

Highlands Plateau Audubon Society

Planned Events for 2019 (as of April 20th)

All events are subject to change. Check the web page for any updates. Also expect Mountain Warbler Buzz email announcements ahead of the event. Binoculars are provided for the field trips if needed. Contact Brock Hutchins at brockhutchins@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

May 3 – Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust MiniVentures bird walk at their Brushy Face property. Meet at 7:30 AM.

May 7- Field trip with Brent Martin to Turtle Pond Road, Jones Gap and the Bartram Trail. Meet at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park in Highlands at 7:30. Expect short walks from the car to view migrating and resident birds from low to high elevation ridgeline. Return to Highlands about 1 PM.

May 21 – Field trip with Brent Martin to the Tessentee Bottomland Preserve near Otto. Meet at the Kelsey Hutchinson Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM. A two-mile walk is required on mostly flat wide trails to view migrating and resident birds near the Little Tennessee River. Return to Highlands about 1 PM.

May 22 – Birds and Beer social at Slab Town Pizza in Cashiers at 5 PM

May 30 – Field trip with Glenda Zahner around Highlands searching for resident breeding birds. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park in Highlands at 7:30 PM.

June 8 - Field trip to Lonesome Valley Community in Cashiers with Richard Yow to look for resident breeding birds. Meet at 7 AM at the real estate office on the right after entering the development.

June 10 – Field trip to Jim and Ellen Shelton's home at Walnut Gap. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM to car pool to their home. We should return about 1 PM.

June 18 – Program and pot luck dinner at the Highlands Civic Center featuring Jim and Ellen Shelton on birding in Thailand. Dinner will start at 6 PM and the program at 7 PM

July 12 – Mountain Wildlife Days bird walk in Cashiers with Russ Regnery. Meet at 7:30 AM in the Cashiers Recreation Center parking lot for a walk around the area.

July 23 – Program with Mark Hopey on the MAPS bird banding study at the Highlands Library at 7 PM.

August 8 - Birds and Beer social at Slab Town Pizza in Cashiers at 5 PM

August 20 – Program by Cindy and Ed Boos featuring their photography of birds and nature at the Highlands Library at 7 PM.

August 30 - Community coffee with the mayor at the Highlands Library at 11 AM sponsored by Highlands Plateau Audubon

September 1 – Annual Picnic at the Highlands Recreation Park pavilion at 5 PM

September 14 – Annual Charlie Davis memorial field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park in Highlands at 7 AM. Involves short walks from the car to see migrating songbirds. Bring a light picnic lunch and we should return about 3 PM.

September 22 – Begin hawk watch at Whiteside Mountain. Climb mountain to view migrating hawks usually mid-morning to early afternoon. Contact Brock Hutchins for details if you wish to participate. Bring water and snacks.

December 20 – Annual Christmas Bird Count begins at 7:30 AM. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park in Highlands. Contact Brock Hutchins if you wish to participate.