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CBC Winter Meeting - Wrightsville Beach, NC

Katherine Higgins

We have some beautiful beaches in North Carolina, and many people vacation on them in the summer. But have you ever been to those same beautiful beaches in the winter time? If not, you are in for a treat. Wrightsville Beach is a beautiful, wide, bright-white sand beach, and the CBC host hotel is oceanfront. You will find that the beach is far less crowded in the winter and just as beautiful as in the summer. View gannets fishing offshore while enjoying your morning coffee, or if you choose a sound-side room, you may see a loon or two swimming among the boats in the Intracoastal Waterway.

Our host hotel for the CBC Winter Meeting, held January 24-25, is the Blockade Runner, located at 275 Waynick Blvd., Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480.

Room rates are \$89 for oceanfront and \$79 for sound side. These rates do not include taxes, but include a chef-cooked breakfast in the hotel dining room and access to the hotel's fitness center, sauna, and hot tub. The hotel chef will also prepare our Saturday night buffet meal of pulled pork and plenty of vegetable side dishes. The cost for the buffet is \$25.00. The web-site for the hotel is: www.blockade-runner.com. You can check out their amenities and their beach-cam, but **you must call the hotel at 910-256-2251 or 800-541-1161 by January 1st to make your reservation in order to get our special CBC discounted rates.** Make sure you identify yourself as a CBC member when you call. After January 1 rooms may

be available, but the rate is not guaranteed.

Our Friday night speaker will be Lindsay Addison from Wilmington. A Florida native, Lindsay has worked for Audubon North Carolina for the past three years. As the coastal biologist, she is responsible for the management and monitoring of Audubon's North Carolina sanctuary system that supports 35% of the state's nesting water birds. Two of these nesting sites are at each end of Wrightsville Beach. In her program, Lindsay will review the 2013 nesting season and describe other coastal work that Audubon carries out year-round. The presentation will feature a slideshow of many of North Carolina's coastal birds. You can work on your shorebird ID skills!

On Saturday night our speaker will be Kim Brand. Kim is co-chair of Audubon North Carolina's Bird Friendly Communities partnership program. Audubon North Carolina named her Volunteer of the Year in 2013. Kim has been very active with Forsyth Audubon, in Winston-Salem, since 2008, and currently serves as vice president. She is currently a Toyota TogetherGreen Fellow, and her fellowship project focuses on creating bird-friendly yards and parks in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Forsyth County. Before moving to North Carolina in 2005, Kim studied the Florida Scrub-Jay at Archbold Biological Station for her masters' degree. She enjoys native-plant

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CBC Winter Meeting



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gardening and vegetable gardening, as well as exploring nature with her two daughters. Kim's program title is: "Bird Gardening: How Your Yard Can Help Birds." Your yard can make a big difference to birds, whether they live there year-round or migrate through. Kim will share how you can choose native plants that meet birds' changing needs throughout the year, including insect food for young, fuel for migration, and food that lasts all winter long. Not only will you help the birds, but your yard list is guaranteed to increase!

Wrightsville Beach is just across the Intracoastal Waterway from the city of Wilmington, which features many activities that non-birding partners and birders alike may want to take advantage of while visiting the area. If you love to ride bikes, check out the Gary Shell Cross City Bike Trail at:

www.wilmingtonnc.gov/community_services/gary_shell_cross_city_trail. This mostly paved bike trail meanders for 15 miles from Wrightsville Beach all the way across Wilmington, passing through many of the city's parks along its path. And birding can be good when you are riding bikes quietly along the trail.

Wilmington also has a downtown boardwalk along the

Cape Fear River. The 1.8 mile River Walk passes historic sites, shops, and some great riverside restaurants. While you are downtown, you can take a ride through some of the most historic parts of town in a horse-drawn carriage. Check out www.wilmingtonnc.gov or www.wilmingtondowntown.com for more information. If you would like a ride down the Cape Fear River, boats are available for hire along the River Walk (weather permitting).

Our field trip line-up covers the ocean, fresh and salt-water marshes, ferry rides, islands, maritime forests, lakes and streams. Register for the meeting early in order to ensure the best selection of field trips is still available. Hope to see you at Wrightsville Beach in January!

Directions to the hotel: From US 74 East, cross the Intracoastal Waterway drawbridge onto Wrightsville Beach. After the drawbridge, stay right at the fork and proceed onto US 76 East. Cross a smaller bridge over another portion of the waterway and take an immediate right at the stop light onto Waynick Boulevard. The Blockade Runner hotel will be on your left about 0.3 miles south.

CBC Makes Grants Available for Avian Research

During 2013 the CBC honored the following grant requests related to avian research, conservation and education:

- Carolina Raptor Center (\$3,000) - Construction of a Migration Station
- Jesse Wood of Furman University (\$460.80) - Brown-headed Nuthatch research
- Jaan Kolts of East Carolina University Department of Biology (\$500) - Radio Tracking of King Rails
- Wings over Water Sponsorship
- Santee Birding and Nature Festival Sponsorship

Each year the Club budgets for grants that will further avian research, conservation, or education. Information on how to apply can be found on the Grants

page at www.carolinabirdclub.org.

Applications for research and education grants must be made through an educational or non-profit organization. Conservation grants should be submitted by an official representative of the conservation organization.

Awardees may be invited to share their results or findings at future general membership (seasonal) meetings.

The CBC grant program is an excellent way to fund avian research/welfare initiatives. If you or someone you know may benefit from a CBC grant, please contact the grants committee at: grants@carolinabirdclub.org

CBC Winter Meeting Schedule

Friday, January 24

All-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 1: Oak Island and Ft. Caswell - 6:30
- Trip 2: Bald Head Island - 6:45
- Trip 3: Holly Shelter and Topsail Beach - 6:30
- Trip 4: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 6:45
- Trip 5: Southport and Boiling Springs Lakes - 7:00
- Trip 6: Brunswick Nature Park, Orton Lake, Funston Farm - 7:00

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 7: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 7:00
- Trip 8: Wrightsville Beach and Piers - 6:45
- Trip 9: Airlie Gardens - 8:00
- Trip 10: Greenfield Lake and Hotspots - 7:15
- Trip 11: Carolina Beach State Park - 7:30
- Trip 12: The Rail Express - 6:30

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)

- Trip 13: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 1:00
- Trip 14: Wrightsville Beach and Piers - 1:00
- Trip 15: Carolina Beach State Park - 1:00
- Trip 16: Airlie Gardens - 1:15
- Trip 17: Greenfield Lake and Hotspots - 1:15
- Trip 18: Ev Henwood Nature Preserve - 1:15

Saturday, January 25

All-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 19: Oak Island and Ft. Caswell - 6:30
- Trip 20: Bald Head Island - 6:45
- Trip 21: Holly Shelter and Topsail Beach - 6:30
- Trip 22: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 6:45
- Trip 23: Southport and Boiling Springs Lakes - 7:00
- Trip 24: Brunswick Nature Park, Orton Lake, Funston Farm - 7:00

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 25: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 7:00
- Trip 26: Wrightsville Beach and Piers - 6:45
- Trip 27: Airlie Gardens - 8:00
- Trip 28: Greenfield Lake and Hotspots - 7:15
- Trip 29: Carolina Beach State Park - 7:30
- Trip 30: The Rail Express - 6:30

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)

- Trip 31: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc. - 1:00
- Trip 32: Wrightsville Beach and Piers - 1:00
- Trip 33: Carolina Beach State Park - 1:00
- Trip 34: Airlie Gardens - 1:15
- Trip 35: Greenfield Lake and Hotspots - 1:15
- Trip 36: Ev Henwood Nature Preserve - 1:15

Wrightsville Beach Planning Notes

Field trips leave from the host hotel. Please arrive a few minutes early so that we may depart on time.

We encourage carpooling to reduce the number of vehicles on the road, and this also helps in parking at the birding sites. If you are willing to drive and take some old or new birding friends along, please let your trip leader know when you meet. This will help minimize the chances of getting separated on busy roads, ease vehicle congestion at our trip destinations, and will help to conserve gasoline!

On trips that involve ocean-watching or shorebirds, a spotting scope may be helpful. If you don't have one, don't worry, there should be plenty to go around, but having your own may enhance your viewing opportunities.

Dress for the weather! Field trips generally run rain or shine, so make sure raingear is part of your packing plans.

Participants are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and drinks on all-day trip outings as stops for food may not be possible, or choices may be limited.

Field trips are generally applicable to all levels of birders, from beginners to experts. If you are new to birding, new to the area, or just want a little bit of extra help during your trips, talk to your leaders. Leaders are happy to assist in identification, "tricks of the trade", and other helpful hints. If you are hoping to find a particular species on your trips, let your leaders know beforehand so that they can be sure to try and "get you on the bird".



Winter Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Trips 1, 19: Oak Island and Ft. Caswell

From the beachfront of Caswell Beach to the lawns of Ft. Caswell and on to the salt marshes and woods of Fish Factory Road, participants will be treated to a broad mixture of seabirds, shorebirds, raptors, sparrows, winter songbirds, ducks, waders, terns, and gulls. This route, borrowed from the Southport Christmas Count, is very productive and usually yields a few surprises! Time permitting and if accessible, a quick stop at the Yaupon Beach Pier may be included. Individuals will be charged \$5 for a grounds pass at the Fort. There is a lot of walking on this trip. (Restrooms and lunch places are available)

Trips 2, 20: Bald Head Island

Bald Head Island offers a fun day with more than just birds to look at. There is a 20-minute ferry ride, views of the wonderful homes on the island, and both the Cape Fear River basin and the ocean to view. The birding in winter can be very interesting. Northern Gannets are seen over the ocean, and there is always the possibility for scoters and the occasional jaeger. In the wooded areas of the island you can look for an Orange-crowned Warbler or Blue-headed Vireo. Bald Head Island has an environment unlike other places in North Carolina. Cabbage Palmettos are common and this is their northern limit. The flora and fauna of the island are similar to the coastal areas of South Carolina. The island also features the oldest lighthouse in North Carolina, fondly called Old Baldy. There are additional costs associated with this field trip, and attendees will be responsible for paying for their ferry ride, cart fees, and parking fees on the day of the trip. The current round trip ferry cost is \$24.75 per person. Parking at the ferry terminal is \$8 per car (less per person if you carpool). Golf carts will be rented as it's a three mile walk to the birding locales. Each participant should budget between \$15 and \$16 for the golf cart fees.

(Restrooms available and limited restaurant options)

Trips 3, 21: Holly Shelter Game Lands and Topsail Beach

This trip will focus on longleaf pine-wiregrass habitats within the Holly Shelter Game Land. We should find Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and there is a good chance of finding one or more Bachman's Sparrows,

even though they become very secretive and mouse-like in the cooler months. Maybe we will get lucky and find a Henslow's Sparrow, although finding this species will be more of a long shot. Walking in these habitats is fairly easy but, especially if there have been recent rains, it may be wet. Participants should be prepared for some wet spots with up to an inch of water. Additionally, we will be checking the beaches at nearby Topsail Island in the afternoon. (Limited restroom availability except at lunchtime, strenuous walking in possibly very wet areas.)

Trips 4, 7, 13, 22, 25, 31: Fort Fisher, Aquarium, etc.

We have all-day and half-day trips planned to Fort Fisher because these well-known hot-spots offer some of the best winter birding on the North Carolina coast. The ocean here is attractive to many birds because of the biologically-rich hard-bottomed areas just off shore. These trips also offer the chance to see winter passerines around the fort area. At Federal Point we'll look for grebes, shorebirds, terns, gulls, and raptors. Kure Beach offers ocean views that may include gannets, loons and all American scoter species. The ocean here has seen rarities including grebes, alcids, rare sea ducks, and possibly Purple Sandpipers. (Restrooms available and restaurants. Driving and limited walking)

Trips 5, 23: Southport and Boiling Spring Lakes

This trip will include the ferry from Fort Fisher to Southport so be prepared to pay the ferry fees. The first stop will be The Nature Conservancy's Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve, known for overwintering songbirds, sparrows, and waterfowl. Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and the other seven species of NC woodpeckers are possible. Afterwards, we will return to Southport and bird as many hotspots as time permits, including the waterfront/marina area, Smithville Burying Grounds, community ponds, and Shepard Road area fields. These sites host overwintering and resident raptors, sparrows, shorebirds, terns, and waterfowl. The exact stops on this portion of the trip will be dictated by Southport Christmas Count results. (Restrooms and lunch spots are available)

Winter Meeting Field Trip Descriptions



Trips 6, 24: Brunswick Nature Park, Orton Lake, Funston Farm, etc.

This route may offer Brunswick County's widest variety of winter birds. Winter specialties at Brunswick Town include Rusty Blackbirds, woodpeckers, owls, and many species of overwintering songbirds. Up to seven species of woodpecker plus American Woodcock and Winter and House Wrens are possible. Bald Eagle, Anhinga, and several varieties of ducks and scoters are likely on the Cape Fear River or on nearby Orton Pond. After the Brunswick Town stop, we will drive through the Funston Farms area searching for Eastern Meadowlark, Wilson's Snipe, American Pipit, and sparrows. This trip will end at Brunswick Nature Park on Town Creek where species observed may include Golden-crowned Kinglet, Blue-headed Vireo, and Fox Sparrow. (Restrooms and lunch stops available)

Trips 8, 14, 26 and 32: Wrightsville Beach & Piers

From Mason Inlet on the north end to Masonboro Inlet on the south end, this trip features ocean and jetty scanning for rarities. Targeted areas, observed from the beach or end of Johnny Mercer's Pier, include the legendary loon flock off the island's north end that often extends to the pier. There are no guarantees, but this flock has consistently produced write-ins on the Christmas Count plus many rare winter bird sightings with birds such as Pacific Loon, Thick-billed Murre, Common Eider, Harlequin Duck, and Razorbill. Shorebirds and water birds observed at the inlets and jetties may include Purple Sandpiper, Piping Plover, and Great Cormorant. (Restrooms available)

Trips 9, 16, 27, 34: Airlie Gardens

Established in 1901, Airlie Gardens is a valuable cultural and ecological component of New Hanover County and North Carolina history. You'll have the opportunity to view ten acres of freshwater lakes and the grandeur of the 462 year-old Airlie Oak. Waterbirds such as ducks, egrets, herons, kingfishers, cormorants, and Ospreys are common. Watch for winter passerines as you walk around the well-kept grounds. On any given day it is easy to spot more than 30 species of birds while traversing the gardens. Individuals will be charged \$5 for a grounds pass (the usual fee is \$8). (Restrooms available)

Trips 10, 17, 28, 35: Greenfield Lake & Wilmington Winter Hotspots

Wilmington has many great winter hotspots! Following routes that will include many sites on the Christmas Bird Count, we will visit places such as Greenfield Lake and Oakdale Cemetery. Each of the four trips may follow a different route depending heavily on what's being seen the week of the CBC meeting, time of day, and rare bird sightings. Some of the best birds regularly seen include Anhinga, Sora, Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird, and maybe a rare winter sparrow. Expect extended walks, mostly on paved trails. (Restrooms available)

Trips 11, 15, 29, and 33: Carolina Beach State Park

Carolina Beach State Park offers varied habitats and birding opportunities. The land is slightly more than a mile wide between the ocean and the Cape Fear River. The state park's unique setting will have you scanning the marina area to check out the Cape Fear River and the Intracoastal Waterway. There are shrubby spots to look for winter passerines. Waterfowl will be viewed at freshwater pond sites. You may have the opportunity for some ocean watching from the pier. With sites close together, you'll spend a lot of your time birding and less time driving between stops. (Restrooms available)

Trips 12, 30: The Rail Express

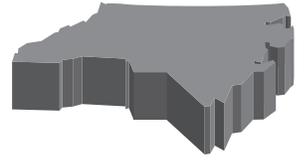
This trip will begin early and the first stop is the marsh area across the road from the Battleship North Carolina. Target birds here are the elusive King and Virginia Rails, and "the battleship" is one location where they can consistently be heard, and if we are lucky, seen. After working the area around the battleship and the roadsides and woods in the area for passerines, this trip will drive out River Road with stops along the way. Eventually the trip will get to Fort Fisher where we will look for other rail species including Clapper Rail (expected) and Sora and Virginia. Rails are tough, but that's what makes searching for them so much fun. (Restrooms available, moderate walking)

Trip 18, 36: Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve

This UNC-W property is a 174-acre preserve in northeastern Brunswick County. Ev-Henwood features a

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Blue Ridge Parkway Trip Report



Rain. Fog. Wind. The bane of birders everywhere. You hope you avoid them, but sometimes one or two must be dealt with. But one really has to be neglecting the gods of birding to encounter all three. Apparently I've done just that, for as birders gathered from across the great state of North Carolina to participate in September's Blue Ridge Parkway bonus field trip, Mother Nature tossed a lightning bolt. Well, not really, there was no lightning, but we "enjoyed" plenty of rain, fog, and wind that first day. Not exactly what one hopes for when the goal is to locate and enjoy flocks of migrant passerines.

But let's back up to Saturday morning where twelve birders gathered in the pre-dawn and headed out for a day on the Blue Ridge. While the moon glowed weakly through scudding cloud in the "lowlands" of Sparta, up on the Parkway fog and wind challenged. Plenty of birds were about, in fact the number of flocks was quite impressive, but visibility that often extended to less than the heights of the tree hampered viewing the colorful jewels of fall. Nonetheless, most of the expected species were encountered and enjoyed, and the number and frequency of the flocks made up in part for the less than stellar viewing conditions. A perched Merlin on the North Carolina side of the state line may have been the bird of the day.

When the rain finally settled in for good, we abandoned the Parkway for the drier offerings of Sparta's restaurants and coffee shops where tales of birding trips past provided entertainment. Later, after dinner and the "Official First and Maybe Last CBC Ski-Ball Tournament" we retired with visions of sunshine, not

sugar plums, in our heads.

All that hoping seemed to work, for Sunday dawned clear and blue. And while the cold front that whisked through the highlands the prior evening seemed to take some of the birds with it, we were rewarded with ample sunshine in which to enjoy the warblers, thrushes, tanagers, and others who remained behind. Highlights included a flock of Swainson's and Wood Thrushes feeding on ripe berries along a bubbling mountain stream, a very pleasing mixed flock that provided perfect views of eleven species of warblers, and what was likely the best Broad-winged Hawk flight day in years. By the time we arrived at the Mahogany Rock hawk watch the birds had begun to kettle, and throughout the afternoon hundreds of Broad-wings streamed over in a river of feathers heading south. Up and down the Blue Ridge hawk watches would tally a multi-thousand bird day as the hawks took advantage of the perfect migration conditions created by the departing weather system.

The trip ended Sunday afternoon atop Mahogany Rock after an invigorating hike. Broad-wings continued to drift overhead while warblers bounced through the trees. We decided that with the ground around us littered with gems (thousands of tiny garnets embedded in mica schist) and the trees above full of birds, we were once again in nature's good graces.

The trip tallied a total of fifteen warbler species and sixty-seven species overall.



Field Trip Descriptions

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traditional southeastern floodplain forest and climax hardwood community with two creeks and upland trails throughout the property. Land management projects underway include the establishment of longleaf pine woods and some open grassy fields. Wild Turkeys inhabit these woods and Barred Owls call from the trees. We'll check the fields for sparrows and ponds for waterfowl. There are easy walking trails so once you arrive and park you will be enjoying nature with no more driving. (No restroom facilities on the property)

CBC Bonus Trip to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and Chincoteague NWR, February 22-23, 2014

The Carolina Bird Club is offering a chance to bird two of the more interesting sites along the mid-Atlantic coast, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT) and Chincoteague NWR.

The CBBT complex's four manmade rocky islands act as a magnet for sea ducks, gulls, and other birds. With luck we should be able to leisurely study each of America's three scoter species (birds more often than not seen in distant, fast-moving lines), enjoy the spectacularly plumaged male Long-tailed Duck, search for shorebirds (including Purple Sandpiper) on the rocks, compare the various plumages of Great and Double-crested Cormorants, and hope for a rarity or two like Common Eider, Common Goldeneye, King Eider, or one of the uncommon gulls.

After spending the morning birding the islands we will continue to Chincoteague NWR on the Eastern Shore of Virginia to search for wintering waterfowl, shorebirds, passerines, and whatever else we can find.

Dates: Saturday/Sunday, February 22-23, 2014

Cost: \$50

Limit: 13 participants

Logistics: The trip will begin at 7:15 a.m. Saturday at the south toll terminal at the CBBT in Virginia Beach, VA. The \$50 registration fee covers the police escort on the CBBT and guided birding throughout the weekend. Not included are lodging, meals, tolls, or fuel expenses. Participants will likely wish to spend Friday night in Virginia Beach. Reservations should also be made for Saturday night in Chincoteague, VA.

Detailed, additional information will be provided upon registration.

Please note that the CBBT authorities require picture identification upon arrival and perform background checks on all birding program visitors prior to arrival. For this reason, the registration form requests driver's license (or equivalent state issued identification card) information including license number and expiration date. The CBC only collects this information to forward to the CBBT and will not retain or share the information with any other entity. If you prefer not to provide this information, we regret that we cannot accommodate you on this bonus trip.

To Sign Up: E-mail Steve Shultz for a registration form (sshultz@nc.rr.com) or if you have questions. You can also call 919-608-2069. The form and trip fee must be sent to the CBC HQ Secretary no later than 4 weeks prior to the trip in order to provide the Bridge Tunnel Authority with a listing of participants. The CBBT, and especially Chincoteague NWR, can be great places to bird! If you've never been, it is a rewarding experience. Even if the birding is slow (which is usually not the case) the possibility of seals, seagoing ships, lighthouses, wild ponies, and spectacular scenery make the trip worthwhile. Participation is limited to CBC members (but you can join at the same time as you register for the trip!)

Please let Steve know of any questions and look forward to seeing you there!

<p>Welcome New Members!</p> <p>The CBC welcomes the following new members.</p>	<p>Joshua Sims Cary, NC</p>	<p>Kathleen Harris Brevard, NC</p>	<p>Denny, Lisa & Clark Walker Greenwood, SC</p>	<p>Julianne Lee Morganton, NC</p>
	<p>Sparkle Clark Dorchester, SC</p>	<p>Ronnie Hucks Florence, SC</p>	<p>Anne Harrell Asheville, NC</p>	<p>Jane Hahn Clifton Springs, NY</p>
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Birder's Book Review

Steve Shultz



The World's Rarest Birds

Erik Hirschfeld, Andy Swash, and Robert Still
ISBN 978-069115-5968, 360 pages, cloth
2013, Princeton University Press, \$45.00

Pre-release advertisements for *The World's Rarest Birds* promised to provide the only known photos of some of the planet's least common avian residents. Who would not be interested in gazing at the only visual recording of an entire species? I expected a book with grainy pictures and prose that may at best be depressing. But when the book arrived on my front stoop, it was much more than I anticipated. Worthy of center stage on a coffee table, *The World's Rarest Birds* takes readers on a whirlwind tour across the globe and introduces us to birds that many may not realized even existed.

Borne from an international photo competition where the goal was to photograph every world species deemed endangered or critically endangered by Bird-life International, the book covers 590 species. 515 of these include photographs; the remaining 75, for which no photographs are known to exist, are represented by drawings by wildlife artist Tomasz Cofta.

The account for each bird includes a color photograph, (where available), population estimate, conservation status, threats to the bird, range map, synopsis, and QR code to scan for more information. Species are grouped by geographical location.

In between pages devoted to species accounts, sections delve deeper into a variety of issues and focus on particular "hotspots" with multiple species of rare bird. Examples include a closer look at New Caledonia, Hawaii, the Atlantic coast of Brazil, and the Choco region of Colombia and Ecuador.

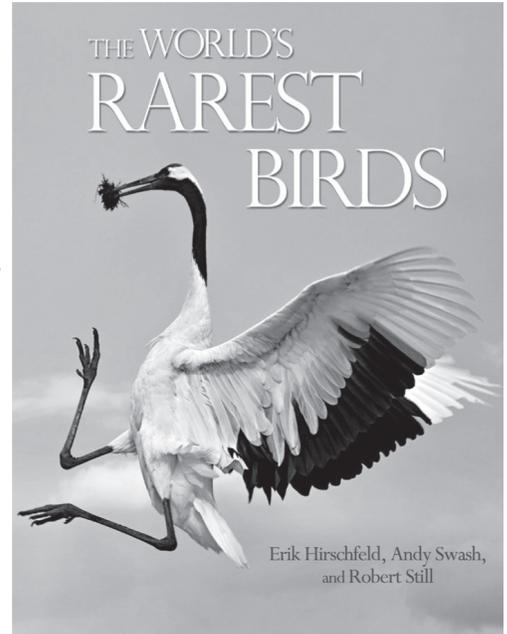
Sixty species are so poorly understood that they comprise their own section entitled "Data Deficient Species". Examples include Vaurie's Nightjar, known only from a single specimen collected in west China in 1929, and Papuan Whipbird, never photographed and known from only five sites in the montane forest of New Guinea.

Fifty pages introduce the rarest birds on Earth and describe the threats to their future, from human-related causes such as logging and trapping, to natural phenomena including volcanoes and tsunamis.

As a "map guy", I especially like the two-page, full-color maps of each region as well as the multiple maps detailing focus areas.

Appendices include an overview of known extinct species and a chart of globally threatened bird families detailing the 127 families of birds with at least one endangered species.

With a goal of raising awareness of the need to take substantive action in order to protect the planet's avifauna, *The World's Rarest Birds* might just be the perfect holiday gift for that hard to shop for birder on your list!



The Newsletter and The Chat are online on the CBC website. The most recent editions of each are only accessible to CBC members. To access the "members only" content, you must first create a login and password. This can be done at <http://www.carolinabirdclub.org/members/register.html>. Once you have your login and password established, you can login at <https://www.carolinabirdclub.org/members/login.html>.

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**CBC Wrightsville Beach Meeting Registration Form
 January 24-25, 2014**

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone (____) _____ — _____

Evening phone (____) _____ — _____

Email _____

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Meeting Registration (Non-member) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Saturday Buffet Dinner (each) _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

To pre-register for field trips, place the trip number(s) in the boxes above.

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip. Meeting registration at the door costs \$35.

I release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

**Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:
 CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374**

Before sending in this form, check the website to see if any of your trips are full, rescheduled, or cancelled. www.carolinabirdclub.org

Cancellations for the meeting and/or the meal will be refunded if received by Friday, January 10, 2014.

Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary (hq@carolinabirdclub.org). If you need to cancel after the refund cutoff date, please notify the Headquarters Secretary so we can give your field trip space to someone on the waiting list.



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Upcoming CBC Meetings

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