

# Flicker Flashes

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## Bees & Pollination: What's Buzzing in Your Garden?

Presented by Sallie Lee, Guest Speaker

Sunday, May 3, 2015 - 2 P.M. - Oak Mountain Interpretive Center

The final seminar of this season is one that might just hit your sweet spot, as in sweet as honey. In fact, a bottle of honey will be one of the door prizes offered that day - and for good reason: the program will be all about bees!

The social lives of bees are fascinating to explore. The hierarchy of the hive dictates who fulfills what job, and of course, the queen is, well, the Queen Bee! In addition to the honey they produce, bees also pollinate many of the plants that produce the foods we love to eat: apples, blueberries, cherries, peaches and plums. In recent years, bee numbers have declined, and we are in danger of losing their pollinator services. Sallie's program will surely satisfy your curiosity about bees and beekeeping, and you'll also learn a thing or two about how you can help them.

Be sure to come early and enjoy some refreshments and conversation in the Observation Room at the Alabama Wildlife Center; then, when it is time for the program, we will proceed to the auditorium for the presentation.

Also, bring your binoculars and field guides for a bird walk after the program. We will visit a site within the park to look for late spring migrants, and we will certainly encounter the local breeding birds, too.

Birmingham Audubon, Alabama Wildlife Center, Oak Mountain Interpretive Center and Friends of Oak Mountain State Park appreciate your attendance at the Audubon Teaches Nature seminar series this year. We welcome your input for topics for next year's series. Please send your ideas and suggestions to Greg Harber, at gharber@mindspring.com or by calling 205-251-2133.



Honey bees - Thinkstock by Getty Images

## Half Day Field Trip Oak Mountain State Park

May 2, 2015 - 7 A.M.

Our May half-day field trip will be held in conjunction with the Wings over Oak Mountain Birding festival at Oak Mountain State Park on May 2. This festival is a first-time event being hosted by the state park and the Alabama Wildlife Center.

The park has great diversity of habitats which makes this area a very desirable location for a number of bird species. Eastern bluebirds, summer tanagers, scarlet tanagers, great crested flycatchers as well as other neo-tropical migrants are just some of the species that we hope to encounter.

**MEET:** at the information center located at the park entrance at 7 a.m. **There is a fee to enter the park.**

**DIRECTIONS:** I-65 to exit 246 for AL-119/ Cahaba Valley Road. Turn right onto AL-119 and take the first left onto Oak Mountain Road. Continue for 1.8 miles, when the road dead ends at a stop signal. Turn left onto the main road that leads into the park.

Come prepared with snacks and drinks, a picnic lunch if you plan to spend the day. Our trip is just for half a day.

**PARK ADDRESS:** 200 Terrace Drive, Pelham AL. 35124

**TRIP LEADER:** Matt Hunter 205-915-8186

For more information on Wings over Oak Mountain, please visit the following web site:

<http://alapark.com/oak-mountain-state-park-wings-over-oak-mountain>

# Full Day Field Trip Marion County

Saturday, May 23, 2015 - 7 A.M.

Birmingham Audubon will visit the Upper East Gulf Coastal Plain of Marion County on May 23. This is an area that has been overlooked by birders in the past. Four unique areas in the county have been chosen as destinations on this trip: Hamilton Indian Mounds, Pikeville Courthouse, Marion County Public Fishing Lake and the Sam Murphy Wildlife Management Area. The mounds and the lake have been named to the West Alabama Birding Trail.

The Indian mounds are located on the south bank of the Buttahatchee River which is a tributary of the Tombigbee River that flows for 75 miles in northwest Alabama. This is a key Native American location that consists of three large mounds at the Military Ford of the river. The ford is where Andrew Jackson and his army once forded the river.

**DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS:** We will depart Birmingham at 7 a.m. from the McDonald's Restaurant at Homewood Commons Wildwood, so please arrive before the departure time. The address is 100/124 State Farm Parkway Birmingham, Alabama 35209. It sits at the corner of Wildwood Parkway and State Farm Parkway. Please park in the back area of the restaurant.

Our convoy will proceed north on Interstate 65 to its junction with Interstates 59/20, then we will take that road to the Arkadelphia Road exit, number 123. US Highway 78 west will then take us to Interstate 22. Following that road to exit 16, we will exit onto US 43/278. In a quarter of a mile, we will pause at a Shell station for a break. If you do not wish to meet at Homewood, this gas station would be an excellent place to meet up with the group.

The plan is for a picnic at the fishing lake, so be sure to pack a lunch. Rain gear might also be appropriate due to the changeable conditions of spring in Alabama. Spotting scopes are welcome, and binoculars will be available for anyone who needs to borrow a pair for the trip.

Time permitting; a visit to Jerry Brown Pottery may be in order. Mr. Brown has constructed and erected a very attractive purple martin accommodation.

**TRIP LEADER:** Anne Miller 205-902-1389 (Cell)

**Suggested websites - Hamilton Indian Mounds:**

[www.alabamabirdingtrails.com/site/marion-county-indian-mounds](http://www.alabamabirdingtrails.com/site/marion-county-indian-mounds)

[www.visithamiltonal.com/indianmounds](http://www.visithamiltonal.com/indianmounds)

**Marion County Public Fishing Lake:**

<http://alabamabirdingtrails.com/sites/marion-county-lake/>

[www.outdooralabama.com/marion-county-public-fishing-lake](http://www.outdooralabama.com/marion-county-public-fishing-lake)

**Jerry Brown Pottery:** [www.jerrybrownpottery.com](http://www.jerrybrownpottery.com)

## Beginner Bird Walk East Lake Park

Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 9 A.M.

Adults and children, ages five and up, are invited to attend Birmingham Audubon's first annual walk at East Lake Park. Beginner Bird Walks are family-friendly outings designed to teach and improve birdwatching skills.

The highlight of this event is the viewing of the large wading birds, specifically the black-crowned night-herons and great blue herons. These birds have established a rookery (colony of nests) on the island in the middle of the park's lake. We will have spotting scopes set up for everyone to have a close-up view of these birds and their nests. There also will be a birdwatching walk around the park where experienced birders will assist you with the locating and identifying of the bird encountered.

East Lake Park, a 100-acre city park anchoring Birmingham's East Lake community, was first developed in 1886, and, in the past, has housed a resort hotel, casino, golf course, Ferris wheel and petting zoo. In 2012, the park was listed as part of the Appalachian Highlands Birding Trail. A few years prior to that, the Park and Lake were chosen for habitat restoration by members of Birmingham Audubon's Conservation Committee. Erosion control measures for Heron Island were initiated as well as tree plantings and erection of nesting platforms for herons.

Subsequently, Birmingham Audubon, following National Audubon's lead, initiated the Urban Bird Habit Initiative. This is a program designed to enhance spaces in urban areas to provide food, shelter and nesting sites. East Lake Park was

one of the first locations chosen for the local initiative.

To read more about the history of the park, please visit the following link: [http://www.bhamwiki.com/w/East\\_Lake\\_Park](http://www.bhamwiki.com/w/East_Lake_Park)

Reservations are required as space is limited. Please call 205-719-3678 or email teaching naturalist Helena Uber-Wamble at: [huberwamble@birminghamaudubon.org](mailto:huberwamble@birminghamaudubon.org) to make your reservation. Reservations are accepted through Friday, June 12, 2015. Include in your message the number of adults and children in your group and how many will need to borrow binoculars. Also include your phone number and email address. After you are registered, you will receive an email confirmation with directions to the park and where to meet.



Black-crowned night-heron -  
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# Elberta Reid & Jeannette Hancock Honored by Troop 509

Birmingham Audubon members Elberta Reid and Jeannette Hancock, seated in the photo, were honored April 11 by women who were once members of Girl Scout Troop 509, for which the two served as troop leaders. Members of the troop hosted a luncheon and social during which many stories were shared about nature-based activities, Audubon films and the enduring leadership lessons shared by their troop leaders. Troop 509 made a generous gift to Birmingham Audubon in honor of Elberta and Jeannette. Congratulations to these two women who have contributed so much of their time, energy and passion to Birmingham Audubon.



Seated front and center: Elberta Reid (L) and Jeannette Hancock (R).

## June Field Trip Paint Rock River, Larkin Fork and Jackson County, AL

Saturday, June 20, 2015 - 6:30 A.M.

Birmingham Audubon kicks off its summer field trips with the ever-popular trip to scenic Jackson County in northeast Alabama, where we'll spend the morning birding at a couple of sites along the Larkin Fork of the Paint Rock River. One of the target birds for the trip will be cerulean warblers, which breed in the area along with the species common to forested, riparian zone habitat. American redstarts and worm-eating warblers are a good possibility, too, and there is always a chance that we may encounter the calling alder flycatcher that was present in 2014. Regular field trippers will recall the fantastic birding opportunities afforded to us during our visit to the Graham Farm and Nature Center, and we'll attempt to make similar arrangements for a visit again this year as well.

Following a picnic lunch in the field, we'll head slightly east to the Skyline Wildlife Management Area where we'll continue searching for species typical of the habitat found there. Certainly indigo buntings will be plentiful. There are several other birding options in Jackson County that we can explore as time and weather permit. While we won't have enough time to descend the trail all the way to the Walls of Jericho, if there is interest, we may have enough time to hike part way down the trail, which has been productive in the past.

**TRAVEL PLANS:** (Note the earlier than usual departure time). **Depart at 6:30 a.m. from the Birmingham Botanical Gardens parking lot.** We'll carpool and caravan north on Alabama Highway 79 (Tallapoosa Street) through Guntersville to the town of Gurley, located on US Highway 72 east of Huntsville. We'll reconvene about 8:30 a.m. at the Hardee's in Gurley on the main highway. Those wishing to meet us directly at the Hardee's are welcome to do so. If you plan on meeting in Gurley, please give an advance notice to the trip leader. Once we've had a short break, we'll depart for our first birding stop located up County Road 65 almost to the state line.

This trip is one of the more distant trips Birmingham Audubon takes, so please plan accordingly and bring plenty of drinks and snacks in addition to your picnic lunch, a full tank of gas, insect repellent, rain gear, and appropriate summer attire.

**TRIP LEADER:** Greg Harber; 251-2133 or [gharber@mindspring.com](mailto:gharber@mindspring.com)



## SoSo for the Record

Sightings March 8, 2015 through March 28, 2015

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On March 15 Twelve **horned grebes** were seen at East Lake Park by Scot Duncan. According to Duncan, this is not an unusual species for the Southeast during the winter, but unusual for this location. It was probably a flock migrating north that found itself over Birmingham in the predawn hours. He also said that they were not feeding, were sticking together in a tight flock looking about warily, and were probably staying throughout the day.

This is not the end of the story. On March 21, Duncan noted a total of sixteen of these grebes at the same park.

### Other Sightings:

3/8 **Northern Parula Warbler**; Lakeshore Drive, Homewood (RR,SR).

3/9 **Mallard (lake nearby); Eastern Bluebird (5)**; Trussville (RMcG).

3/13 **Hooded Merganser (a pair)**; Alabaster (MB)

3/20 **Sora; Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallows; Marsh Wren; Common Yellowthroat**; Limestone Park (SD).

3/21 **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**; Irondale (RR,SR).

**Double-crested Cormorant (10)** (flying overhead, two splashed down briefly); **Yellow-crowned-Night-Heron; Black-crowned-Night-Heron (11)** (and some were in the process of building nests); East Lake Park (SD).

3/24 **Blue-winged Teal (9); Common Snipe (6)**; Sun Belt Turf Farms (DH).

3/28 **Blue-winged Teal (3); Bonaparte's Gull; East Lake Park. Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireos**; Ruffner Mountain (SD).

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Please, send sightings for September Flicker Flashes at least five days before the August 1, deadline to Ann Miller, 520 Yorkshire Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35209  
annmiller520@aol.com



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All Birmingham Audubon field trips are free and open to the public.

## 2015 Alabama Coastal Birdfest Expands Focus on our Natural Environment

By Fran Morley, BirdFest Nestkeeper

Plans are coming together for the 2015 Alabama Coastal BirdFest, October 1-3. This year's event - now being called "a birding and nature festival" - is expanding with the addition of trips based on more than birds. "We are excited to be planning trips that will let visitors see alligators, dolphins, wildflowers, and butterflies, and explore some new areas," said John Borom, BirdFest founder. "Of course, our focus will always be on birds. We have great guides and birding trips planned as usual, but these new trips will appeal to people who want to see more of what is in our beautiful natural environment."

This year's Friday night speaker for Alabama Coastal BirdFest should be a familiar name to birders. Doctor Frank Moore is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and heads up the Migratory Bird Research Group, which has studied migration along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico for more than twenty-five years. For BirdFest, he will be speaking on the work he and his graduate students do in this area of study.

Moore's presentation will focus on the behavior of migratory birds as they negotiate the Gulf of Mexico, including the application of fascinating technology designed to study the movement of migrants across the Gulf of Mexico.

On his website, he calls bird migration "one of the most fascinating of all behaviors" and notes that, although many land bird migrants are capable of flying great distances, "few actually engage in nonstop flights between points of origin and destination, rather they stopover periodically between migratory flights." This stopover for birds heading across the Gulf of Mexico is what makes the Alabama Gulf Coast a prime spot for birding during migration - and during the annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest.

The schedule for this year's BirdFest will be available by mid-July and registration will open in early August. Watch for more information on our website at: [www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com) and 'like' Alabama Coastal BirdFest on Facebook for up-to-the-minute news and information.

# Summer Field Trips

## Kites, Wood Storks and More!

Saturday, July 25, 2015 - Autaugaville and Prattville

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - Lakeland Farms and Greensboro Area

Once again Birmingham Audubon is offering two summer field trips in search of kites, storks and scissor-tailed flycatchers. If you have never witnessed the spectacle of Mississippi or swallow-tailed kites feeding on the wing, you are missing one of the most spectacular aerial shows on earth. Kites are regular late summer visitors to the Tombigbee and Alabama River systems in Alabama's upper coastal plain. Their acrobatic maneuvers while catching insects in flight is truly spectacular. And speaking of eating, another bonus on these outings is the food, Chef Lee's in Autaugaville and the Pie Lab in Greensboro or perhaps the Faunsdale Bar and Grill in Faunsdale are among our options for lunch.

Hopefully, we will also see wood storks on these outings; their numbers fluctuate from year to year. Wood storks have to be one of the homeliest creatures the good Lord ever made, but in the air their striking black and white forms are indeed beautiful sights. You will not want to miss these field trips, so mark your calendars now and be ready to brave the summer heat!

Here are the details for both trips:

### Saturday, July 25 trip - Prattville-Autaugaville:

We will head to the Prattville/Autaugaville area as we have in previous years, based our success in finding kites on previous trips. These are wide ranging species, but I feel confident we will observe them on our trip at some point. The areas east of Autaugaville have yielded sporadic sightings of painted buntings and lark sparrows in the past, so we will focus our birding efforts here in the morning.

#### OUR DEPARTURE POINT:

**The McDonalds on US 31 in Hoover** located at 1731 Montgomery Highway (US 31) across from the Galleria. **Plan to depart at 7 a.m.** and caravan to our destination. We will have lunch at Chef Lee's in Autaugaville to take a break from the heat that we will likely experience.

After lunch for those who wish to continue their summer adventure, we'll drive to the south side of the Alabama River



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Scissortail flycatcher -  
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where we will check a few sites where we've observed kites in the past. The picturesque "ghost town" at Robinson's Switch Road will be worth a short visit as well, so bring your cameras.

If the necessary arrangements can be made, we'll visit an alligator farm/heron rookery in Pine Level, south of Montgomery off US 231, at the end of the day. We'll have dinner at Red's Little School House Restaurant in Grady at 5:30, and then depart for the rookery from there. If you participate in this optional side trip expect a very long day in the field as we will be at the rookery until sunset. The return trip to Birmingham is about a two-hour drive.

### Saturday, August 1 trip - Lakeland Farms and Prattville: OUR DEPARTURE POINT:

The Galleria McDonalds, located at 1731 Montgomery Highway (US 31) across from the Galleria, will serve as our departure point for this trip, too.

**Plan to leave at 7 a.m. again.** We will caravan west on I-59/20 to exit

#97 and head south on AL Highway 5 to Centerville/Brent where we'll make a rest stop before continuing to Lakeland Farms and the many catfish ponds south of Greensboro. We will have lunch either at the Faunsdale Bar and Grill in Faunsdale or the Pie Lab in Greensboro, depending on which arrangements can be made in advance for a group our size. A stop at Marion Fish Hatchery and/or Perry Lakes Park to watch herons and egrets returning to their roost at day's end is a likely bet.

Remember, these trips will be daylong affairs so plan accordingly and bring plenty of drinks and snacks in addition to a full tank of gas, insect repellent, rain gear, and appropriate summer attire and sunblock.

#### Trip Leader for both of these trips:

Greg Harber, 251-2133 or gharber@mindspring.com

Your fearless trip leader for these summer trips has been known to arrange additional trips on short notice, so remember to monitor the Birmingham Audubon website, the BASBirding Yahoo Group or the Birmingham Audubon Facebook page for up-to-date summer trip plans!

# Summer Campout

## Wehle Land Conservation Center

### Friday - Sunday, June 26-28, 2015

The Birmingham Audubon Summer Campout will be held at the Wehle Land Conservation Center near Midway, AL (Bullock County) on the weekend of June 26-28. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy a unique natural area that provides a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities in an unspoiled setting. The Wehle Land Conservation Center, which is surrounded by Forever Wild property, has camping facilities for both tents and RVs, space for accommodating horses, and also dorms and cabins for those who prefer a little more comfort. The center is in Alabama's Black Belt and has a mix of habitats including wetlands, ponds and oak-hickory forest with sandy ridges. A rich variety of birds, unusual mammals, such as pocket gophers, gopher tortoises and many species of frogs and toads may be observed and heard on the property.

Wehle Land Conservation Center is owned and managed by the Alabama Department of Natural Resources, State Lands Division. The Nature Center was established in 2004 as an education and outreach center. It also includes the biological monitoring station, Elhew Field Station. Long time Birmingham Audubon friend and distinguished colleague Eric Soehren is the center's manager and is ably assisted by John Trent.

As of this writing, a detailed list of activities has not been firmed up, but we are currently planning on offering early

morning bird walks, owl prowls/frog walks, hikes and sessions detailing the research being conducted at the center.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** Will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, and check-out will be at noon on Sunday.

No meals will be catered, so campers will need to prepare their meals at their campsites. Campers may also use the kitchen in the dining hall to prepare their meals.

**DIRECTIONS:** The center is located 5 miles southeast of Midway in Bullock County on Bullock County 47. Take US 82 from Montgomery to Midway and follow the nature center signs. Once on property, follow the Birmingham Audubon Campout signs.

**Phone:** 334-529-3003

**Email:** [DCNR.WLCCMidway@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:DCNR.WLCCMidway@dcnr.alabama.gov)

**Website:** [www.outdooralabama.com/wehle-nature-center-facilities](http://www.outdooralabama.com/wehle-nature-center-facilities)  
[www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-1256](http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-1256)

#### **CAMP-OUT COORDINATOR:**

For more information and any questions, please contact Maureen Shaffer 205-822-8728 (home) or 205-222-2662 (cell)

Please check our website [www.birminghamaudubon.org](http://www.birminghamaudubon.org) our Facebook page or the Yahoo group BASBirding for updates.

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## **Birmingham Audubon Conservation Programs Update:**

### **Alabama Audubon Coast Bird Surveys:**

In a partnership with Mobile Bay Audubon, we have begun coordinating surveys of coastal bird populations in Mobile and Baldwin counties. This Gulf of Mexico-wide program was initiated in 2010 in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but these survey efforts have not been consistent in Alabama in the last few years. The data will be important for ensuring the survival of these species by providing important information for targeted conservation efforts. Spring surveys will be done until late May, and volunteers have already observed a number of coastal species, such as Caspian and sandwich terns, piping and black-bellied plovers, and great egrets. We also plan to assist Gulf State Park with stewardship of colonial and solitary nesters.

### **Urban Bird Habitat Initiative:**

We are making great progress with our Urban Bird Habitat Initiative projects. We have workdays coming up at the Avondale Park Rose and Habitat Garden on April 25 and May 23. We will be planting heritage roses and milkweed, assisted by local Girl and Boy Scouts. May 23 is also the date of the Avondale Park Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Dept., so we will plan outreach activities to coincide with our workday. We also will be planning outreach days throughout the summer that are specific to the variety of

species (butterflies, hummingbirds, finches and warblers) that we are trying to support with the garden.

The black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons are once again nesting at East Lake Park. We will be developing strategies to stop the erosion that is occurring on the island, where the black-crowned night herons nest. The East Lake Park Fishing Rodeo will be held on June 6, and Birmingham Audubon will host a Beginning Bird Walk at East Lake Park on June 13. We also will have periodical clean up days throughout the year.

There is a great deal of activity happening at Limestone Park in Alabaster. Volunteer project leaders Ken Wills and Dick Mills, with the help of other Birmingham Audubon volunteers, have inserted a variety of nest boxes and are tending the prairie plot. The nest boxes will be monitored to observe the nesting success of the birds that utilize these artificial habitats. We hope to perform inventories of the variety of species that inhabit Limestone Park to get a better idea of the local biodiversity.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these projects in the future, please contact me at:

[andycoleman@birminghamaudubon.org](mailto:andycoleman@birminghamaudubon.org).

And, you can keep up to date with what is happening at the various Urban Bird Habitat Initiatives project sites by liking their Facebook pages: Avondale Park Rose and Habitat Garden, East Lake Park – Urban Bird Habitat Initiative, and Limestone Park – Urban Bird Habitat Initiative.

Dr. Andy Coleman, Program Director

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Founded in 1946, the Birmingham Audubon Society is Alabama's leading non-profit organization engaging people in the enjoyment and conservation of birds, their habitats and the natural world. With your support, we involve people through recreational birding, by extending their horizons with education programs, and by engaging them in conservation actions such as planting trees, counting birds, and working with local, state, and national policy makers.

## There are many ways you can support Birmingham Audubon

Please join us and make a difference for birds and your quality of life, right here in Alabama!

### Membership

Take the first step and become a Member of Birmingham Audubon. Get connected with our *Flicker Flashes* newsletter. See birds by participating in one of our free field trips, and learn something at one of our free monthly programs.

### Make a Donation

We rely on your support and are proud to work on your behalf to restore wildlife habitat, conserve areas that are important to birds, and inspire appreciation and understanding of our natural world. Your generous donation, above and beyond the basic membership dues, is an important source of funding which allows Birmingham Audubon to facilitate our vital mission of connecting people with birds and the places they live.

### Your memberships and donations support:

- Free monthly programs on natural science topics
- Free field trips led by expert birders to great birding / cultural locations
- Opportunity to attend Annual Banquet and Birmingham Audubon Mountain Workshop
- Introduction to great locations to see and observe birds
- Exposure to knowledgeable birders
- Travel opportunities to regional, national and international birding locations
- Graduate student research grants
- Local and statewide conservation initiatives
- Adult and student education initiatives
- Local, state and national conservation initiatives
- Alabama Birding Trails support

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Thursday, May 7 - Sunday, May 10, 2015  
To sign up, visit: [www.birminghamaudubon.org](http://www.birminghamaudubon.org)

### May 2015

- 1-3 Wings over Oak Mountain Birding Festival
- 2 Oak Mountain State Park Field Trip (Half-Day)
- 3 Audubon Teaches Nature
- 7-10 Birmingham Audubon Mountain Workshop
- 23 Hamilton Indian Mounds/Marion County Field Trip (Full Day)
- 23 Work-Day: Avondale Park Rose and Habitat Garden

### Summer 2015

- June 13 Beginner's Bird Walk - East Lake Park
- June 20 Paint Rock River Field Trip (Full Day)
- June 26-28 Summer Campout, Wehle Land Conservation Center
- July 25 Prattville/Autuagaville Field Trip (Full Day)
- Aug. 1 Greensboro Field Trip (Full Day)

## Birmingham Audubon Hosts Urban Chapters Network Meeting

Even though the weather is pleasant now, in February executive directors of Audubon Urban Chapters found it difficult to reach Birmingham during a week filled with ice and snow. Suzanne Langley, Birmingham Audubon Executive Director, hosted her colleagues for the annual Audubon Urban Chapters Network meeting that included work sessions, a board-hosted dinner for visiting directors, and a tour of nearby Urban Bird Habitat Initiative projects. Pictured left to right, front row: Krystal Kyer, Tahoma Audubon (Tacoma, WA); Suzanne Langley, Birmingham Audubon; Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon; Jim Bonner, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh). Pictured left to right, back row: Karl Brummett, Denver Audubon; Chris Redfern, San Diego Audubon; Loren Smith, Buffalo Audubon; and Brian Windrope, Seattle Audubon.



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