

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

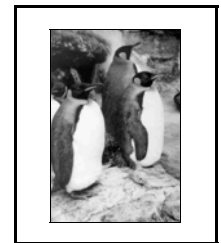
**Thursday, Nov. 10th, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library
at Price Park**

WONDERS OF ANTARCTICA

Bill and Diana Knox took one of those journeys of a lifetime when they traveled to the Falkland Islands, St. Georges Island and Antarctica in 2003. Bill took many marvelous slides of the landscapes they viewed and walked and the wildlife they met.

Yes, there are pictures of penguins!

Join us for a visual feast and bring family and friends.



**NOVEMBER WORKDAY AT THE
TGPAS NATURAL AREA**

Get outside and enjoy nature, Sat., Nov. 5, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. . The Audubon Natural Area is located between Elm and Church



on Tankersley Drive, north of Cone Hospital. Our focus will be to spread mulch on the Tom Hillmer Trail and around the picnic tables. We will need to remove or cut back some plants before mulching. Wear appropriate clothes for the job and weather. Bring tools to cut and remove plants. We need wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes to spread the mulch. Contact Dan Chambers 286-9735 or Instructus@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

**FIELD TRIP: CAMP GUILROCK
Sat. Nov. 19**

Camp Guilrock is a 220 acre Methodist Church Camp just north of Guilford Co. about two miles into Rockingham Co. It has a good mix of habitats with two ponds, farm fields on the approach road, and a nice trail through the woods along the south side of the Haw River.

Meet at Congregational United Church of Christ on Radiance Dr. at 8:00 a.m. to car pool.

If you wish to drive directly there wait at the gate for the car poolers. It is about a half hour drive. Take 150 east; left on Fairgrove Church Rd. which becomes Benaja; turn left onto Belleville Rd. which leads to the camp. We are joining with the Piedmont Bird Club for this trip and Carolyn Allen will lead the walk.

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
2005—2006

Sat, Oct 29 - Field trip to Falls Lake, an Important Bird Area. RSVP Dan Chambers if you want to go on this field trip at **Instructus@aol.com** or 286-9735.

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*

2006 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thurs., Jan 12 - “*Paddling the Mississippi River*”. Speakers: John Pugh and Jessica Robbins.

Sat., January 28 - Field trip to Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, an Important Bird Area, with PBC. RSVP*

Sat., February 4 - Audubon Bird Seed Sale at New Garden Nursery Gazebo, Lawndale

Thurs., February 9 - “*Enjoying Backyard Birds*”. Speaker: Paul Salazar.

Sat., February 11 - A tour of the Greensboro lakes with PBC for winter waterfowl. RSVP*

February 17-20 - Great Backyard Bird Count

Sat., February 25 - Field trip to Jordan Lake, an Important Bird Area. RSVP*

Thurs., March 9 - “*Birds of the Galapagos Islands*”. Speaker: Lynn Moseley, Biologist.

Sat., March 18 - Field trip to White Pine Preserve on the Deep River. RSVP*

More information about programs and field trips at our website:

www.tgpearsonaudubon.org

DECEMBER PROGRAM

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

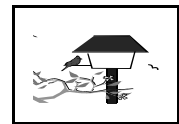
AND SLIDE SHOW

Thurs., Dec. 8, 7:00-8:30 at KCE Library



The dark comes early and the wind blows cold which is perfect weather to enjoy pictures of outdoor adventures we have enjoyed over the past year. From pictures of plants and animals in your own backyard to far off places please share your slides or photo albums with us. Bring 5-10 minutes of slides or pictures to display on tables or come to be the audience. We will have drinks and snacks to celebrate the season.

**WINTER SEED SALE
COMING UP**



Forget to stock up on birdseed at the Fall Seed Sale in October? T. G. Pearson Audubon will hold its second seed sale of the year on **February 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at New Garden Nursery Gazebo, 3811 Lawndale Dr.**

You can support the chapter’s environmental education initiatives while at the same time helping our local birds through the winter. T.G. Pearson is glad to make available a wide assortment of top quality birdseed at outstanding prices. For your convenience, pre-order seed using the order form in the January/February on-line edition of the newsletter at <http://www.tgpearsonaudubon.org/>

**DECEMBER FIELD TRIP
WALK THE BICENTENNIAL TRAIL
IN HIGH POINT**

December 10, 9:00 a.m.

We will meet for a winter morning's walk on the Bicentennial Trail in Piedmont Centre in north High Point (directions below.) We'll meet in the greenway parking lot on the north side of Piedmont Parkway, next to the Bank of America building.

Check out the following web sites or "Google" *Piedmont Parkway*.

www.co.guilford.nc.us/government/planning/parks/greenway.html
piedmontbirdclub.org/gcbg/gcbgbicentennial.html
www.great-trails.com/greenway.shtml

From Greensboro

Take Bryan Blvd north past the airport. Go South on Hwy 68. Approximately 2 miles past I-40 turn left onto Piedmont Parkway. Or, taking Gallimore Dairy Rd. from Market, turn left onto Hwy 68; at second light south of intersection turn left onto Piedmont Prkwy.

From Winston-Salem

Take I-40 Business or Bypass to Greensboro. Exit at the Hwy 68 / PTIA airport exit. Turn right onto Hwy 68. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left onto Piedmont Parkway.

From High Point

Take Hwy 68 from Main Street toward Greensboro. Approximately 2 miles past Wendover Ave turn right onto Piedmont Parkway.

For more information, call Gregg Morris at 883-3270.

(Cont. from column to right >) and Dennis Burnette, Henry Link, Carolyn Allen, Lynn Mosley and Emily Tyler of TGPAS and PBC. Thanks too to recorders/helpers Jack Jezorek and Dan Chambers and also to Dan Chambers for taking photographs and GPS readings of all 30 count sites. Incidentally, the field trip to Camp Guilrock in November will visit two of the count sites. **Hope to see you there.**

WHAT'S AN IBA?

by Jack Jezorek

IBA is short for Important Bird Area, a place which is critical for breeding, feeding or migrating birds. IBAs are being designated worldwide, with coordination by Birdlife International. In the USA National Audubon is the coordinator of the program. Walker Golder, Deputy Director of Audubon NC, is project manager in our state, where nearly 100 IBAs have been designated, from Lake Matamuskeet to the Great Smoky Mountains.

There are relatively few IBAs in the Piedmont, but one area that has great promise is the Upper Haw River corridor, which has extensive bottomland forests, wetlands and flood plains still pretty much untouched by development. It occurred to Pearson chapter members Carolyn Allen and Jack Jezorek (both also Audubon NC Board members) that a worthy project for the chapter would be a bird census of the Upper Haw to see if it qualifies as an IBA. And so, with help from Curtis Smalling, Audubon NC Mountain Area Biologist, the chapter launched a two- or three-year census of the Upper Haw, from the Forsyth County line downstream to the Alamance County line. This stretch of the river includes about 30 count sites, where Pearson chapter, Audubon Society of Forsyth County, and Piedmont Bird Club members counted birds three times during the just-passed May-June breeding season. Each so-called point count session lasts only 10 minutes, part of the standardized methodology which ornithologists use for studies such as this. After about two or three years of breeding season data collection we hope to have gotten enough information to the IBA technical committee so that it can be determined whether the Upper Haw qualifies as an official IBA. Even if not, we will have discovered some "important birding areas" and, we hope, raised local consciousness of the value of the Haw River to our quality of life. If you have an interest in helping with this project next count season, either as a counter (good at sight and sounds of birds) or a recorder, let Carolyn or Jack know.

Many thanks to count-team leaders Linda Davis, Ramona Snavely and Phil Dickinson from Forsyth

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NEWSLETTER TO GO ELECTRONIC

As noted in the last newsletter, the chapter Board of Directors concluded that continuing to publish a full bi-monthly paper edition would be fiscally imprudent. To quote from the article in the September/October Issue:

“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.”

The intent is to produce on-line a facsimile of a printed newsletter that can either be read on your monitor or printed out for later consumption. Again, though, those who would prefer to receive the newsletter in the mail can do so by sending a check in the amount of \$10 to T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society at PO Box 10157, Greensboro, NC 27404.

Membership Matters!!

Your membership in the National Audubon Society includes chapter membership and is important because we can accomplish so much more together.

Part of your dues is returned to the local chapter to support local programs.

The expiration date on your newsletter label should agree with the one on your Audubon magazine, allowing 6-8 weeks for us to receive notice of your renewal.

For more information about membership call or email Tom Duckwall (see board member list .) Better yet, talk to him in person at one of our scheduled programs.

