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June 17

Franklin Bird Club meeting; 7:00 pm at the Macon County Public Library

"Raptors, Waders & Other Neat Stuff" by Ed Boos

looks at some behaviors of a variety of birds including eagles, owls, egrets, cranes, as well as several other bird species through the medium of still and video photography. The photography and research for this presentation were done at Central Florida birding hotspots by Ed and Cindy Boos who reside in Macon County much of the year. Many great Florida birding locations, some little known, will be identified for those who may wish to visit them in the future.

June 19

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Paula Gorgoglione. Meet at Salali Lane at 8:00 am. Parking is off Fox Ridge Road which is just south of Franklin Flea Market on Highlands Rd. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

June 23

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

June 24

Highlands Plateau Audubon presents Dr. Mark Stanback, Davidson College, speaking on Brownheaded Nuthatches in Suburban Environments: the Role of Nest Site Competition. Program will be held at Highlands Civic Center on Highway 64 E at 7:00 PM. Public invited. www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or 743-9670.

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

June 26

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Karen Lawrence. Meet at the Macon County Public Library parking area at 8:00 am.

Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

June 27

Bird monitoring at Cowee Mound. (See below.)

June 29

Saturday bird walk along the Greenway. Meet at the parking area at the Macon County Public Library at 8:00 am. Led by Paula Gorgoglione. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club with Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. 524-5234 if questions.

July 2

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

July 3

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Paula Gorgoglione. Meet at Salali Lane at 8:00 am. Parking is off Fox Ridge Road which is just south of Franklin Flea Market on Highlands Rd. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

Bird monitoring at Cowee Mound. (See below.)

July 6

HPAS Beginners walk with Russ Regnery to Flat Mountain Rd area and the experimental tree farm. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking area at 7:30 AM to car pool.

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July 8

The film "Birders: The Central Park Effect" will be shown at 3:00 pm at the Hudson Library in Highlands. Please enter through the rear door.

July 10

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Karen Lawrence. Meet at the Macon County Public Library parking area at 8:00 am.

Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

July 13

HPAS walk. Romney Bathurst will lead a trip to Flat Mountain Rd area and the Ranger Falls Trail. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking area at 7:30 AM to car pool. We will be looking for breeding warblers and tanagers in this high elevation location. Be prepared for wet conditions, so bring proper shoes and clothing.

July 14

Bird monitoring at Cowee Mound. (See below.)

July 15

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

July 17

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Paula Gorgoglione. Meet at Salali Lane at 8:00 am. Parking is off Fox Ridge Road which is just south of Franklin Flea Market on Highlands Rd. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

July 22

HPAS meeting. Romney Bathurst, HPAS Board Member, "After the Victory of the Revolution: Birding in Cuba Today," 7:00 pm, Highlands Civic Center.

July 23

Bird monitoring at Cowee Mound. (See below.)

July 24

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Karen Lawrence. Meet at the Macon County Public Library parking area at 8:00 am.

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Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

July 27

Franklin Bird Club will join HPAS for a walk led by Brock Hutchins to the Turtle Pond Rd area near Highlands. Meet at either the Highlands Town Hall parking area or Franklin Bi-Lo parking at 7:30 am to carpool. This road gives us opportunities to search several types of habitats that should yield a large variety of birds. This is an easy trip with only a few short walks from the car.

July 31

Bird walk along the Greenway led by Paula Gorgoglione. Meet at Salali Lane at 8:00 am. Parking is off Fox Ridge Road which is just south of Franklin Flea Market on Highlands Rd. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club. 524-5234 if questions.

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August 3

HPAS beginners' walk. Russ Regnery will lead a field trip around Highlands for beginning bird watchers. Meet at Highlands Town Hall Parking lot at 7:30.

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

August 4

Bird monitoring at Tessentee. (See below.)

August 5

HPAS meeting. Dr. Roarke Donnelly, Oglethorpe University, "American Dippers and the Future of Fishery Restoration in the West. 7:00 pm, Highlands Civic Center.

August 19

Franklin Bird Club meeting; 7:00 pm at the Macon County Public Library "Field Sketching 101" by John Sill

Learn to draw all types of birds with easy to follow steps. Add clarity to your field notes and perhaps start a new avocation as a bird artist.

August 31

Saturday bird walk along the Greenway. Meet at the parking area at the Macon County Public Library at 8:00 am. Led by Paula Gorgoglione. Sponsored by Franklin Bird Club with Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. 524-5234 if questions.

September 16

HPAS meeting. Paige Barlow, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia, "Human Land Use and Avian Conservation in Changing Landscapes of Southwestern NC, 7:00 pm, the Hudson Library in Highlands.

September 30

HPAS meeting. Ed and Cindy Boos, "Avian Courtship and Breeding Behavior: Photographic Observations," 7:00 pm, the Hudson Library in Highlands.

October 21

Franklin Bird Club meeting; 7:00 pm at the Macon County Public Library "Birds in Your Garden"

Details to follow.

About Bird Monitoring:

Southern Appalachian Raptor Research is in its fourth season of MAPS program operation at Tessentee Farm Preserve and second season at Cowee Mound, both in Macon County. MAPS is a nationwide program that monitors the productivity and survivorship of breeding birds at many locales and varied habitats. It is a volunteer program that includes lots of duties and activities including setup of nets, picking and banding birds, birding surveys, vegetation surveys, paperwork and data management. Field data samples are taken once every ten days thru the late spring and summer. For a complete list of results from samples in 2013, go to our website and visit the MAPS page http://bigbaldbanding.org/maps/

If you have an interest in joining us for any of the sessions this summer, please email us. You are very welcome to attend and contribute in any way possible, no experience necessary. Please see the SARR website at www.bigbaldbanding.org for more information regarding the MAPS program and for directions to all the sites. www.bigbaldbanding.org or call 828-736-1217 for more information or details.