in the heart of coastal birding for South Carolina. Just next door to our hotel lies Huntington Beach State Park, which is one of the choice locations for birding in the Carolinas. As of 2023, the park list stood at 338 species. In addition to HBSP, we have Bull Island, South Litchfield Beach, Myrtle Beach State Park, l'On Swamp, Waccamaw NWR, Samworth NWR and Santee Coastal Reserve WMA, to name just a few. Some of the species we hope to see include Red-Cockaded

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Woodpecker, Wilson's Plover, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Marbled Godwit, Dowitchers, Glossy Ibis, Wood Stork, Black-Crowned Night-Heron, Anhinga, Clapper Rail, and Common Ground-Dove. Our Saturday evening speaker will be Christie Hand, Wildlife Biologist, Black Rail and Wading Bird Project Leader, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Christie will review her ongoing research on the Elusive Black Rail. In their 2018 Species Status Assessment, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concluded that without help, the subspecies found in our state is likely to face extinction in as few as 50 years. [Elusive Black Rail](#)

Registration information, more meeting details, and trip descriptions will be included in the next Newsletter. Online registration will open at 2pm on August 19. Come on back to the South Carolina Coast and help us **break that 200 bird species count once again!**



Opportunities for Young Birders

Carolina Bird Club offers scholarships for birders 19 and under living in the Carolinas, who are members of the Carolina Young Birders Club.

Scholarships provide assistance in attending bird-related events, such as camps, workshop, training programs or CBC seasonal meetings.

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