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New Audubon Science: Two-Thirds of North American Birds at Risk of Extinction Due to Climate Change



Golden-crowned Kinglet, by Dan Vickers.

On October 10, the National Audubon Society announced a groundbreaking climate report, *Survival by Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink*, showing that two-thirds of America's birds are threatened with extinction from climate change. The promising news is that if we can keep global temperatures down, it will help up to 76 percent of these species. "There's hope in this report, but first, it'll break your heart if you care about birds and what they tell us about the ecosystems we share with them. It's a bird emergency," said David Yarnold, CEO and president of National Audubon.

Audubon scientists studied 604 North American bird species using 140 million bird records, including observational data from bird lovers and field biologists across the country.

"In Georgia, 23 percent, or 58 of Georgia's 254 bird species are vulnerable to climate change according to this groundbreaking report," says Adam Betuel, director of conservation for Atlanta Audubon. "Without substantial climate change mitigation, many common Georgia species like the Brown Thrasher, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Eastern Towhee, and many others could become uncommon or even extirpated in Georgia. It is critical that we take prompt, meaningful steps to reduce global warming so that these birds can remain part of our lives and landscapes."

Eight Georgia birds were named species of high concern, including Red-headed Woodpecker, Fish Crow, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Nelson's Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, and Yellow-throated Warbler.

The five primary climate-related threats facing Georgia birds include sea level rise, urbanization, extreme spring heat, heavy rain, and false spring. To learn more about specific Georgia threats, visit <http://audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees/state/us/ga>.

"We already know what we need to do to reduce global warming, and we already have a lot of the tools we need to take those steps. Now what we need are more people committed to making sure those solutions are put into practice," said Renee Stone, vice president of climate for the National Audubon Society. "Our elected officials at every level of government must hear from their constituents that this is a priority. Audubon is committed to protecting the places birds need now and in the future and taking action to address the root causes of climate change."

Audubon has outlined five key steps to combat climate change:

1. Reduce your use of energy at home and ask your elected officials to support energy-saving policies that reduce the overall demand for electricity and that save consumers money.
2. Ask your elected officials to expand consumer-driven clean energy development that grows jobs in your community—like solar or wind power.
3. Reduce the amount of carbon pollution released into the atmosphere. In order to drive down carbon emissions, we will need innovative, economy-wide solutions that address every sector of the economy—like a fee on carbon. Another option is to address carbon emissions one sector at a time, such as setting a clean energy standard for electricity generation.
4. Advocate for natural solutions, from increasing wetlands along coasts and rivers that absorb soaking rains to protecting forests and grasslands that are homes to birds and serve as carbon storage banks, and putting native plants everywhere to help birds adapt to climate change.
5. Ask elected leaders to be climate and conservation champions.

To view the full study, visit www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees.



Georgia's state bird, the Brown Thrasher, is on the list of Georgia birds most threatened by climate change. Photo by Una Davenhill.

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From the Executive Director

By Michelle Hamner, Interim Executive Director

As I write this column in early October for our November issue of *Wingbars*, we are just beginning to welcome the “new” birds that this change in seasons brings with it. Many of the birds we’ve gotten to know this summer are heading south for the winter, and soon—certainly by the time you are reading this—the kinglets and butter butts and waxwings will have winged their way back into the Atlanta area, where many will stay and keep our feeders and eBird checklists busy through the winter.

As birders, we’re used to seeing change with the passage of every season. We welcome the surprises that each new day may bring on its winds. That first Swamp Sparrow chip note I hear in October gives me a sense of continuity, a reminder that the ebb and flow of nature doesn’t take a break.

As an organization, Atlanta Audubon is in the midst of its own season change as well. We’ve been fortunate to grow as an organization this year by welcoming new staff members Gabe Andrle, Beverly Fooks, and Ryan Schultz. In addition, we’ve forged new collaborations with local and national partners that have allowed us the chance to work with Jason Ward (National Audubon) and Kiana Leverette (Greening Youth Foundation). And, just as the fall warblers began moving through in earnest, we bid farewell to our longtime Executive Director, Nikki Belmonte, as she moved on to her next season of adventures.

As we move through these changing seasons at Atlanta Audubon, the staff and board are energized to continue working with all of you to build places where birds and people thrive. The recent Audubon Climate Report and the sobering report published in *Science* regarding national bird population declines mimic what we’re seeing locally here in Georgia. Just as our feathered friends keep pushing south this season, neither can we slow down. There’s too much work to be done to protect our local birds and habitats.

Over the coming seasons, you’ll be hearing from us with tangible actions you can take to protect birds and greenspaces throughout Georgia. Keep drinking your shade-grown coffee. Take a neighbor birding. Turn off unnecessary nighttime lighting during migration. Volunteer at a habitat restoration work day. Put the pressure on our elected officials to make birds and habitat a priority. Stay involved with Atlanta Audubon, because we need your help and we’re stronger when we flock together.

Atlanta, Meet Your Newest Chimney Swift Tower

By Michelle Hamner, Interim Executive Director

Atlanta Audubon celebrated Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month in September with several events designed to showcase the vital relationship between native plants and birds. As part of the September 22 Birds, Bugs, and Brunch event, co-presented with Georgia Organics and Wrecking Barn Farm, Atlanta Audubon unveiled metro Atlanta’s newest Chimney Swift tower, which was installed on site at Wrecking Barn Farm in Loganville.

This 12-foot-tall tower will provide additional nesting and roosting habitat for Chimney Swifts each year. In return for a free place to shack up, Chimney Swifts will provide natural, balanced insect control on the farm. Named the Atlanta Audubon conservation priority species for 2019 to 2020, Chimney Swifts are facing increasing pressures due to pesticide use and loss of habitat. According to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, Chimney Swift populations have experienced a cumulative decline of 72 percent over the past five decades and are now listed as Vulnerable on The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

Thanks to a generous gift from Linda DiSantis and Bob Kerr, Atlanta Audubon was able to install this tower, which is the latest in a series of local conservation tools we are implementing to protect Georgia’s Chimney Swifts. Additional Chimney Swift tower installations are planned for this fall at Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary in Fayetteville and at Henderson Park in Tucker.



Attendees at the September 22 brunch event at Wrecking Barn Farm, where a 12-foot-tall Chimney Swift tower was installed thanks to a generous gift from Linda DiSantis and Bob Kerr (pictured standing front, center). Photo by Michelle Hamner.

EYES ON EDUCATION: Survivor Sibley

By Melanie Furr, Director of Education

Early September marked one year since Sibley came into my care as an Atlanta Audubon education ambassador, a few months after our very first ambassador, Shep, joined the flock. Although I had always aspired to create a live bird ambassador program when I joined the organization almost six years ago, I never imagined I would become the (world's only?) caregiver for non-flighted Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in education. Although Shep's time with us was too short, getting an intimate look at Sibley's life during the course of the past year—and sharing him with others through education programs—has been a joy and a privilege.

Caring for a non-releasable hummingbird is a little different than caring for hawks, owls, and other wild birds typically used in education programs that can generally be left alone. Although he is self-feeding, I never leave Sibley unattended for more than a few hours to ensure that he always has access to his feeders. (Thank goodness for family and friends that help with bird-sitting.) With legs that are too short for walking, hummingbirds that can't fly have very limited mobility, but Sibley manages quite well. He can sidestep along his perches, and he flutter-hops to get from one perch to another. Because he spends all his time on his feet, he has a variety of perches of different widths and textures to minimize potential foot problems. Silicone bracelets, which offer some cushion, are a favorite. He divides most of his time between two large terrariums situated in sunny windows at my home and at the Atlanta Audubon office, where he can watch the birds and enjoy the view. He has a smaller carrier for riding in the car, which I strap behind the seatbelt on the booster seat I have fashioned so that he can look out the windows. Between our regular commute and driving to programs and meetings, Sibley really gets around town, and he definitely recognizes our regular routes. He perks up whenever we approach my neighborhood or the office, which shouldn't be too surprising for a bird that is able to navigate across open ocean during migration.

Not flying hasn't slowed Sibley's appetite. Like other hummingbirds, he has a naturally high metabolism and eats close to three times his body weight daily (at four grams, he weighs just a little more than a penny). He has dis-

tinct taste preferences, too. His primary diet is a nectar made from a powder (imported from Germany) that is fortified with protein, vitamins, and minerals to provide the nutrition he needs since he can't catch insects. Each morning, I also grind up non-flighted fruit flies and mix them with his nectar for added protein. (People ask why I don't offer fruit flies or other small insects for him to

catch in his enclosure, but hummingbirds don't glean insects with their beaks. Instead they have a surprisingly wide gape for gulping down insects in flight.) Sibley prefers the plain nectar to his "bug juice," but he doesn't drink either as greedily as he guzzles down the sugar water that I give him at bedtime each night. His crop, the muscular sac near the throat that temporarily stores food, bulges like a water balloon after he takes his fill. I wondered about this behavior, as Shep never seemed to fill his crop like Sibley, and did some research into hummingbird crops. Interestingly, studies with Anna's Hummingbirds showed that because larger meals increase body mass, and therefore flight cost, birds that are territory owners tend to optimize food intake, feeding for shorter periods and filling their crops less full. Individuals without territories that may be chased away at any time, however, minimize

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Sibley on one of his favorite perches, a silicone bracelet. Photo by Melanie Furr.

ASK CHIPPY

Q: We would like to attract Wood Thrushes to our yard. Are there any plants you can suggest that might lure them in?

A: Thanks for asking such an important question. Fall and winter are great times add new plants to your landscape. We encourage you to take a look at the Atlanta Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary page (www.atlantaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-certification) for resources to help you build a wildlife habitat in your yard. If you meet qualifications, you might consider applying for certification and joining our growing network of certified wildlife sanctuaries.

The Wood Thrush prefers the interior of the forest. They sing their beautiful song from the lower canopy of deciduous or mixed eastern forests. They are ground foragers, and you will often spot them looking through leaf litter for everything from insects to salamanders, which makes up most of their spring and summer diet. Spring flowering plants pull in the pollinators (insects). Adding layers of fruits trees and shrubs will cover fall into winter. Depending on your yard and the amount of available light, here are some native plants that may attract Wood Thrushes to your yard.

Elderberries	Virginia creeper	Raspberries	Pokeweed
Blueberries	Black cherry	Grapes	Black gum
American beautyberry	Jack-in-the-pulpit	Rhododendron	

Happy planning and planting!



Wood Thrushes eat mostly invertebrates found in leaf litter and fruits from native shrubs. Photo by Juan Zamora.

-Chippy

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

On Jamie Vidich

By Steve Phenicie

(This is the 40th in a series on Atlanta Audubon volunteers, board members and staff.)

Birders can often get other people excited about birds. Such is the case with Jamie Vidich, who calls fellow Atlanta Audubon member Gus Kaufman his “birding grandfather,” with the intermediary between the two being Vinod Babu.

Jamie first got to know Vinod about 2009, and they would go hiking together. Jamie left Atlanta for about three years but kept in touch with Vinod. When Jamie returned, he and Vinod resumed hiking, but the hikes were starting to take longer because Gus had turned Vinod into a birder. Then Vinod, who has since moved to Chicago, turned Jamie into one, too. Jamie says he has always enjoyed nature, but after developing an interest in birds, “Now I just want to look at everything more closely.”

Jamie is originally from Connecticut and earned an undergraduate degree from Boston University and a master’s at a university in Germany, both in linguistics. After completing his education, he landed a job in Atlanta but left after a few years to start an organic produce and vegetable farm on land his family owns in South Carolina. He says he loved farming, but it burned him out after three years, so he returned to Atlanta and found a job in book production. Nowadays he earns a living as a freelance copy editor and in editorial project management. Occasionally his name will show up in a book when an author chooses to give him credit for his work. He stays close to the spirit of agriculture with a garden in his back yard in the Sylvan Hills neighborhood of southwest Atlanta.

Lately Jamie has been leading Atlanta Audubon bird walks at the Lullwater and Morningside preserves, sometimes with Gus and sometimes by himself. He has also participated in Project Safe Flight Atlanta, in



On a recent birding trip to Washington state, Jamie Vidich broke TWO pairs of sunglasses.
Photo by Diane Schellack.

which volunteers check for birds that have been killed in collisions with tall, reflective glass buildings. In the predawn hours, he takes a downtown route that covers some of the more problematic buildings. Each year he participates in the Atlanta Christmas Bird Count on Gus Kaufman’s team, which covers Proctor Creek and Downtown. “It really feels good to volunteer for Atlanta Audubon. All of the people there are so nice,” he says.

Jamie is also active with GAGGLE (Greater Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Birders), and not long ago traveled with that organization to bird on Washington state’s Olympic Peninsula. Two years ago he went on Atlanta Audubon’s trip to Paraguay.

Jamie says his partner, Michael Bruno, is not a birder but tries to be supportive. Michael is a mail carrier in Henry County and snaps pictures of birds while on his route for Jamie to identify.

THANK YOU!

A Million Thanks...

... to **Victor Williams**, who worked for Atlanta Audubon at the Price Park Bird-and-Butterfly-a-thon ... to **Robyn and Steve Newman** for representing Atlanta Audubon at the Wetlands & Watersheds Festival at Newman Wetlands Center ... to our bird walk leaders for October: **Jason Ward, Rob McDonough, Anne McCallum, Mary Kimberly, Gus Kaufman, Lillie Kline, Michelle Hamner, and Jamie Vidich** ... to PSFA volunteers **Jamie Vidich, Phoebe Janflone, Mary Kimberly, Gavin MacDonald, Kelly Bryan, Maureen Carroll, Elaine DeSimone, Ken Boff, Shawn Taylor, Cheryl Hensley, Larry Stevens, Leigh Layton, Eric Haley, and Angie Kaliban** ... to **Roseanne Guerra** for “chalking” the Atlanta Audubon square during the Chalk Art Festival ... to **Lillie Kline** for being a rock star volunteer before, during, and after the Chalk Art Festival ... to **Rosemary Crump-Sims, Martha Fasse, Jack Fasse, Larry Stephens, Stella Wissner, Jency Shell, and Gwen Barnett** for their help with Peel & Stick ... to **Dr. Bob Cooper** for presenting at the September Monthly Meeting ... to **Laura Adams, Andrew Feiler, and Brickworks Gallery** for their partnership in the first Atlanta Audubon Swift Night Out ... to **Orpheus Brewery** and to **Piedmont Park Conservancy** for partnering with us on the Chalk Art Festival in Piedmont Park ... to **Convivial Landscapes, Brickworks Gallery, Mt. Vernon Printing, Linda DiSantis and Bob Kerr, Ron and Elisabeth Hall, and Ellen Miller** for their sponsorship of Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month ... to **Toni Bowen** for helping to re-master the Master Birder notebooks, volunteering for Atlanta Audubon at the RayDay 2019 Festival, and leading a canoe trip and two bird walks at Chattahoochee Nature Center.

Let’s Build Chimney Swift Towers This Georgia Gives Day

Atlanta Audubon is excited to participate in another season of giving throughout Georgia this year. On December 3, Georgia Gives Day partners with the nationwide Giving Tuesday movement to rally support for local organizations. This year, we’ll be focusing our Georgia Gives Day efforts on raising money to build and install additional Chimney Swift towers throughout metro Atlanta. Stay tuned for more information, instructions on how to give, and how you can pledge your support for Atlanta Audubon on Georgia Gives Day.

Travel with Atlanta Audubon in 2020 and 2021

Atlanta Audubon was founded to foster the joy of birding and to protect bird-friendly habitat around metro Atlanta. In the decades since our founding, the organization has evolved into one of Atlanta's leading conservation and education organizations. The Atlanta Audubon Travel Program strengthens current goals to protect Georgia's birds by instilling a love of nature that will impact conservation, education, and advocacy on a local level. For complete itineraries and registration information on each of these trips, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/travel. Space is limited. Registration for the following trips opens to members on November 1, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

Mountains to the Sea in Maine June 5 to 9, 2020

Maine is unique. It is as large as the rest of New England combined and is the most forested state in the U.S. More than 10 million acres are too sparsely populated to have local governments. "Downeast," in and around Acadia National Park, the coast of Maine is wild and dotted with fishing villages. A spruce-fir maritime forest dominates the ocean's edge, and just inland, the world's largest lowbush blueberry fields create unique habitat.

The scenery on this adventure is equal to the variety of birds to be found. With local support from guides with the Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, we'll begin our tour in Bangor and move immediately to the Maine Highlands in and around Baxter State Park, where we'll chase some of Maine's toughest birds, including American Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers. Spruce Grouse and Boreal Chickadees also haunt this locale, and we should witness Fox and Lincoln's Sparrows singing on their territories. We'll also have a great chance to snap up some of the tougher warblers, such as Blackpoll, Bay-breasted, Tennessee and Mourning, and northern forest flycatchers such as Alder, Least, Yellow-bellied and Olive-sided.



Our 2020 trip to Maine will feature a boat excursion to view nesting Atlantic Puffins and other seabirds. Photo: Atlantic Puffin, by Amanda Ubell/Audubon Photography Awards.

(or more, if needed) looking for iconic seabirds that breed in the Gulf of Maine each summer. A boat trip will take us into the Gulf of Maine to circle Petit Manan Island, home to one of Maine's breeding colonies of Atlantic Puffins and Razorbills. With luck, we may also encounter other pelagic species, such as Northern Gannet, Great and Sooty Shearwaters, and Wilson's Storm-petrels.

For a complete itinerary and registration information, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/travel. Space is limited. Registration opens to members on November 1, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

And let's not forget the puffins!

Following our Highlands adventures, we'll make our way "downeast" to the Maine coast. We will spend a full day

Birding North Dakota's Prairie Potholes June 14 to 19, 2020

If you dream of birding vast prairies embedded with thousands of wetlands (potholes), then join us to explore North Dakota's Prairie Pothole Region and the tremendous bird life that calls this region home. This is your chance to experience walking across a prairie with Chestnut-collared Longspurs, Baird's Sparrows, Sprague's Pipits, and Upland Sandpipers singing and displaying around you. Imagine spending sunrise at a sedge marsh with singing LeConte's and Nelson's Sparrows, Sedge Wrens, and possible Yellow Rails, all while Wilson's Snipe winnow around you. Often referred to as the "Duck Factory" of North America because of the thousands of depressional wetlands that were left by retreating glaciers, the Prairie Pothole Region is estimated to host half of North America's migratory waterfowl. There's a reason Julie Zickefoose promotes North Dakota's Prairie Potholes in the book *Fifty Places to Go Birding Before You Die* as a place of "breathtaking beauty, serenity, and wide-open remoteness" where "the entire landscape is crammed seemingly past capacity with birds." Come experience the best-kept secret in birding.



Explore the Prairie Pothole region of North Dakota, where sparrows, longspurs, pipits, and waterfowl breed in abundance. Photo: Chestnut-collared Longspur, by Rick Bohn.

For a complete itinerary and registration information, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/travel. Space is limited. Registration opens to members on November 1, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

Sax-Zim Bog and Northern Minnesota in Winter February 11 to 15, 2021

Only to a birder does a trip away in the middle of winter to northern Minnesota seem like a good idea. But this is a classic "quality over quantity" birding experience, where species diversity may be low but the quality of birds is through the roof. The boreal forests in winter are home to iconic birds like the Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, Evening Grosbeak, Boreal Chickadee, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Spruce Grouse. The northern woods at this time of year are a real winter wonderland—snow-covered, quiet, and peaceful, the silence occasionally punctuated by a noisy flock of crossbills or the tapping of a woodpecker on a tamarack. This trip, led with local support by Red Hill Birding, is designed to take in the best birding that Northeast Minnesota offers in winter. We will visit the world-famous Sax-Zim Bog, the forests of Superior National Forest, and the North Shore of Lake Superior. If we're lucky, we may even come across Northwoods mammals like a wolf, moose, porcupine, or pine marten.

For a complete itinerary and registration information, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/travel. Space is limited. Registration opens to members on November 1, 2019, at 10:00 AM.



The Great Gray Owl is just one of the iconic species to be found on our winter wonderland adventure to northern Minnesota. Photo by Josh Engel.

Photo of the Month Winner

The Photo of the Month winner for October is Marlene Koslowsky, an Atlanta Audubon member from Peachtree City. This excellent photo of a slightly damp American Robin was taken on August 1, 2018 using a Nikon D7200 camera set at ISO 500 with a shutter speed of 1/640, f-5/6, using a Nikkor 200-500 lens.

The Photo of the Month competition is open to anyone, and all winning submissions will be published in *Wingbars*. Ashkan Ojaghi, the volunteer coordinator of the photo contest, encourages people to resubmit photos if they do not win in a particular month. For more information or to enter the monthly competition, visit www.atlantaudubon.org/photo-of-the-month.



Slightly damp American Robin, by Marlene Koslowsky.

EYES ON EDUCATION: Survivor Sibley (Continued from Page 3)

potentially risky intrusions by ingesting as much nectar as possible when they get a chance to feed. Silly Sibley, slow down—you have free refills and no competition!

Meeting Sibley's daily needs to keep him healthy is just a small part of his care requirements. Equally important is providing enrichment to keep him stimulated and active. When the weather is nice, Sibley spends time in an enclosure on my screened porch, where he can enjoy the breeze and the bird sounds. I also take him on walks (carrying him on a small tray), provide fresh native flowers for him to taste, and add color to his enclosure

with fresh greenery. When I can find them, I catch small spiders from their webs, usually with a pencil, and dangle them in front of Sibley for him to eat. Sibley has learned what's coming when he sees the pencil and perks up excitedly, ready to wolf down his snack. One of his favorite activities is taking a bath, which he accomplishes by wiggling on leaves misted with water. (You can

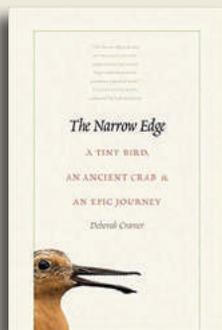


*Sibley in the holiday spirit.
Photo by Melanie Furr.*

see Sibley catching spiders and taking baths on social media using hashtag #survivorsibley.) Providing enrichment is more challenging in winter, when

the garden is dormant and the temperatures are too cold to go outside. I'll continue to add new perches and greenery to keep him stimulated, and we'll probably make more use of the swing that I have fashioned for his enclosure. "Sibley's room" (my office) will have an extra space heater to make sure he stays toasty, and we'll crank it up during baths to keep him comfortable. I'll place a heating pad under half of his terrarium for extra warmth at night. Fortunately, winters in Georgia don't last too long.

Aside from having an up-close look at a hummingbird's life, what has been most rewarding about caring for Sibley has been developing a relationship of trust with him and having the opportunity to share him with others. Sibley knows and responds to my voice, and readily steps into my hand or hops onto a perch when I need to move him, though I don't handle him unnecessarily. (Although he trusts me completely, he is still a wild bird and doesn't enjoy being touched.) He knows our routines but is comfortable in new surroundings as well. Once nervous around crowds, he is now completely at ease around people, even preening in front of an audience. And he does draw an audience! Whether we are stopped by passersby as we are walking into the Atlanta Audubon office, speaking at a garden club or school, or attending a festival with hundreds of visitors, Sibley never fails to make an impression. And while people are admiring him, I have the opportunity to talk to them about why they shouldn't use pesticides or buy nectar with red food dye or why they should turn off unnecessary lighting at night and add native plants to their yards, as well as other ways to protect birds. Seeing this tiny, but mighty individual is both educational and inspiring, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be inspired by him daily.



Early Birds Book Club

The Early Birds will not meet in November or December as there are no Monthly Meetings those months. Our selection for January is *The Narrow Edge: A Tiny Bird, an Ancient Crab, and an Epic Journey*, by Deborah Cramer.

FIELD TRIPS

are open to the public and free (unless otherwise noted). We welcome everyone from beginners to advanced birders. No registration is necessary except where indicated below. The only fees that apply are parking fees at some venues such as state and national parks. Any applicable fees will be listed in the field trip description on the website.

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Piedmont Park (Fulton County)
8:00 AM

Leader: Jason Ward
Cell contact morning of the walk: 404.759.7770
GPS: 33.783750, -84.379111

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Henderson Park (DeKalb County)
8:00 AM

Leader: TBD
Check website for leader and contact information prior to walk
GPS: 33.863976, -84.232006

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Reynolds Nature Preserve (Clayton County)
8:00 AM

Leader: Anne McCallum
Cell contact morning of the walk: 678.642.7148
GPS: 33.601464, -84.346874

Saturday, November 16, 2019
Morningside Nature Preserve
8:00 AM

Leader: Gus Kaufman and Jamie Vidich.
Cell contact morning of walk: 404.483.7457 (Gus);
843.605.2959 (Jamie)
GPS: 33.809827, -84.352115

If you would like to lead a field trip, contribute ideas for places to go, or give feedback about leaders, trips, or the field trip directions, please e-mail Jason Ward, field trips director, at jward@audubon.org.

Details about trips, including driving directions, can be found on our website: www.atlantaudubon.org/field-trips. As always, we encourage field trip participants to check the Atlanta Audubon Field Trips web page before any of these trips to check for updates, changes, typo corrections, etc., and for the most up-to-date information. Also, frequently trips are added after the newsletter deadline has passed.

LIVE and LEARN

Bat Conservation in Georgia Workshop

Saturday, November 9th • 4:30 to 5:15 PM

Atlanta Audubon
4055 Roswell Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30342

Cost: Atlanta Audubon members: \$18
Non-members: \$20

Bats are fascinating creatures. Vilified in popular culture and a common character in scary folklore, bats are near the top of the list of misunderstood animals. More closely related to primates than to rodents, bats are amazing aerialists, provide terrific natural pest control, and just want to be left alone. Laci Pattavina will dispel some of the common myths and focus on the bat conservation efforts of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Come learn more about Georgia bats and how you can support bat conservation efforts. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor walk/bat encounter with an education bat as part of the workshop.

Laci Pattavina is a wildlife biologist with the Wildlife Conservation Section of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division. Her job duties focus on environmental review, transportation project coordination, and mammal conservation. Laci has worked on many bat-related projects at Georgia DNR, as well as during her undergraduate and graduate research. Laci is familiar with many bat sampling techniques and is involved in numerous projects aimed at bat conservation and management. Laci is also the chair of the Georgia Bat Working Group, a professional organization focusing on bat conservation through research, management, and public education.



Eastern red bat, by Dan Vickers.



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November and December Monthly Meetings

November: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December: Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 to 5:30 PM in the Main Dining Room at Manuel's Tavern

There will be no monthly meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with food, friends, and family. We will reconvene in December for the annual Atlanta Audubon Holiday Party and Silent Auction on **Sunday, December 8**. At this casual gathering of our conservation-minded friends and partners, we'll celebrate our successes in 2019 and look ahead to 2020. We'll have a variety of unique auction items for the bird-lover on your gift list. Our Atlanta Audubon store will be open and well stocked with a selection of T-shirts, caps, bird earrings, notecards, shade-grown coffee, Xocolatl chocolate bars, books, ornaments, and other items. All proceeds benefit the conservation and education efforts of Atlanta Audubon. This gathering will also serve as our annual meeting. We'll hold a brief business meeting to introduce and elect board members for 2020. Atlanta Audubon will provide a variety of appetizers, and, of course, additional food and beverage will be available for purchase. Please join us as we celebrate another successful year for Georgia birds.



Manuel's Tavern is located at 602 N. Highland Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307. Our monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Free parking is readily available to the south of the building. Food and drink are available for purchase.