

FRANKLIN BIRD CLUB



UPCOMING BIRD EVENTS

February 17 – 20

Great Backyard Bird Count

We encourage everyone to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada. It's an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Participants count birds anywhere for as little or as long as they wish during the four-day period. They tally the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. To report their counts, they fill out an online checklist at the Great Backyard Bird Count website. As the count progresses, anyone with Internet access can explore what is being reported from their own towns or anywhere in the United States and Canada. They can also see how this year's numbers compare with those from previous years. Participants may also send in photographs of the birds they see.

For all the details, go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html>

February 20

Franklin Bird Club meeting; 7:00 pm at the Macon County Public Library
“Birding by Sound” by Cathy Sill.

March 31 – June 17

The Bascom, Highlands

Chicks: It's All Gone to the Birds

The gallery will be filled with a plethora of art works that portray an avian theme. Despite the focus on a single theme, the exhibition offers rich variety. Artists pursue the topic through a range of approaches and media. This exhibition, devoted to our feathered friends, provides a broad look into the world of contemporary and traditional art, letting divergent approaches take wing. From the traditional to the way out and wacky, visitor will experience a flight of fancy. This exhibition is presented in partnership with the Highlands Biological Station and the Highlands Audubon Society.

Opening Reception: March 31, 5 - 7 pm

April 16

Franklin Bird Club meeting; 7:00 pm at the Macon County Public Library
“Warblers: Migratory Patterns and Conservation Needs” by Joel Hitt.

May 5

John and Cathy Sill will lead a bird walk at Standing Indian. Details to follow.

May 19

Nikki Belmonte from Atlanta Audubon Society will speak about Birds at the Moss Memorial Library in Hayesville at 1:00 pm. More details to follow.

June 23

Brenda Hull, Professor of Biology at Young Harris College will present a program on the Barrier Islands. 1:00 pm at Moss Memorial Library in Hayesville.