

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Thurs, Sept 8, 7-8:30 p.m., at the
KCEB Library at Price Park

Southwest China: Environmental Footnotes

Ann Walter-Fromson will share slides and environmental observations from her recent trip to Sichuan and Yunnan provinces in Southwest China. As part of a 12 day international faculty development seminar, Ann visited the Giant Panda Breeding Research Institute, the Moon Bear Protection Center, an ancient irrigation system, a sacred Buddhist mountain, and other sites. Through this presentation, Ann hopes to



provide a sense of place, make observations regarding wildlife, and touch on environmental concerns in China.

SEPTEMBER RAPTOR FIELD TRIPS

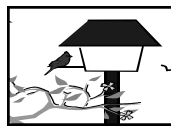
September 17, 18 and 24

Fall raptor migration is almost upon us, and two field trips to view this magnificent spectacle have been scheduled. The Piedmont Bird Club and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon will join other birders from the region at Mahogany Rock Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway on Saturday, September 17. This is about a two-hour drive from Guilford County. *Phillip Kellam* will lead. ***If you need directions or would like to carpool, call him at 275-3692.***



If bad weather prevents this trip, there will be a backup on Sunday the 18th at Pilot Mountain State Park. Meet in the Little Pinnacle parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Contact Gregg Morris at 883-3270 for information. Another joint trip to Pilot Mountain is planned for Saturday, September 24. We will again meet in the parking lot on Little Pinnacle at 9:00 a.m.. Gregg Morris will also lead this trip. Both destinations can be good for viewing migrating fall warblers as well as raptors.

It's Bird Seed Sale time again!



**DISCOVERY DAY AT THE
Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Li-
brary**

Saturday, October 8 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm,

T. Gilbert Pearson
hosting fun nature activi-

ty. This will be part of the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library efforts in environmental education. Join us and take a nature walk or bird walk, learn how to use binoculars, bird guides and how to spot birds. Make a leaf rubbing or a bird feeder. Try to eat like a bird or test stream water to see if the water is clean enough for very little animals to live in it. Learn about where rainwater really goes. Some of these activities will require signing up for certain times. Please check the library website for more information. <http://www.greensborolib.org/>

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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.

October Program
Digiscoping Birds
 Thurs, Oct 13, 7:00 p.m. KCE Library

“Digiscoping Birds?” What does that mean? Melissa Whitmire, a Greensboro nature photographer, plans to demonstrate this for us in a presentation of her slides of birds taken with a digital camera and birding scope. Following her recent exhibit of nature photographs at the Greensboro Central Library (Feb 20 – Apr 7, 2005), Melissa’s work is receiving much positive attention. A long time member of Audubon, Melissa has always been an outdoors person but has only become “obsessed with birds” in the past 6 or 7 years. Her goal as a photographer is to take pictures that people enjoy and that convey her love of nature. In this presentation, Melissa will explain how she uses the digital camera and scope to take photographs and will show us how to use general editing and digital editing on the computer to improve the composition and appearance of photos.

For a preview of Melissa’s photographs, visit her website at <http://mwhitmirenaturephotos.com>.

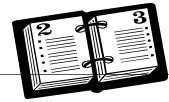
Falls Lake State Recreation Area Field Trip
 Saturday, Oct 29

Join us as we support one of Audubon North Carolina’s Important Bird Areas (IBA) by visiting the **Falls Lake State Recreation Area**. We will carpool to Durham and Wake Counties to visit two destinations - leaving from Sears parking lot, Friendly Ctr., closest to Friendly Avenue at 7:45-8:00 a.m. The route: I-85, US-70, NC-98. First, we will go to **Rolling View State Recreation Area** in Durham County, located at the tip of a peninsula extending into Falls Lake. We will scan the land and water for fall birds of which over 240 species have been seen here. We will look for other NC flora and fauna. Depending on what we see or how hungry we are, we may eat lunch here at some of the picnic tables.

Second, we will travel to **Blue Jay Point County Park** in Wake County, also located on a peninsula that juts out into Falls Lake. There are restrooms, educational exhibits, demonstration gardens, bird feeders, and picnic tables. There are lots of things to hear and see around the Center of Environmental Education before walking some of the trails. The Falls Lake Trail winds through the park and is part of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail like the Pearson Audubon sponsored Laurel Bluff Trail. Depending on how everyone is feeling we can take easy hikes of various lengths within the park.

Please contact Dan Chambers if you want to go on this field trip at Instructus@aol.com or 286-9735. If something like bad weather is pending, he needs to know who to contact to adjust the starting time or cancel the trip.

Program and Field Trip
 Schedule



Sept 2-4 Pilot Mountain Camping, Hiking, and Paddling Trip. RSVP to Tom Duckwall, 337-0811.

Thurs, Sept 8 “*Southwest China: Environmental Footnotes*”. Speaker: Ann Walter-Fromson. KCE Library, 7:00 pm

Sat, Sept 17 Field trip to Mahogany Rock with Piedmont Bird Club (PBC) to view hawk migration. RSVP* (see article)

Sun, Sept 18 Field trip to Pilot Mountain to view hawk migration. RSVP* (see article)

Sat, Sept 24 Field trip to Pilot Mountain with PBC to view hawk migration. RSVP*

Sat, Oct 1 Big Sweep Stream Clean-up. RSVP to Tom Duckwall, 337-0811.

Sat, Oct 8 Audubon Bird Seed Sale at New Garden Nursery Gazebo

Sat, Oct 8 Discovery Day at KCE Library:

Nature activities for children and adults, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thurs, Oct 13 *The Secret to Digiscoping Birds*. Speaker: Melissa Whitmire, Photographer. KCE Library

Sat, Oct 29 Field trip to Falls Lake, an Important Bird Area. RSVP*

Sat, Nov 5 Clean up day at Audubon Natural Area on Tankersley Drive, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Thurs, Nov 10 “*Antarctic Wonders Travelogue*”. Speaker: Bill Knox. KCE Library

Sat, Nov 19 Field trip to Camp Guilrock with PBC. RSVP*

Thurs, Dec 8 *Holiday Program: Amateur Naturalists’ Slide Show*. KCE Library

Sat, Dec 10 Field trip to Bicentennial Trail at Piedmont Centre. RSVP*

Sat, Dec 17 Christmas Bird Count with Piedmont Bird Club. RSVP*

More information about programs and field trips at our website:

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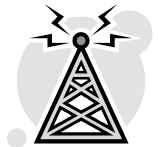
At the annual meeting your Board faced up to the fact that our newsletter costs alone (not considering any other chapter expenses) exceed the amount we receive from the National Audubon Society. Like other chapters and groups, we decided the best way to address this is to move toward a web-based newsletter, with a transitional period for those who want a printed copy. The basic plan is to have people choose between the electronic version on the website, or a print edition to be made available beginning in January for \$10 a year. As plans are finalized you'll be notified in our next issue (Nov.-Dec.)



and asked to make that choice by early December; meanwhile your comments and other ideas are welcome.

Certainly for some (including this writer, former newsletter editor along with many others) this is a bitter-sweet milestone--on the one hand a move away from resource use (paper/trees, printing/ink+energy, delivery/gasoline, etc.), but a loss of that nice surprise in the mailbox, the crisp piece of paper with news from and about your like-minded friends, and a schedule of events to post on the refrigerator. Yet we can be thankful for the sense of immediate connection: whether good news or bad, we'll be more able to react to

current events and make plans in the light of recent information. We hope everyone will understand and in time get comfortable with this new development. Now you can print out the parts you want to keep, and erase the rest!



TOM HILMER MEMORIAL FUND

Our T.G. Pearson Audubon chapter would like to thank the friends of Tom Hillmer who have remembered him and his love for the natural world by donating to the Tom Hillmer Memorial Fund. We remember the hard and rewarding work he did on the bluebird trail in Lake Daniel Park and all of his work in the eleven acre Audubon Natural Area on Tankersley Drive.

After the City of Greensboro has completed a repair project in the Natural Area, TGPAS will continue with its plans to honor Tom. We will keep you informed on this effort. Thank you.

