

# Carolina Bird Club Spring 2017 Meeting Agenda

## Winston-Salem, NC April 28-29, 2017

### The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center

420 High Street Winston-Salem NC 27101, 336-777-3000

Check-in time 3pm; check-out time noon

Breakfast is included for registered hotel guests at 5:30am; menu options may be limited until 6am

<p><b><i>Thursday April 27</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4:00-9:00 PM</b> Opening Registration</li> </ul>	<p>Ground Floor / basement level outside Poplar Ballroom            April 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 4 PM-9 PM            Friday and Saturday 6:30 AM-7:45AM and 12:30 PM-1:30 PM</p>
<p><b><i>Friday April 28</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Field Trips</b></li> <li>• <b>Dinner on your own</b></li> <li>• <b>6:00-7:00 pm</b> Social with cash bar</li> <li>• <b>7:15 PM</b> Welcome to Winston-Salem Meeting Overview!</li> <li>• <b>7:30-7:45 PM</b> Kim Brand – Audubon Ambassadors and Climate Watch</li> <li>• <b>7:45-8:30 PM</b> Will Scott, Yadkin Riverkeeper – The Yadkin Riverkeeper activities to promote and protect the Yadkin Pee Dee River Basin</li> </ul>	<p>Hotel's Bayberry Bistro opens at 5:00 PM</p> <p>Poplar Ballroom (Ground Floor / Basement level)</p>
<p><b><i>Saturday April 29</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Field Trips</b></li> <li>• <b>5:30-7:00 PM</b> Social with cash bar</li> <li>• <b>6:00-7:00 PM</b> Banquet Dinner</li> <li>• <b>7:00-8:00 PM</b> CBC Business Meeting</li> <li>• <b>8:00-9:00 PM</b> Joan Collins, – "Bicknell's Thrush: A Rare, Elusive, and Highly Vulnerable Species." See page 2 for further details.</li> <li>• <b>9:00 PM</b> Species Countdown</li> </ul>	<p>Poplar Ballroom (Ground Floor / basement level) - \$28/per person; preregistration required for the banquet dinner</p>

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**Field Trip sheets** will be at the registration site. After picking up your registration packet, please put a check mark by your name on each of your trip sheets, so the trip leaders will know you have checked in for your trip. There will be people available to answer any questions regarding trips. If you are not able to attend a trip, please cross out your name, so someone from the wait list can fill your place.

**Departure Times** The field trip departure times are for leaving the hotel. **Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes early.** Look for the sign with your trip number and let the leader know you are there. We encourage carpooling. Please consider contributing toward gas expenses if you carpool. Trip leader cell phone numbers will be provided. If you cannot go on a trip, make every effort to advise one of the following: trip leader, meeting coordinator, or advise someone who is on the trip so the group doesn't wait for you.

**All Day Trips** Please bring a lunch, snacks, water. Many of these sites are remote with no nearby restaurants.

**Hotel Returns** Morning trips should be back to the hotel by noon; afternoon and all-day trips by 5 PM.

**Saturday Evening Speaker** Joan Collins will present "**Bicknell's Thrush: A Rare, Elusive, and Highly Vulnerable Species**" covering the status, distribution, and natural history of Bicknell's Thrush, a rare songbird that nests in the mountaintop forests of the northeastern U.S. and sections of southeastern Canada. She will discuss *Mountain Birdwatch*, a long-term monitoring program for high-elevation songbirds, started by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies in 2001. Joan has been climbing peaks in the dark and camping on Adirondack mountain summits during June as a *Mountain Birdwatch* surveyor since the project's inception. Her talk will include personal, often comical, anecdotes of her survey experiences and will also cover the many threats facing Bicknell's Thrush, including the predicted effects of climate change on its breeding habitat. In 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was petitioned to list Bicknell's Thrush as either a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act; a decision has been promised to come in 2017. In addition to Bicknell's Thrush, the only endemic bird species in the northeastern U.S., there are many other interesting boreal birds found in the Adirondacks. If there is time, Joan will show photos and fun video clips of a few of the region's iconic boreal species.

Joan Collins is President of the NY State Ornithological Association and Editor of NY Birders, VP of Northern NY Audubon, past President of High Peaks Audubon Society, and past member of the Board of Directors for the Audubon Council of NY. Joan is President of Adirondack Avian Expeditions & Workshops, LLC, leads birding field trips year-round, is a NY State licensed guide, an Adirondack 46er, and has climbed all the Adirondack fire tower peaks. She is a frequent guest speaker and teaches classes on ornithology topics. Joan has published several

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journal, magazine, and newspaper articles on wildlife and conservation topics in various publications including New York Birders, Conservationist, and The Kingbird. She authored several warbler species accounts and served as a peer reviewer for The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in NY State. Mountain Lake PBS, Adirondack Explorer, and Adirondack Life magazine have featured pieces on Joan, and her regular birding segments with Todd Moe can be heard on North Country Public Radio. Follow Joan on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdirondackAvian> or her website at: <http://www.adirondackavianexpeditions.com/>