

MAY PROGRAM

Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library at Price Park
Thursday, May 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

WILD ORCHIDS OF NORTH CAROLINA



Mark Rose, proprietor of Breckenridge Orchids and a tropical orchid grower since the age of 8, will speak at T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon's May 11 program at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library in Price Park.

Mr. Rose is an expert on North Carolina's wild orchids, during plant rescues, will be accompanied by spectacular slides of this most interesting, unusual and widely vary-



the native plants of this state. His program which he grows from plants obtained by spectacular slides of this most interesting group of plants.

Mr. Rose is a co-founder and board member of the Native Orchid Conference. Governor Easley recently appointed him to the North Carolina Plant Conservation Board.



JUNE PROGRAM

Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library at Price Park
Thursday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.

PADDLING TROUBLESOME CREEK

There are many exotic locations that one can explore. Typically we think of these as being in a far-off lands, but some are much closer.

On June 8, Audubon member and frequent paddler Vance Arnold will share with us his



experiences in one such place, Troublesome Creek and the adjacent swamp, a "capillary" of the Haw River just north of Greensboro.

(Picture is not of Troublesome Creek.)

All TGPAS programs are free and open to the public.

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.



T. Gilbert Pearson
Audubon Society
 Updated Schedule of Events 2006

Thurs, April 13 “Gardening to Attract Butterflies Throughout Their Lifecycle.”

Speaker: Loretta Lutman.

Sat. April 29 Spring bird migration field trip to the Lewis home in Randolph County with PBC. RSVP*

May 5 – 7 Audubon North Carolina Annual Meeting in Wilmington.

Sat. May 6 Spring Bird Count with Piedmont Bird Club. RSVP*

Thurs. May 11 “The Wild Orchids of North Carolina”. Speaker: Mike Rose.

Sat. May 20 Wildflower walk on Laurel Bluff Trail. RSVP*

Thurs. June 8 “Trouble on Troublesome Creek: Haw River Adventures” Speaker, Vance Arnold.

Sat. June 10 T.G. Pearson Audubon Annual Planning Meeting, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., KCE Library

Sat. June 17 Field trip to Caswell Game Lands, an Important Bird Area. RSVP*

Thurs. July 13 “Local Organic Farming: Good for You, the Farmer, and the Environment”. Speaker: Tony Kleese.

Thurs. Aug. 10 Evening Stroll in Price Park

All Thursday evening programs are from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library at Price Park off Hobbs Road.



* RSVP – Contact the field trip leader if you’d like to participate. See the

T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon newsletter at our website for details: www.tgpearsonaudubon.org



HAVE YOU TRIED COUNTING BIRDS?

Saturday, May 6, is our annual spring bird count. Mostly by car, with brief stops and short walks, we count species and numbers within a 15-mile circle. If you are a novice and want to learn more, this is a great way to do so by joining a group. If you know your birds and would like a territory assigned to you we have one waiting. We do need new people in order to cover our area. This count is run by the Piedmont Bird Club. Call or email Elizabeth Link to join in the fun at 273-4672 or linkh@bellsouth.net.

ANC BY THE SEA -
 2006 ANNUAL MEETING
 May 5-7, 2006—Wilmington, NC

The Audubon North Carolina Annual Meeting involves mostly birding and socializing, both of which are important for a healthy Audubon.

The 2005 Annual Meeting found us in the Blue Ridge Mountains around Asheville. This year we move to the opposite end of the state to **Wilmington, on May 5-7, 2006**. If warm spring ocean breezes; a pontoon-boat ride to Lea-Hutaff Island; kayaking a black-water river; or birding in the Holly Shelter Game Lands turn you on, then this is the weekend for you.

Andy Wood, Audubon’s Director of Education, is putting together a program of field trips that offers something for everyone. Here is a chance to see warblers and woodpeckers (probably not an Ivory-bill, but maybe a Pileated), skimmers and sandpipers.

So, buoys and gulls, mark your calendar for May 5-7, and watch your mail for more details. See you on the beach! Let’s break the Annual Meeting attendance record this year!



May 20, 2006, 9:00 a.m. ---
Laurel Bluff Wildflower Hike
From Church Street

On April 1st a crew of TGPAS folks turned out to clean up the Laurel Bluff Trail as part of the Great American Cleanup. Now it's time to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Come join us for a glimpse of spring at its finest—hike the Laurel Bluff Trail as we look for wildflowers and migrating birds.

We'll start our hike at the Church Street trailhead [just north of Air Harbor Road] and hike west, overlooking the western tip of Lake Townsend.

This beautiful watershed trail has a wide variety of wildflowers, great views of the lake, and a mountain laurel grove. Last year we walked this trail in April, so we should find some different flowers this year in May.

Wear sturdy shoes and bring your wildflower field guides, your binoculars, water, and a snack. The trail is 3.5 miles long; we'll walk in as far as time allows, then head back to the trailhead.

For more information, call Ann Walter-Fromson (299-9494).



CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual planning meeting of T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon is scheduled for June 10, 2006 at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library in Price Park. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM. Chapter members are welcome to attend and take part in planning for next year. Activities at the meeting will include determining the tentative schedule of programs and field trips, a discussion of the budget for the coming year and setting chapter goals and objectives. Attendees will also elect the 2006-2007 chapter Board of Directors. Bring a lunch if you like. Weather permitting, we can eat outside in the park and perhaps take a midday walk on the trails. For more information, contact Gregg Morris, 883-3270 or gregg.morris@highpointnc.gov.

NEW BIRD BOOK PUBLISHED by Gregg Morris

A new bird field guide that should be of particular interest to local birders was scheduled for publication in March 2006. The book is titled *Birds of Shenandoah National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park: A Field Guide*. It is by Ernest P. Edwards, an ornithologist with more than a half-century's experience. The guide covers all the birds known to occur regularly in the area in full detail, with more abbreviated treatment of species seen only rarely or in especially localized situations.

The book is 4.5"x7.5", and contains 142 pages, about 55 of them in full color. The cost is \$19.95. Edward Murrell Butler was the primary bird illustrator, and maps are provided. *Birds of Shenandoah National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Great Smokey Mountains National Park: A Field Guide* would seem to be a very useful and convenient work from the information available to me and quite worth a look. A complete description along with some sample pages can be viewed at the website of McDonald & Woodward Publishing Co., www.mwpubco.com.

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**JUNE FIELD TRIP –
CASWELL GAME LANDS**
Saturday, June 17

The Caswell Game Lands near Yanceyville in Caswell County consist of more 20,000 acres of rolling hills with mixed woodlands and bottom-land hardwood forest. It is also listed as an Important Bird Area (IBA), one of 92 in the state. Because state game lands are managed for hunting, wildlife is often abundant, and such is the case with Caswell. Deer and wild turkey are plentiful. The site also has beaver ponds and a number of waterfowl impoundments.

Plan to meet Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 in the Sears parking lot in Friendly Center so that we can carpool for the one hour drive to this area northeast of Greensboro. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring a lunch and something to drink. In addition to birding and generally enjoying the natural world, we will be looking into the possibility of the chapter's "adopting" this IBA either as an area to conduct point counts or

under some other, less formal, birding program. Contact Gregg Morris at 883-3270 or gregg.morris@highpointnc.gov if you plan to join us on this trip.

Note: Though Caswell Game Lands is used extensively for hunting a variety of game, nothing is in season at this time of year.

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.

Your expiration date is on your Audubon magazine. Allow 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.

