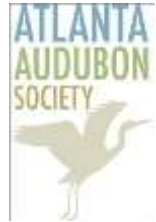


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ATLANTA AUDUBON HOSTING FREE VIRTUAL EVENTS DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

(Atlanta, Ga,) April 23, 2020 – Atlanta Audubon is hosting a variety of free virtual events on birds and bird-related topics during the COVID-19 outbreak. Atlanta Audubon is seeing a huge uptick in interest in bird watching as people shelter in place. In response, we have developed a number of free webinars, Facebook Live events, and other resources to bring the joy of birding into people's homes. Visit our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/digital-resources for a complete listing and additional resources.

Webinars

Atlanta Audubon Digital Birds and Beers II Friday, April 24, at 7:00 PM

Join Atlanta Audubon Director of Conservation Adam Betuel for a fun, interactive, and relaxed conversation with an exciting diversity of bird professionals via webinar. Adam will virtually “sit down” with the following speakers for a laid back dive into the world of birds.

Guest speakers will include:

- Giff Beaton, author of many books including *Birding Georgia & Birds of Georgia*
- Jennie Carr, associate professor of biology at Washington College
- Bryan Lenz, Bird Collisions Campaign Manager, American Bird Conservancy
- Paul Smith, Founder of Fauna Paraguay and co-author of the forthcoming *Field Guide to the Birds of Paraguay*
- Eric Antonio Martinez, Owner and Tour Leader, Mexico-Birding Tours

Grab your beverage of choice and bring your burning questions or hot takes as we chat via webinar about life lists, conservation, travel, spring migration, and more! This will be a fun time for all bird lovers, from the expert to the newbie who has just discovered backyard birding.

The webinar is free to attend. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_avx-7_EjRWGOpX6ldKOXzw

Early Bird Book Club Online –Owl Fest Sunday, April 26, 2:00 to 3:15 PM

Since the Early Birds Book Club can't meet in person, we'll meet online instead. Our March meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We're rescheduling this meeting as a webinar on Sunday, April 26, at 2:00 PM.

This meeting will be an Owl Fest, in honor of Scott Weidensaul, author of the 2015 *Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean*. Scott was originally slated to give the keynote address at our Atlanta Bird Fest Opening Celebration, but that has now been pushed back to October. Please read a book about owls—fiction, nonfiction, memoir, children's—and come ready to

share with the group.

The Early Birds welcome all who enjoy reading about birds, birding, and birders. We are a “no commitment” book club—some folks come every time and other occasionally. Register for this free virtual event at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qxg9B1ziSWKA6PkXxCgW-w.

Feathers and Flames: Relationships Between Birds and Fire in Georgia with Malcolm Hodges
Sunday, April 26, 2020
3:30 to 4:45 PM

Many habitats in the southeast depend on fire, so many of our native birds have adapted to it. We look at some of the ways our birds cope with and even rely on fire to survive.

About the presenter: Malcolm Hodges grew up in coastal Mississippi, and has a BA in Biology from Rice University and a Masters in Zoology from Mississippi State. He has worked for The Nature Conservancy in Georgia as an ecologist and land manager since 1992. His current interests are conservation management of threatened biota in the Southeast US; lichen systematics, distribution and conservation in the Southeast; and just about anything to do with birds. He lives on a small farm in Riverdale, Georgia,

Facebook Live Events

Virtual Ask Chippy on Facebook Live
When: Tuesday, May 5, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Where: [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#)

Do you have questions about birds, bird feeding, birding, plants for birds, what to do if you find a baby bird, or other bird-related questions? If so, join us for this Facebook Live event where you can Ask Chippy (our Atlanta Audubon bird-help email) your bird-related questions. Panelists will include Dottie Head (aka Chippy) and director of membership and communications; Adam Betuel, director of conservation; Melanie Furr, director of education and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator; and Gabe Andrie, habitat conservation coordinator. Join us on the [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#) for this live event.

Virtual Bird Walks on Facebook Live
When: Fridays, April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15
9:00 AM
Where: [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#)

Since social distancing is throwing a kink in our Atlanta Audubon spring bird walks, we're bringing a walk to you via Facebook Live. Join us on the [Atlanta Audubon Facebook page](#) each Friday at 9:00 AM, for a virtual birdwalk with Atlanta Audubon staff and volunteer trip leaders as they explore their yards or nearby birdy patches and talk about what they're seeing. We will conduct these "Virtual Bird Walks" weekly on Fridays until we can resume in-person bird walks.

Atlanta Audubon is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and community engagement.

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