

# HIGHLANDS PLATEAU AUDUBON SOCIETY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2015

**All events are free and open to the public. Birders of all levels are welcome.**

**Saturday, Sept. 5:** Meet at 8:30 at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, Highlands, for a beginners walk around the Old Ranger Station on Flat Mt. Rd. Russ Regnery will lead with Bill Peavey assisting. No experience is necessary. Binoculars and birding guidance are provided.

**Saturday, Sept. 12:** On this Charlie Davis Memorial Blue Ridge Parkway Outing we will search for migrating warblers, vireos, thrushes and raptors on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We leave at **7:00 a.m.** from Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands. Please pack a light lunch as we will stop at a scenic spot for a picnic and more birding before returning mid-afternoon. Bring water and your camera. The Parkway in autumn provides spectacular views and interesting birds even in less than perfect weather. Please contact Romney Bathurst (828-526-1939) or Brock Hutchins (828-787-1387) to sign up.

**Monday, Sept. 14:** Jamie Harrelson, current Grant Recipient for her Master's research underway at Western Carolina Univ., will present her results on the threatened Golden-winged Warbler. We meet at the Hudson Library in Highlands at 7 p.m. for conversation and refreshments with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please enter through the back door of the Library.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15:** A "Birds & Beer" social will be held at the Ugly Dog Pub in Highlands. Enjoy a favorite beverage, "Pub Grub" and bird talk with Audubon members and guests. We start at 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 19 – 25:** Reserve these dates for one or more Hawk Watches with Brock Hutchins leading. The hike up Whiteside Mountain is worth the views alone, but if the winds are in our favor, the sight of hundreds of Broad-winged Hawks soaring in kettles overhead is a stunning spectacle! Other possible sightings are Bald Eagles, Merlin, Ravens and more. These outings are highly weather dependent, so those interested must contact Brock so that last minute plans can be conveyed: 828-787-1387

**Monday, Sept. 28:** The HPAS Annual Meeting will be followed by a presentation by William McReynolds entitled "*Social Behavior in Birds: Murder, Dissimulation and Exaltation in the Avian World.*" William, a member of our chapter, is a retired professor and still practicing clinical psychologist. We meet at the Highlands Civic Center for refreshments at 7 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 18:** Mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Bird Count on this date. We will meet at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:30 a.m. Hillrie and Bev Quin will host our traditional chili lunch. Watch our HPAS web site and the next edition on the newsletter for further details. Call Romney Bathurst (526-1939, 828-200-0288) or Brock Hutchins (404-295-0663) to join in the fun.

**For details, visit [www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org](http://www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org) or call 828- 526-1939.**