

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Thursday, February 10th, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library at Price Park

TEN YEARS OF EAGLES IN GUILFORD COUNTY

On Thursday, February 10th, Guilford College biologist Lynn Moseley will take us on a journey recounting the history of bald eagles in Guilford County from their first nesting efforts at Lake Higgins in 1994 to their recent nesting success at Lake Brandt in March 2004. Lynn has been actively involved in monitoring and advo-

cating for the bald eagles since their arrival here. Her delightful and informative slide presentation encompasses the larger history of bald eagles in the United States, their natural history and habitat preferences, and legal and political events surrounding the return of the eagles.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP:



**WATERFOWL ON GREENSBORO LAKES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**

We will join the Piedmont Bird Club to observe waterfowl on the Greensboro watershed lakes. Ducks, geese, grebes, mergansers, and gulls are our target birds on the tour of the lake overlooks. (Last year we also got good looks at nesting bald eagles!). Dress in warm layers and bring a thermos of something hot; the wind off the lakes can be chilling. Bring a spotting scope if you have one—we won't be walking much at all.

Please call or email the trip leader,
Dennis Burnette (299-4342;

deburnette@earthlink.net) or Ann Walter-Fromson (see chapter officer list) if you plan to join us. We will meet at the parking lot of the Congregational United Church of Christ on Radiance Drive (off W. Friendly Ave., across from Ham's, behind Leon's) at 9:00 a.m. to carpool.

MARCH PROGRAM

7 p.m. on Mar. 10 at the KCE Library

**UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES OF NESTING
BIRDS ON PIEDMONT GAME LANDS**

Jeff Marcus, a Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, will present a program about the work he is doing with wintering and breeding birds in the Sandhills and Caswell Game-lands. He will also tell us about NC's Cooperative Upland habitat Restoration and Enhancement (CURE) program which benefits grassland and shrubland birds. Join us and learn about this important work that is going on right here in NC.

INFORMATION WANTED

Lisa Duke is a writer for the News and Record and would like to speak with paddlers, hikers, birders and other outdoor enthusiasts about their interests and reasons for spending their spare time in a natural setting. This would be great public relations for our organization and might help interest more people in the kind of things we do, so if you'd be willing to talk to her please call 885-5731 or send e-mail to lduke@northstate.net. Thank you!

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
February—July 2005



- Thurs, Feb 10** “Ten Years of Eagles.” Speaker: Dr. Lynn Moseley, Biologist, KCE Library, 7-8:30 p.m
- Sat., Feb. 12** A tour of the Greensboro lakes with PBC for winter waterfowl; see preceding article.
- 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 Park
- 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 (PBC)
- 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

*The entrance to the Edwards Family Library at Price Park can be reached off of Hobbs Rd. between Jefferson and New Garden .

>>>> Another calendar date is Feb. 5, the Mountains-to-the-Sea Trail annual meeting here in Greensboro.-- Remember this includes our own Laurel Bluff Trail. Those interested can contact Tom Duckwall for details or see <http://www.ncmst.org/> <<<<

MARCH FIELD TRIP - Saturday, Mar. 12
RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK

Pack a lunch and join us on March 12 as we explore Raven Rock State Park near Lillington, NC. We will take an easy half-mile walk to observe the flora and fauna. Some may want to extend the walk to the Cape Fear River to see the 150-foot high bluffs known as Raven Rock where the piedmont meets the coastal plain.

Raven Rock enjoys a rich history from being hunting grounds for the Siouxan and Tuscarora tribes to serving as a landmark for river pilots and later to becoming a popular recreation spot. The park was established in 1969 and boasts not only the striking Raven Rock but also a variety of wildflowers and many species of birds as the terrain varies on the walk to the river.

Directions and carpooling information: From Greensboro take 421 South. Before Lillington turn left on Raven Rock Rd. (There are signs to Raven Rock State Park.) Meet in the parking lot near the trailheads at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to car-pool, meet in the Sears at Friendly Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Some of us will be waiting in the lot near Friendly Ave. Please call Alice McCall at 698-0220 if you need more information.

DEEP RIVER NOTES— Tom Duckwall

On Oct. 19 there was an important meeting in Statesville, sponsored by DENR and featuring a number of highly regarded speakers. There was great emphasis on the dangers of blue-green algae and cyanoHABs (HAB = harmful algae bloom) and other contaminants, and how they relate to the security of our water systems. Some of these (*Lyngbya wollei*) have been problems in this area, and have been known to injure animals and people who only came in contact with (but didn't drink) the water that contained them. Some types of contamination would require wholesale replacement of pipes and appliances, a very costly and slow process. We all need to appreciate the new pressures on our public water suppliers, and support their work to establish higher safety and security standards. Much more information is available--don't hesitate to ask; and look for the new journal "Environmental Forensics" (<http://www.environmentalforensics.org/journal.htm>).

In early December I heard from the TetraTech consultants who are working with NC DOT EEP (Environmental Enhancement Program) to study the upper Rocky River and develop proposals that would

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improve water quality downstream. These might include fencing cattle out of the creeks and providing other sources of water and shade, and retrofitting urban areas with stormwater control measures. In turn, such projects would be counted as mitigation for runoff problems caused by highway construction. I plan to talk more with TetraTech soon and hope to visit some of their study sites so I can report in more detail how EEP will affect streams in our area.

Later in the month I worked with the Triangle Land Conservancy at its Mclver Landing boat launch in Gulf. There I scraped the 60' x 3' boardwalk and found it had accumulated a 3" load of sediment, about 1500 lbs.--a tiny part of the total load carried by just one stream! It looks like the whole state is moving "from the mountains to the sea." The next night I presented a sample to the hearing officers at a public meeting on general stormwater permits, and they accepted it as part of the official record.

Two new articles on polluted runoff are available

on the internet; the first is from the journal River Voices, published by River Network of which we're a partner: http://www.rivernetwork.org/emplibrary/effectsofstormwater_pitt.pdf

The other is from Science News: <http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20040904/bob8.asp>

Thanks to Kathy Luscher of River Network for providing these, as well as this guide to their search index: "You can go to the Library (<http://www.rivernetwork.org/library/resource/index.cfm>) and type "stormwater" [or other topic--TD] in the quick search and it will display the article."

Dates to remember (see next issue for details):

March 18-19 - NC Conservation Network annual retreat at Browns Summit.

April 2 - River and creek cleanup, 9 AM at Mendenhall Plantation and perhaps other locations, to be announced.

April 6 - Clean Water Lobby Day in Raleigh, with the Watershed Alliance of the NC Conservation Network.

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP

T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon contracts with the city of Greensboro to manage the Natural Area on Tankersly Drive near Moses Cone Hospital. This 11-acre park features a perennial stream, a forest, a pleasant walking trail and will, in the future, have a paved bike trail constructed through it. The club also sponsors the 3.5-mile Laurel Bluff Trail on the shore of Lake Townsend and along Reedy Fork Creek, one of the most scenic of the city's watershed trails. We're looking for individuals or service clubs who might be interested in performing occasional light maintenance in these two areas. This maintenance would consist of a few sessions per year and could involve some light pruning and litter control. A yearly task would be the coordination of a larger scale cleanup performed by a number of club members. The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department conducts any heavy duty maintenance and anything requiring equipment like chain saws.

This is an opportunity to be of service to the natural environment while enjoying the outdoors. For more information, call Gregg Morris at 883-3270.

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"Audubon is celebrating its centennial year of protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Audubon will celebrate its centennial throughout the year with events across the country, including both annual activities like the Great Backyard Bird Count (Feb. 18-21, 2005), and new, special centennial events." (Audubon web site, 1/05, www.audubon.org/)

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