

OCTOBER PROGRAM

**Oct. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library
at Price Park**

How Water Plants Protect Our Piedmont Reservoirs

Brant Touchette of Elon University will be our first speaker in this year's meeting series at the Kathleen C. Edwards Library in Greensboro. He will discuss his work with the American water willow (*Justicia americana* L.) in several area reservoirs, including High Point City Lake at the headwaters of the Deep River where our chapter's major project

begins. There are many variations of willow habitat for fish, and he has evaluated quite a few of them in terms of fish diversity and abundance. With consideration of seasonal variation the fish prefer more open areas during summer, probably because of where they are in their life cycles at that point. Come to meet Brant and to see and hear the results of his work, and maybe improve your luck with rod and reel.

**BIG SWEEP SET FOR
SATURDAY, OCT. 2**

Once again it's time to clean our streams and lakes of trash that's accumulated over the last several months. We'll meet at 9 AM at Mendenhall Plantation on the Deep River, 603 W. Main St. in Jamestown, across from City Lake Park. We'll provide bags, gloves and water, or you can bring your own. Wear long pants and shoes that can get wet, since we'll have to get off the trail some and there could be briars and poison ivy (a rake or pole comes in handy).

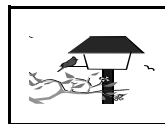
We always enjoy ourselves and find time for a little bird, plant and wildlife observation, so join us for a morning at historic Mendenhall and leave the river a little better than you found it! To sign up or get more information please contact Tom Duckwall at 337-0811 or TomFDuckwall@cs.com; or just show up.

October Field Trip

Triad Park for wetlands and other habitats

Sat., Oct. 23

We are meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the first parking area (on the left) inside the park. Tom Duckwall and Ann Walter-Fromson will co-lead a walk to look at different habitats, including wetlands. Triad Park is between Colfax and Kernersville on hwy 421, west of Colfax elementary school.



BIRD SEED SALE REMINDER:

Bird Seed Sale, Saturday October 9 at New Garden Gazebo Nursery on Lawn-dale Drive. Audubon will be selling bird seed from 9-12. Please support our efforts to raise funds for environmental education in Guilford County. Come even if you haven't pre-ordered or call Sherri Forrester at 851-0354 to order. If you want to pre-order, the form can be downloaded from the chapter's web site: www.tgpearsonaudubon.org/

Our mission: TO FOSTER APPRECIATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND ENJOYMENT OF NATURE, AND WORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE ON THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL.



Program and Field Trip Schedule 2004-2005

Sat., Oct. 2 Big Sweep stream clean-up at Mendenhall Plantation, Jamestown. Call Tom Duckwall at 337-0811 for details

Sat., Oct. 9 Audubon Bird Seed Sale at New Garden Nursery Gazebo, Lawndale Dr.. 9 a.m.-12

Thurs., Oct. 14 "How Water Plants Protect Our Piedmont Reservoirs," Speaker: Dr. Brant Touchette, Biologist. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 23 Field Trip to Triad Park for wetlands and other habitats;

Sat., Nov. 6 Black River Boat Trip with Andy Wood of Audubon NC: 4-hour boat ride from Wilmington

Wed., Nov. 10 "Natural Wonders of Newfoundland: The 2004 Ecotour". Speaker: Dick Thomas, Piedmont Environmental Center; KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 9 Audubon Holiday Slide Show at KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 18 Christmas Bird Count, PBC

Thurs., Jan. 13 Audubon Program at KCE Library at Price Park, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 15 Audubon Bird Seed Sale at New Garden Nursery Gazebo

Sat., Jan. 22 Field trip to Bicentennial Trail at Piedmont Centre

Thurs., Feb 10 "Ten Years of Eagles". Speaker: Dr. Lynn Moseley, Biologist, KCE Library, 7 - p.m

Sat., Feb. 12 A tour of the Greensboro lakes with PBC for winter waterfowl

Sat., Mar. 5 A tour of the Greensboro lakes with PBC for winter waterfowl

Thurs., Mar. 10 "Unraveling the Mysteries of Nesting Birds on Piedmont Game Lands". Speaker: Jeff Marcus, Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 12 Field trip to Raven Rock State Pk

Sat., Apr. 2 Great American Clean Up

Thurs., Apr. 14 "Wildflowers of the Piedmont". Speaker: Dr. Ken Bridle, Biologist for Ecologic. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m

Sat., Apr. 16 Field trip to Laurel Bluff Trail [Church Street trailhead] for wildflowers and spring migrants

Sat., May 7 Spring Bird Count with Piedmont Bird Club

Thurs., May 12 "Butterflies 101: How to Identify Butterflies". Speaker: Dennis Burnette, Carolina Butterfly Society. KCE Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m

Sat., May 14 Field activities at Audubon Natural Area on Tankersley Drive: Assessing water quality; identifying birds and butterflies

Sat., June 18 Field trip to Stone Mountain State Park with PBC

Sat., July 30 Field trip to Hagan-Stone Park with PBC for butterflies

For more information about programs and field trips, visit our website at

www.tgpearsonaudubon.org

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Nov. 10, 7-8:30 p.m

Natural Wonders of Newfoundland: The 2004 Ecotour
at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library at Price Park

This past July, Dick Thomas, Director of the Piedmont Environmental Center, led a group from Greensboro on a ten day exploration of Newfoundland. By kayak, foot, car and boat they spotted amazing birds such as hundreds of puffins, saw whales and moose, visually feasted on the landscape and partook of the music scene in St. John's. AND THEY TOOK PICTURES! Come see a slide show and hear Dick describe this adventure. ***This is a good program for family members of all ages.***

DISCOVERY DAY - A HIT—AGAIN
by Alice McCall

Discovery Day was exciting in new ways this year. Rather than discovering *the Audubon Natural Area*, we were discovering environmental offerings at the new library. We had lots of the same fun and people, but we also had lots of new faces and activities. This year we joined with the staff at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library to celebrate their grand opening. Many of the environmental groups sponsored by the City of Greensboro Recreation Dept. joined us on this *Discovery Day* outside the new library.

It was a gorgeous day tucked in between all the hurricane

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BLACK RIVER BIRDING TRIP
NOVEMBER 6
FROM WILMINGTON, NC

This is a reminder to those who plan to but haven't yet signed up for this trip. The chapter is planning a field trip that will take us on the Black River for a morning/afternoon of natural sights and wonders. A rich array of birds can be found in the area that we will explore. Andy Wood, NC Audubon Director of Education, will be the trip leader.

The boat is operated by Cape Fear River Tours, <www.cfrboats.com/maftns.htm>. Boarding at the *Wilmington docks* is at 9:30 a.m. The four-hour cruise begins at 10:00 a.m. The dock is located downtown, at the foot of Market St. at Water St. A letter will be sent to all who sign up, and enclosed will be a map and further details.

Most of those signed up plan to drive to Wilmington on Friday in order to make the early Saturday morning meeting time. Some may want to stay after the cruise to bird in the area. Members of the Piedmont Bird Club, who will join us on the river tour, plan to make this a weekend trip of birding in the Wilmington and Carolina Beach/Ft. Fisher areas. They welcome anyone who wishes to join them in birding on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning before returning to the Piedmont. This should be a great trip!

The cost of the cruise is \$40 per person. Because of the need to secure the reservation, please send a check made out to *T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society* to P.O. Box 10157, Greensboro, NC 27404 by October 8, 2004. Call Gregg Morris at 883-3270 for further information.

Rather than reserving a block of rooms, it was decided to leave accommodations up to individuals. Some possibilities are listed below, though there are many other choices in the area. (Check the Wilmington websites: <www.cape-fear.nc.us/tours/accommodations.asp>.) Most are on Market St, east of downtown Wilmington. Some members will be staying at the Econolodge, as it has a continental breakfast and is one of the closer facilities.

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**ECONOLODGE: 2929 Market St. 910-763-3318. AAA rate---\$32 for one double bed; \$41/\$49 for two double beds. MOTEL 6:2828 Market St. 910-762-0120. Queen bed, \$40. HAMPTON INN: 5107 Market St. 910-395-5045. Breakfast; \$80
DAYS INN: 5040 Market St. 910-799-6300. Microwave and fridge; \$49.
BEST WESTERN CAROLINIAN: 2916 Market St. 910-763-4653; \$40; C.brkfst**

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activity we've had lately. Lots of Audubon members came out to make the day a success. Dan Chambers, Ann Walter-Fromson, and Gregg Morris helped kids learn how to use binoculars. Tom Duckwall showed off the Deep River display. Ann Walter-Fromson also set up a display to inform us of invasive plant species. Jack and Sue Jezorek were there to help everywhere, and I was doing my best to herd 43 of my students who volunteered to help out in various areas from showing off a pet rabbit, a mouse, and a guide-dog in training, to encouraging people to recycle.

Many people worked hard to see that this day was a success and our thanks goes out to all.

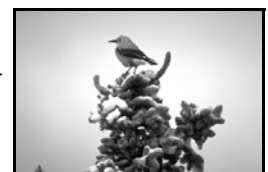
If you weren't able to join us this year, next year's event will be here before you know it. See you then!

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BONDS
ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT
by Jack Jezorek

On August 5th the Guilford County Commissioners voted to put a \$20 million Parks and Open Space Bond issue on the November 2nd ballot. The bond package will include \$10 million for park development (Southwest Park on Randleman Reservoir; Bryan Park-Guilford County; Bicentennial Greenway) and school parks at 10 school sites. Another \$10 million is slated for open space acquisition, guided by the County Open Space Committee. Lands will be acquired that protect water quality, mitigate flooding, provide wildlife habitat, connect various city and county parks and trails, provide noise and sight buffers between developed areas, and so on. This is the first time the county will have funds for the purchase of open space since a 1988 bond referendum, assuming the voters approve this bond issue on November 2nd. It is no secret that green space is disappearing at a breakneck pace, and it is considered by many to be extremely important that some open space be preserved to protect our quality of life. Note that the city of High Point also has a bond issue on its November ballot that has some money for parks, but that is a separate bond package. You will be hearing more about this bond issue in the months before the November election.

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NEWSLETTER TO GO BI-MONTHLY and TO BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE

The T. Gilbert Pearson chapter has three primary areas of expense—the Deep River Project, insurance, and the newsletter—in addition to program and field trip activities. Funding for the Deep River Project is secure, but we are constrained as to its use. It can't be used for operations, only for educational programs related to the Deep River Basin. Money from our birdseed sales is earmarked for environmental education projects. Monies for insurance and the newsletter come from national Audubon's support for local chapters. Herein lies the problem. National Audubon is changing its funding formula, and its support for local chapters is diminishing. So, *it's cost-cutting time*, at least until the Board can locate additional revenue sources. Ideas from the membership in this regard are welcome.

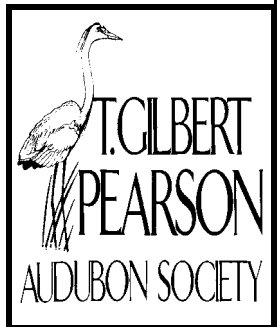
One of the ways the board is choosing to lower expenses is by publishing bi-monthly hard copies of the newsletter, beginning with this issue, rather than every month during the program year, as has been our custom. However, in order to continue to provide the best possible service to the membership, we will also be publishing the newsletter on the internet along with additional material. Thus, you will have constant and easy access to articles of interest, program and trip schedules and updates, and links to other pertinent sites. The web address is <http://tgpearsonaudubon.org>. The site is up and running. We hope you find it both informative and convenient. Let us hear from you about this site.

HAWK WATCH BOOK REISSUED by Gregg Morris

Guide to Hawk watching in North America by Donald Hintzleman

This is a 2004 update of a work originally published in 1979. The book features a large number of hawk watching sites in the United States and Canada. Descriptions of the sites themselves are provided, as are road directions, references and assessments of the quality of spring and autumn migration flights. The author also includes field guide-style species accounts, a broad variety of hawk watching information and a discussion of basic equipment needs. Based on my personal knowledge of some of the sites, the book appears to be both accurate and useful.

In your birding career, you may happen to develop a particular interest in raptors. If so, you will want to invest in works more specialized than standard bird books. *Guide to Hawk watching in North America* shouldn't be your first choice(s) (those should be *Hawks in Flight* by Dunne, Sibley and Sutton and whichever raptor field guide you prefer). But at some point, especially if you like to travel and want



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