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Welcome to the 2023 Fall Meeting in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina!

By Julie Davis and Richard Hayes

The Carolina Bird Club is hosting our 2023 Fall Meeting in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina September 28 – October 1 and we are very eager to see what Fall migration has in store for us on the beautiful Grand Strand and Hammock Coast. This is a favorite location for meetings, and we have several field trips planned for our crown jewel for birding, Huntington Beach State Park. We have also tried to branch inland a bit for some of our adventures, seeking to find birds in newly conserved areas along the Black and Pee Dee Rivers.

Friday evening, our own Craig Watson, retired Migratory Bird Biologist at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife Program Manager at U.S. Forest Service, and wildlife officer at Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will present, "First Nesting and Range Expansion of Roseate Spoonbill and Limpkin in South Carolina". He will give the latest information on the first nesting of Roseate Spoonbills and Limpkins in South Carolina, the continued presence and breeding of the species in the state, the range expansion of both species, as well as the current status of the species in the state and what to expect in the future, and what other species may be on the move into South Carolina.

Our Saturday evening speaker is Christy Hand, Wildlife Biologist, Black Rail and Wading Bird Project Leader, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. She will give us the latest update on the exciting Black Rail project!

As noted in our June newsletter, the meeting venue is in the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort at 14276 Oceans Highway, Pawley's Island, SC 29585. The special rates that we negotiated for different types of accommodations expire August 15th. These were advertised as follows in the June newsletter:

- Summerhouse 1 bedroom Rate: \$119.00 Nightly Cost with taxes: \$166.00
- Seaside 1 bedroom Rate: \$124.00 Nightly Cost with taxes: \$195.00
- Seaside room Rate: \$ 89.00 Nightly Cost with taxes: \$133.00

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All members that had reservations last year for Litchfield MUST contact Litchfield and reconfirm their reservations as soon as possible. You MAY still be able to get a similar price after August 15th. You can call or go online to book your accommodation. Call 888-734-8228 or use this URL: litchfieldbeach.com/reservations. In case we are able to get an extension on these rates, the code is carolinabirdclub2023. Now look below to see what we have to offer for our field trips and to make your selections. Come join us as we chase the birds, visit old favorites and find new birding locales, and celebrate the conservation happening here.

Most field trips will meet their leaders in the hotel parking lot, but a few trips will meet the leader at the site. The time on the field trip schedule is the departure time from the parking lot at the hotel. Please check in with your leader 10 minutes before.

Registration: CBC Registration Desk: Location – Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, Francis Marion Ballroom. Thursday 4:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday and Saturday 6:00am - 7:45am and 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Field Trip sheets will be in the registration room. After picking up your registration packet, please put a check mark by your name on each of your trip sheets, so the trip leaders will know you have checked in for your trip. There will be people available to answer any questions regarding trips. If you are not able to attend a trip, please cross out your name, so someone from the wait list can fill your place.

Departure Times - field trip departure times are for leaving the hotel. Please arrive minimum 10-15 minutes early. For trips meeting their leader in the parking lot, look for the sign with your trip number and let the leader know you are there. We encourage carpooling. Please consider contributing toward gas expenses if you carpool. Trip leader cellphone numbers will be provided. If you cannot go on a trip, make every effort to advise one of the following: trip leader, meeting coordinator, or advise someone who is on the trip so the group doesn't wait for you.

All Day Trips - Please bring a lunch, snacks, water. Many of the sites are remote with no nearby restaurants.

Hotel - Returns-Morning trips should be back to the hotel by Noon, afternoon and all-day trips by 5:00 PM.

Field trips at a glance

Friday, September 29, 2022

Full-Day trips

- Trip 1 – Santee Coastal Reserve – 6:15 am
- Trip 2 - Huntington Beach State Park with the jetty – 7:15 am
- Trip 3 - Cherry Grove, Heritage Shores, & MBSP - 6:30 am
- Trip 4 - Yawkey Wildlife Center – 6:45 am

Half-Day Morning

- Trip 5 - Birding and Butterfly Trip - HBSP Jetty - 6:15 am
- Trip 6 - Lewis Ocean Bays Heritage Preserve – 6:30 am
- Trip 7 - Hobcaw Barony - 7 am
- Trip 8 - Litchfield Plantation (private neighborhood) – 7:30 am
- Trip 9 - Hemingway Waste Treatment Plant - 6:45 am

Half-Day Afternoon

- Trip 10 - Pawleys Island – North and South ends – 1:10 pm
- Trip 11 - Huntington Beach SP without the jetty – 1:20 pm
- Trip 12 – Brookgreen Gardens – 1:30 pm
- Trip 13 - Murrells Inlet Salt Marsh Kayak trip -- 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 30, 2022

Full-Day trips

Trip 15 - Huntington Beach State Park with the jetty – 7:15 am

Trip 16 - Black River Cypress Preserve – Peninsula Campus & the Georgetown Fishing Pier – 6:45 am

Trip 17 - Hasty Point - Waccamaw NWR & Rocky Point Community Forest – 7:00 am

Half-Day Morning

Trip 18 - Lewis Ocean Bays Heritage Preserve – 6:30 am

Trip 19 - South Tibwin – Francis Marion National Forest - 6:45 am

Trip 20 - Santee Coastal and Delta Wildlife Management Area – 7:00 am

Trip 21 - Lake Busbee – 7:15 am

Trip 22 - Young Birders: HBSP – 7:30 am

Half-Day Afternoon

Trip 14 – Murrells Inlet Marsh walk/Limpkin Hotspot/Oyster Landing HBSP – Saturday only - 1:10 pm

Trip 23 - South Litchfield Beach – 1:20 pm

Trip 24 - Brookgreen Gardens – 1:30 pm

Trip 25 – Pawleys Island – North and South ends – 1:40 pm

Trip 26 – Cox Ferry – Waccamaw NWR – 1:00 pm

Sunday, October 1, 2022

Morning Half-Day

Trip 27 – Waties Island – 6:45 am

Trip 28 – Chasing the Rare Ones

Trips 1) Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta – Friday Only. Our tour of the Santee Coastal Reserve's and Santee Delta will cover the mainland area including rice fields, river frontage along the South Santee River, magnificent cypress-tupelo swamp, upland fields, and mixed forest. Expect some waterfowl and wading birds, hawks, American White Pelicans, Wood Storks, probable rails, sparrows, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and migrating warblers. We may even find some owls if we are lucky, plenty of Bald Eagles.

Travel Time: 45-50 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking (3-5 miles on foot) all day, buggy

Trips 2 and 15) Huntington Beach State Park. (\$5 per person entrance fee to the park.) This Trip will cover the jetty at the Huntington Beach State Park, together with the nearby tidal creeks and flats, plus the causeway, Mullet Pond, the education center, salt marsh boardwalk and Sandpiper Pond. The jetty is one of best places in the state to find rarities. Remember that the jetty is nearly a 3 mile walk round Trip along the beach from the north parking lot. Bring water and lunch. Some food is available in the park store.

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking all day

Trip 3) Cherry Grove Pier, Heritage Shores, Springmaid Pier, Myrtle Beach State Park. Heritage Shores Nature Preserve is a 0.8-mile loop trail located near North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina that features a river. The trail is good for all skill levels and primarily used for hiking, walking, nature trips, and birding.

[Myrtle Beach State Park](#) has one mile of beach, dunes, a pier, and oak- and pine-filled forest. You will spot common sea and shore birds, waterfowl, Osprey, pelicans, and eagles fishing at the first state park in South Carolina.

Travel Time: 60 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 4) Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center. - 6:45 am. This area is a SC Heritage Preserve and administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Public access can be rather limited. Target birds include American Avocet, American White Pelican, Barn Owl, early waterfowl, shorebirds, rails, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, warblers, sparrows and more! Observation towers provide a panoramic view of the south Santee River Delta and surrounding area. This trip seems to be the one to get it all, in one long day!

Bring food and water.

Limit: 12 Travel Time: 50 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: A short ferry over to island at 8 am and bus transportation to key sites on the island; moderate walking in various locations

Trip 5) Birds and Butterflies. This trip begins at 6:30 a.m. at the North Beach Parking Lot at Huntington Beach State Park. From there, we'll take a leisurely three-mile round trip walk on the beach, jetty, and dunes in search of resident and migratory birds and butterflies. We'll enjoy the sunrise from the beach. The tide will be rising, making it easier to search for Seaside and Sharp-tailed Sparrows in the marsh behind the jetty. We'll spend time at the tip of the jetty for migrating shorebirds, waterfowl, and cormorants—Parasitic Jaeger is a possibility. Piping, Wilson's, Black-bellied, and Semipalmated Plover are found here. American Oystercatcher and Whimbrel may be present. There is often a small flock of roosting gulls and terns at the inlet. This is a great spot to watch for migrating Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, and American Kestrel. The cedar trees at the north end of park often host roosting Monarch butterflies and migration will be in full swing for Gulf Fritillary butterflies and others

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking all day – 3 mile walk to Jetty and back

Trip 6 and 18) Lewis Ocean Bay. This 9,000 acre preserve includes 23 Carolina Bays. The preserve is classified as an IBA by Audubon. The chief target birds will be Red-cockaded Woodpecker and other species associated with pine savannas. The state's largest population of black bears occurs here as well as numerous rare plants including the Venus flytrap. The trip will be led by a Coastal Carolina University professor who conducts research at the site.

Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 7) Hobcaw Barony. Entrance fee is \$40 (cash or CC). Hobcaw Barony, a private, restricted access 16,000-acre research reserve/refuge located just north of Georgetown. The property contains a diversity of coastal plain habitats, including longleaf pine savannah and sandhills, pond pine pocosin, cypress/tupelo swamp, bottomland hardwoods, former rice fields, fresh- and saltwater marshes. Hobcaw is home for Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow, Bald Eagle and a host of neotropical migrant breeding birds. The barony is also a site of historical and archaeological import, originally granted to Lord John Carteret by the Lord's Proprietors in the early 1700's.

Limit: 8 minimum – 14 maximum

Travel time: 25 minutes

Facilities: Yes Access: On the property, we will travel by bus and do some moderate walking

Trip 8) Litchfield Plantation. Join us for a tour of gated community, Litchfield Plantation in Pawleys Island. We will walk the live oak-lined streets to look for fall migrants and resident birds including Woodpeckers, Warblers, other passerines and possibly the resident Great-horned Owl. We will also visit the canal behind the plantation house to listen for rails and scan the marsh for blackbirds and others. Finally, we will stop to watch a backyard feeder for Red-headed Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch and others.

Travel time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access: Moderate walking

Trip 9) Hemingway Waste Treatment Plant. This trip includes a visit, with permission, to the Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds, the top birding spot in Williamsburg County, South Carolina, with 18 different waterfowl species reported during the month of January. Shorebirds and passerines are also expected, but seeing large rafts of different kinds of ducks inland and up close is the highlight of this trip. If time allows a visit to the seldom-birded Johnsonville Sand Pits is planned. Please note that the aromas surrounding the sewage treatment ponds can be strong, pungent, and at-times even piquant.

Travel time: 70 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking

Trip 10 and 25) Pawleys Island. On this trip we will visit both north and south ends of Pawleys Island. First, we will go to the South end and walk the beach looking for gulls, terns, shorebirds and skimmers. As we drive from the South to North, we will be scanning rooftops for Eurasian Collared Doves and the marshes for waders and rails. At the north end, we will be closer to low tide and will scan towards Litchfield beach for loafing gulls, terns and pelicans.

Trip 11) Huntington Beach State Park without Jetty walk. (\$5 per person entrance fee to the park.) This Trip will cover the causeway, Mullet Pond, the Education Center feeders, salt marsh boardwalk and an overlook on the marshy end of Sandpiper Pond (good for rails and bitterns). This trip will also visit the beach briefly but will not make the trek to the jetty. Shorebirds, rails, wading birds, hawks, migrating warblers, owls, and falcons

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 12 and 24) Brookgreen. Participants will spend the afternoon exploring beautiful statuary gardens and wonderful open woodland habitat for a variety of birds. Brookgreen Gardens features the only known aviary built atop an actual cypress swamp. Here you can enjoy a leisurely stroll on the boardwalk while watching magnificent birds feeding and flying in a natural setting: Great Blue Heron, Black-Crowned Night Heron, egrets, Hooded Merganser, White Ibis, Redhead and Wood Ducks, rails, American Bittern, wading birds, wintering passerines, Barred Owls, Bald Eagles!

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 13) Murrells Inlet Salt Marsh Kayak trip – Friday only -- 1:00 pm. This four-hour aquatic adventure will allow you to see the salt marsh the best possible way - by kayak. We will launch from the Oyster Shell Landing at Huntington Beach State Park and paddle across the high tide looking for Clapper Rails, Saltmarsh Sparrows, and Seaside Sparrows. The high tide makes it much harder for these secretive birds to hide, so we can hope to see quite a few of them. We will paddle to the sandbar behind the jetty for a

short walk to look at the hundreds of sandpipers, plovers, terns, gulls. Most of the rare birds found at Huntington Beach State Park are found on this sandbar. The water will be calm, but there will be a current (sometimes with us, other times not with us). When you register for this outing Paul Laurent will contact you to ask if you want a single or tandem (two-person) kayak. Full disclosure - we call tandem kayaks 'divorce boats'. Make sure you wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and/or muddy and bring a hat, sunscreen, etc... for an afternoon in the open. The boats are provided by Black River Outdoors, and lifejackets and a brief paddling tutorial are also provided. No kayaking experience is necessary for this outing, first time paddlers are welcome and even encouraged! The cost will be \$58 per person, please bring cash to the landing to make life simpler for the good people at Black River Outdoors and also to get us out on the water faster.

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Port-a-lets

Access conditions: Flatwater paddling

Trip 14) Murrells Inlet Marsh walk/Limpkin Hotspot/Oyster Landing HBSP – Saturday only - 1:10

pm. This field trip will take you to three different locations that are relatively close to the hotel on US 17. Oyster Landing is 3.4 miles north on US 17. Murrell's Inlet Marsh Walk is another 2.9 miles on US 17 North (Business). The Limpkin Hotspot is 20 minutes (8.7 miles) from Murrell's Inlet Marsh Walk going north on McDowell Shortcut Road for 7 miles to Blue Heron Blvd. Go 1.2 miles to the hotspot. The order will be determined by tide at the discretion of the trip leader.

Trip 16) Black River Cypress Preserve (BRCP) – Peninsula Campus and the Georgetown Fishing Pier

(Saturday only) – 6:45 am. This all-day fieldtrip will cover 2 different habitats increasing the likelihood of getting a number of species. Black River Cypress Preserve is a private property conserved by the Butler Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. The Carolina Bird Club previously visited the Main Campus in Fall 2019. This time we will visit the Peninsula Campus with similar habitats including extensive bald cypress stands, mature pine forest, bottomland hardwoods, and early successional shrub/scrub areas. Expected species are mature forests and early successional migrants and resident species. We will also stop at the Georgetown Fishing Pier (either before or after the BRCP). The pier, located on an island at the convergence of the Great Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers, should prove to be a great migrant trap. We will explore the scrub and marshy areas as well as walk the pier to search for migrating passerines, terns, gulls and shorebirds.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour to the BRCP

Facilities: There are no restroom facilities. Food, drink, and snacks should be obtained ahead of time or along the route.

Access: Trail walking over sometimes uneven terrain at BRCP.

Trip 17) Hasty Point and Rocky Point Community Forest (Saturday only) – 7:00 am.

The Carolina Bird Club has been granted special permission to bird a newly acquired, not yet open to the public, tract of the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge, called Hasty Point. This former plantation located on the Pee Dee River includes former rice fields, longleaf and loblolly pine forests, bottomland hardwoods, tidal marsh, and bald cypress forests. In these diverse habitats, we will be able to tally a variety of waterfowl, wading birds, migrating and year-round passerines including the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. We will picnic here before proceeding to a nearby site on the Black River, the Rocky Point Community Forest. Here we will explore the waterfront as well as the nature trail to look for waders and migrating passerines. Rocky Point Community Forest is a property for which the Carolina Bird Club has contributed grant money for its preservation.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking 3-4 miles on occasionally uneven terrain.

Facilities: Yes

Trip 19) Francis Marion Forest South Tibwin. Francis Marion National Forest has a very wide range of habitats, including longleaf pine savannas, floodplain forest, bald cypress-water tupelo sloughs, pine plantations, and even a bit of salt marsh. We'll walk through mature pine forest to medium-sized impoundments bordering the Intracoastal Waterway. These impoundments are where we hope to find a variety of waterfowl, shore birds, rails, bitterns, etc. Warblers, flycatchers, wrens, and birds of prey are also possible.

Travel time: 60 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: 2-3 miles of walking on wooded trails and open scrub dikes.

Trip 20) Santee Coastal and Santee Delta. This morning tour of the Santee Coastal Reserve's and Santee Delta will cover the mainland area including rice fields, river frontage along the South Santee River, magnificent cypress-tupelo swamp, upland fields, and mixed forest. Expect some waterfowl and wading birds, hawks, American White Pelicans, Wood Storks, probable rails, sparrows, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and migrating warblers. We may even find some owls if we are lucky, plenty of Bald Eagles with chances for Golden Eagle.

Travel time: 40 minutes

Facilities: none

Access: 2-3 miles of walking over occasionally uneven terrain

Trips 21): Lake Busbee and Conway Treatment Plant. Lake Busbee is an eBird Hotspot and provides a feeding area for Wood Storks, herons, egrets, gulls, shorebirds, Osprey, and eagles. The marshes and canals around it provide wonderful habitat for a variety of waterfowl, waders, shorebirds, and rails. Hardwoods and some cypress lining the edges serve as good perches for raptors and habitat for passerines.

Travel time: 40 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: 2-3 miles of walking on level gravel road

Trips 22) Young Birders: HBSP. This is for those young birders, or those who just want a refresher. You will visit Huntington Beach State Park looking and listening for birds in a variety of habitats and observing behavior with a focus on identification techniques. This trip will be led by one of the premier birders in the Carolinas.

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 23) South Litchfield Beach. Located near our hotel, this beach is south of HBSP. Along the causeway leading to the beach is one of the best places to find rails. From the parking lot there is a 1.3 mile walk along the beach where we may see a variety of shorebirds. On the western side of the island, we may find plovers, skimmers, and sandpipers.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: No

Access conditions: Trail walking & boardwalks

Trip 26) Cox Ferry – Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge – Saturday only – 1:00 pm. This trip visits the Cox Ferry Recreational Area with its 5 miles of trails through multiple ecosystems including coastal wetlands, cypress swamp, pine forests and the Waccamaw River, of course. Target species include migrating warblers, resident passerines such as the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, owls, raptors, and early-arriving waterfowl.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: No Access conditions: Trail walking & boardwalks.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: No

Access conditions: Trail walking & boardwalks

Trip 27) Waties Island. Waties Island is one of the last undeveloped barrier islands on the S.C. coast and a true oasis in comparison to the Grand Strand. Saved for generations by one family, Waties is now preserved by a conservation easement and is host to research projects by the faculty and students of Coastal Carolina University. We will be able to see a variety of migrating raptors, passerines, waders, and shorebirds as well as their resident counterparts.

Travel Time: 70 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking, including beach walking

Trip 28) Chasing the Rare Ones – Sunday a.m. – TBD. Did you miss out on a great bird? Saturday evening, groups are encouraged to self-organize to chase the birds you may have missed. There will be no designated leader or departure time. This is a do-it-yourself trip.

Bonus Trip Report

The North Carolina Sandhills

By Steve Shultz

A small group from the Carolina Bird Club visited the North Carolina Sandhills the weekend of June 3-4, 2023 as part of our “Bonus Trip Program”. Known for specialties such as Bachman’s Sparrow and Red-cockaded Woodpecker, the flora and fauna of the Sandhills made for a fun birding destination.

We started Saturday morning at Weymouth Woods State Park in Southern Pines, encountering half a dozen Red-cockaded Woodpeckers (“RCWs”) and an amazingly cooperative Bachman’s Sparrow. Other highlights along the trails included prolonged looks at Prothonotary Warbler and location of an Acadian Flycatcher nest. Later on, while exploring on a patch of private land, we heard, and then saw (very well!) a surprise Swainson’s Warbler, a lifer for all the participants, as well as a swimming cottonmouth, both notable moments on a weekend with many.

Saturday may have been the hottest day of the year so far, and bird activity slowed after lunch. We made use of the fact that Susan Campbell holds the appropriate state and federal licenses to band birds, and quickly caught one Ruby-throated Hummingbird for each trip participant. The sample included adult male, adult female, and recently fledged young. Susan commented that she thinks this is the earliest hatch year bird she has ever caught. Each trip participant was able to release “their” hummingbird, now sporting a tiny aluminum bracelet for handy identification.

After a fun dinner at Belle Tree Tavern, we went out in search of nightjars, seeing and hearing a number of Common Nighthawks as well as hearing five and seeing two Chuck-wills-widows.

Sunday dawned cool and overcast, a big change from the lower 90s the previous afternoon. We explored portions of the Sandhills game lands, tallying Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Northern Bobwhite, Orchard Oriole and other birds of open country, as well as locally restricted breeders like American Redstart.

The trip ended at McKinney Fish Hatchery with some slightly tardy Spotted Sandpipers, soaring Cooper's Hawk, and a trip list countdown.

All in all, a fun weekend with some great folks.

Keep an eye out for other CBC trips, and hope to see you in the field!



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.

For more information, visit www.carollnabirdclub.org

The Carolina Bird Club has a New President

I would like to announce to the Carolina Bird Club membership that Susan Campbell has graciously agreed to take the reins and allow me to retire as president of the club. She has been duly nominated and voted upon. Covid 19 and certain weather events have made the past few years a challenging time for the Carolina Bird Club, but our shared passion for our Avian friends has allowed us to remain strong as a club. I thank the membership of the club for their support and would like all of you to help and assist Susan going forward to keep the CBC a meaningful part of your birding lives. As for myself, I plan to volunteer as a trip leader as often as I am needed at our seasonal meetings. I hope to see all of you soon.

Steven Tracy

Past President, Carolina Bird Club



WINGS OVER WATER - 2023

Mark your calendar for North Carolina's only wildlife festival which will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on October 17-22, 2023 at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Plan on joining us for special events as well as the return of Julie Zickefoose as our guest of honor. Julie is a world-renowned natural history writer, artist and wildlife rehabilitator. Julie will be with us for most of the week, and her keynote speech is entitled - ***Baby Birds - An Artist Looks Into the Nests***. In addition to being our keynote speaker on Saturday evening, she will be involved with several birding trips. Registration is now open at: <https://2023wingsoverwater.my-trs.com/>



AOS Checklist Supplement, v. 2023

Every summer, active birders and taxonomy workers anticipate publication of the "Check-list Supplement" by the American Ornithological Society's (AOS) Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North and Middle American Birds (a.k.a. NACC) This annual supplement includes revisions to the NACC's Check-list of North American Birds. Here is a summary of 2023's revisions that are most likely to affect U.S. and North American birders. You can read the supplement itself in *Ornithology* by visiting <https://academic.oup.com/auk/article/140/3/ukad023/7220602?login=false>. These two changes may affect life lists for North American and U.S. birders:

Two identical empid flycatcher "species" – Pacific-slope Flycatcher and Cordilleran Flycatcher – were lumped into one species, again called Western Flycatcher. The original binomial name - *Empidonax difficilis* – has been restored. For details on why this lump happened, see Alec Hopping's article in Vol. 72, No. 3 of *North American Birds*. This article was, in part, responsible for the lump. This amounts to a "minus one" for many listers, with ripple effects from life-lists down the line to patch lists.

Northern Goshawk has been split into two species - Eurasian Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) and American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*). *This split reverses a lump from 1957 because Eurasian Goshawk has been determined to be more closely related to a number of other Old-World species than it is to American Goshawk. This adds a species to the ABA Checklist, as Eurasian Goshawk is a vagrant in North America with one record from Labrador and three from Alaska.*

The split of Antillean Euphonia (*Chlorophonia musica*) from three subspecies into three full species affects birders' lists who have spent time in the Caribbean region. The Hispaniolan Euphonia retains the binomial *Chlorophonia musica*, the former Puerto Rican subspecies becomes the Puerto Rican Euphonia (*Chlorophonia sclateri*), and Lesser Antillean Euphonia becomes *Chlorophonia flavifrons*. It is important to remember that Puerto Rico, although part of the United States, is not part of the ABA reporting area. None of the three species are found in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

CBC Fall 2023 Litchfield Registration Form
Registration Begins Saturday, August 19, @ 2pm.
Register online for Best Availability of Field Trips at
www.carolinabirdclub.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Meeting Registration (Non-Member) _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Italian Buffet Dinner (A Vegetarian dish is on the buffet line)
 _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Meeting registration at the door costs \$45.

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

To pre-register for Field Trips, place the trip number(s) in the boxes to the right of the days.

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:

CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip.

I will release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) the Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Processing of mail-in registrations will not begin until online registration opens.

Cancellations will be refunded if received by 6pm, September 14

Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary at hq@carolinabirdclub.org.



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