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Friday, Sept 29 & Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 Field Trip Itinerary

All meeting places for field Trips are in the parking lot of Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort unless otherwise noted. Please be at the meeting place ten minutes early. Times are departure times, and late arrivals will be left. Carpooling is a necessity for all Trips and please remember to reimburse drivers for their gasoline expenses.

Please Note: Trips may change based on leader availability, location alterations and birds etc.

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017—All Day

Trip 1: 6:45am, Bull Island, depart from McClellanville at 8 am

Trip 2: 7:15am, Huntington Beach State Park

Trip 3: 6:45am, Santee Coastal Extended

Trip 4: 6:30am, Santee Coastal and Santee Delta

Trip 5: 8:00am,Tom Yawkey Center

Trip 6: 6:30am, Waties Island

Friday, Sept. 29, 2917—Half:Day Morning

Trip 7: 7:00am, Lake Busbee & Conway Water Treatment Plant

Trip 8: 7:15am, Samworth WMA/ Dirleton Plantation

Trip 9: 7:45am, New Birders Workshop Huntington Beach SP

Trip 10: 7:00am, South Tibwin Plantation

Trip 11: 7:15am, Myrtle Beach State Park

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 — Half:Day Afternoon

Trip 12: 1:30pm, Shorebird workshop

Trip 13: 1:10pm, Huntington Beach SP Jetty

Trip 14: 1:20pm, Huntington Beach SP trails

Trip 15: 1:25pm, New Birder workshop

Trip16: 1:00pm, South Tibwin Plantation

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017—All Day

Trip 17: 6:45am, Bull Island, depart McClellanville 8am

Trip 18: 7:15am, Huntington Beach State Park

Trip 19: 6:45am, Santee Coastal Extended

Trip 20: 6:30am, Santee Coastal and Santee Delta

Trip 21: 8:00am, Tom Yawkey Center

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017—Half:Day Morning

Trip 22: 7:15am, Lake Busbee, & Conway Water

Treatment Plant

Trip 23: 8:00am, Young Birders: Huntington Beach SP

Trip 24: 7:00am, South Tibwin Plantation

Trip 25: 7:30am, Myrtle Beach State Park

Trip 26: 7:45am, Sandy Island Kayak Trip

Saturday, Sept 30, 2017: Half:Day Afternoon

Trip 27: 1:30pm, Pawleys Island South End

Trip 28: 1:15pm, Huntington Beach SP Jetty

Trip 29: 1:00pm, South Litchfield Beach

Trip 30: 1:15pm, Huntington Beach SP trails

The CBC 2017 Bonus Trip to Costa Rica Led by Sherry Lane P. 7

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Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Descriptions All Day—Friday & Saturday, Sept. 29 & 30,2017

Trips 1 (Fri 6:45am) & 17 (Sat 6:45am): Bulls Island.

Bulls Island is a full day boat Trip for \$45 per person. The fee will be collected on board the ferry. They will take cash, check, or credit card. (Bring lunch and water). We'll be walking on the island all day. The pearl of Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Bulls Island offers mud banks, saltwater marshes, beaches, freshwater impoundments, ponds, and upland habitats. This place is on anybody's list of the top five birding spots in South Carolina. We have arranged for the ferry to land at the island's north end to reduce the long walk from the regular landing. Here we will look at the massive shorebird roost at high tide, scope the ocean for interesting birds and then check out Jack's Creek impoundment.

Limit 20 on Friday/ 30 on Saturday.

Travel Time: 90 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Walking all day on island and to and from boat Trips

Trips 2 (Fri 7:15am) & 18 (Sat 7:15am): Huntington Beach State Park.

(\$5 per person entrance fee to the park.) This Trip will cover the jetty at the Huntington Beach State Park, together with the nearby tidal creeks and flats, plus the causeway, Mullet Pond, the education center, salt marsh boardwalk and Sandpiper Pond. The jetty is one of best places in the state to find rarities. The main drawback to visiting the jetty is that it is nearly a 3 mile walk round Trip along the beach from the north parking lot. Bring water and lunch. Some food is available in the park store.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking all day

Trips 3 (Fri 6:45am) & 19 (Sat 6:45am): Santee Coastal Reserve Extended.

This is a new tour of the Santee Coastal Reserve. It will encompass some areas not normally explored. We will cover acres of former rice fields, river frontage along the South Santee River, magnificent Cypress-Tupelo swamp, upland fields and mixed forest. Expect lots of waterfowl and wading birds, hawks, American White Pelicans, Wood Storks, probable rails, sparrows, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Barn Owls if we are lucky, plenty of Bald Eagles with chances for Golden Eagle.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 90 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking all day, buggy

Trips 4 (Fri 6:30am) & 20 (Sat 6:30am): Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta.

Our tour of the Santee Coastal Reserve's and Santee delta will cover the mainland area including rice fields, river frontage along the South Santee River, magnificent Cypress-Tupelo swamp, upland fields and mixed forest. Expect some waterfowl and wading birds, hawks, American White Pelicans, Wood Storks, probable rails, sparrows, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and migrating warblers. We may even find some Owls if we are lucky, plenty of Bald Eagles with chances for Golden Eagle.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 90 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking all day, buggy

Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Descriptions All Day—Friday & Saturday, Sept. 29 & 30,2017

Trips 5 (Fri 8:00am) & 21 (Sat 8:00am): Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center.

This area is a SC Heritage Preserve and administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Public access can be rather limited, so we are excited to offer two full day Trips to this fantastic birding area just 20 minutes from Georgetown. Target birds include American Avocet, American White Pelican, Barn Owl, early waterfowl, shorebirds, rails, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, warblers, sparrows and more! Observation towers provide a panoramic view of the south Santee River Delta and surrounding area. This Trip seems to be the one to get it all, in one long day! Bring food and water.

Limit: 13

Travel Time: 60 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: ferry over to island

Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Description All Day-Friday, Sept.29, 2017

Trip 6 (Fri 6:30am): Waties Island.

Waties Island is one of the last undeveloped barrier islands on the S.C. coast. A true oasis in comparison to the Grand Strand. Saved for generations by one family, Waties is now preserved by a conservation easement and is host to research projects by the faculty and students of Coastal Carolina University. Bring food and water.

Limit: 20

Travel Time: 60 minutes will bus from hotel

Facilities: None Trip Descriptions Continued P. 4

<u>Friday Evening</u>: An Optical evening and reception. Representatives from two optics dealers will be present to demonstrate binoculars and scopes. They will also do short presentations on choosing the right optics and how to digiscope, etc. This will be followed by two drawings for binoculars. One will be open to young birders only and the second to new members attending their first meeting. Members are invited to bring any optics that they wish to sell or trade with other members.

Saturday Evening Banquet: Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux (See P. 10) will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Gauthreaux has been a birder since age 10. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of New Orleans, and his Ph.D.at Louisiana State University. He is retired from Clemson and has been a long term visiting professor at the university of Illinois. His work with radar for tracking bird migration was groundbreaking. Dr. Gauthreaux is still an active birder and is a former president of the Carolina Bird Club.

Our Field Trips will be both familiar and new. Of course, we will have multiple Trips to Huntington Beach State Park, Myrtle Beach State Park, Santee Coastal Wildlife Management Area, Santee Delta WMA, and Bulls Island. We will again offer two Trips to the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center. Our new Trips include Waties Island on Friday only. Waties is the northern most barrier island in S.C. It is one of the most untouched places in the state. We will also have a kayak Trip to Sandy Island. This island is both historic and offers some excellent birding. Other new Trips will be to Dirleton Plantation and Waccamaw WMA and to Lake Busbee.

We will also have a shorebird workshop and field Trip, two New Birder field Trips lead by very experienced birders and a field Trip led by two of our young birders.

Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Descriptions Half-Day — Friday & Saturday, Sept. 29 & 30,2017

Trips 7(Fri 7:00am) & 22 (Sat 7:15am): Lake Busbee and Conway Treatment Plant.

This Trip offers diverse habitat so we can expect some early waterfowl, migrants, rails, herons, egrets and birds of prey.

Limit: 16

Travel time: 30 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Trip 8 (Fri 7:15am): Samworth WMA and Dirleton Plantation.

This 1500 acre tract is primarily freshwater marsh and impoundments with some longleaf pines and open fields. We will look for rails including King, Clapper and Sora, Woodpeckers, Brown-headed Nuthatches, sparrows, and migrating warblers.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 45 minutes Facilities: Limited

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trips 9 (Fri 7:45am) & 15 (Fri 1:25pm): New Birder Workshop

(\$5 per person state park fee). This is for those new to birding or those who just want a refresher. You will visit Huntington Beach State Park looking and listening for birds in a variety of habitats and observing behavior with a focus on identification techniques. This Trip will be led by one of the premier birders in the Carolinas.

Limit: 16

Travel Time:15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trips 14 (Fri 1:20pm) & 30 (Sat 1:15pm): Huntington Beach State Park Trails.

(\$5 per person entrance fee). Even if you don't go out to the jetty, a Trip to "HBSP" can yield great birding and photographic opportunities. This Trip will cover the causeway, Mullet Pond, the Education Center feeders, salt marsh boardwalk and an overlook on the marshy end of Sandpiper Pond (good for rails and bitterns). This Trip will also visit the beach briefly, but will not make the trek to the jetty. Shorebirds, rails, wading birds, hawks, migrating warblers, owls and falcons.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trips 10 (Fri 7:00am), 16 (Fri 1:00pm) & 24 (Sat 7:00am): South Tibwin Plantation.

In the Francis Marion National Forest, the parking lot is right off of US 17. We'll walk through mature pine forest to medium-sized impoundments that will remind you of the wooded portions of Donnelly WMA. These impoundments are where we hope to find a variety of waterfowl, shore birds, rails, bitterns, etc. Warblers, flycatchers, wrens, and birds of prey are also possible.

Limit: 16 (Please carpool) Travel Time: 60 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: 3 miles of walking

Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Descriptions Half-Day — Friday & Saturday, Sept. 29 & 30,2017

Trips 11 (Fri 7:15am) & 25 (Sat 7:30am): Myrtle Beach State Park.

(\$5 per person entrance fee.) We begin at the pier scanning for grebes, gulls terns, and migrating shorebirds, etc. The pier also has restrooms, coffee, snacks etc. Then we will bird the maritime forest and ponds which may yield migrating warblers plus Blue-headed Vireo, Yellow-throated Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler and other passerines. The pond may have wading birds and early ducks. We will look for bittern, rails and sparrows.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 20 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip 12 (Fri 1:30pm): Shorebird Workshop.

The classroom workshop will focus on key characteristics which help birders on all levels quickly and confidently identify a species. We will cover all families of shorebirds, but our primary focus will be Charadriidae (plovers) and Scolopacidae (sandpipers). Modes of identification with which we will practice include size/shape, behaviors, and habitat.

In the field at Huntington Beach State Park: This park can offer ideal foraging habitats for many resident and migratory shorebird species. It provides a great opportunity to focus on silhouette and foraging behavior identification. Some of the target species will be American Avocet, Black-bellied Plover, Yellowlegs, Marbled Godwit, Western Sandpiper and the Least Sandpiper. Willet, Dunlin, Wilson's Snipe, Sanderling, Dowitcher and Whimbrel are all other species we may encounter.

Lmit: 16 for field Trip
Travel Time: 30 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: This Trip will involve moderate walking on sandy terrains.

Trips 13 (Fri 1:10pm) & 28 (Sat 1:15pm): Huntington Beach State Park Jetty.

(\$5 per person entrance fee.) These afternoon trips will be to the jetty and the nearby tidal creeks and flats. The jetty is one of best places in the state to find migrating shorebirds. It is nearly a 3-mile round trip walk to the jetty.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: 3 miles of walking on beach.

Trip 23 For Young Birders (Sat 8:00am): Huntington Beach State Park.

This trip to HBSP will be led by one or two of our young birders. While the leaders will be young the participants can be of any age.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

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Litchfield Beach Meeting Field Trip Descriptions Half-Day — Friday & Saturday, Sept. 29 & 30,2017

Trip 26 (Sat 7:45am): Sandy Island.

(Discounted fee of \$45 per person) This is a Kayak trip to Sandy Island hosted by Black River Outdoors. Sandy Island is an unincorporated community located between the Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers. The community was founded by a freed slave and is still inhabited by some of his descendants. It is the largest undeveloped freshwater island on the east coast and hosts a variety of species the highlight being the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 30 minutes

Facilities: ?

Access conditions: Paddling, and moderate walking

Trip 27 (Sat 1:30pm): Pawleys Island South End.

This trip offers ocean front, inlet and marsh birding. It is a good birding spot especially for those who do not want to make the long trek to the Jetty at HBSP.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Walking on beach

Trips 29 (Sat 1:00pm): South Litchfield Beach.

Located near our hotel, this beach is south of HBSP. Along the causeway leading to the beach is one of the best places to find rails. From the parking lot there is a 1.3 mile walk along the beach where we may see a variety of shorebirds. On the western side of the island we may find plovers, skimmers, and sandpipers.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Walking on beach

For Sunday Morning Hot Spots, visit - www.carolinabirdclub.org Some trips and plans may change depending on conditions and bird patterns.

Carolina Bird Club Meeting — September 29-30 Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort

14276 Ocean Highway, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Telephone: (843)237-3000 or www.litchfieldbeach.com.

Discounted group rate for 1 bedroom Summerhouse Suites per night is \$93.22 all-inclusive.

Reservations to guarantee a room at this rate by July 28.

CBC Costa Rica 2017 Bonus Trip By Sherry Lane



Last February the Carolina Bird Club sponsored a bonus trip to Costa Rica. We had a group of 10 CBC birders including myself, plus our excellent local guide, Steven Easley and our friendly bus driver with us throughout the trip.

The group met up in San Jose and loaded up into a new comfortable (everyone has a window seat) Toyota Coaster and set off on our journey. We had 8 full days of birding. We began in the lush middle elevations of the Caribbean slope before descending to the diverse Caribbean lowlands including La Selva OTS.

After the lowlands, we ascended to the middle elevations of the Caribbean slope including the beautiful Tapanti National Park.

Our final destination brought us to the Pacific Highlands of the Savegre, home of the stunning Resplendent Quetzal!

Our total bird species count was 350 for the trip! There were so many beautiful birds it is hard to decide which pictures to include, but here are a few of the highlights.

Overall it was an excellent birding adventure. We had the very best local guide who was fun and interesting. All the accommodations were great! The lodges we stayed at were exceptionally nice, clean and comfortable. The food was plentiful and delicious! The local people "Ticos" are so friendly! Costa Rica in my opinion is a birders paradise!

If you are interested in joining in on a CBC bonus trip to Costa Rica stay tuned to the CBC newsletter because we are hoping to run two different trips in February of 2018. This will allow for more participants to go with a maximum of 9 participants per trip. Pura Vida!



Long-tailed Silky Flycatcher.
Photo by Steve McInnis at Miriam's
Restaurant, near Savegre Mountain Lodge.
Silky-flycatchers are more closely related to
the thrushes and waxwings than to tyrant
flycatchers. We also had good looks at its
relative the Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher.



Great Green Macaw.
Photo by Audrey Whitlock near
La Selva OTS.
Unfortunately, these amazing
creatures are endangered despite
efforts to protect them.

Sunbittern.
Photo by Steve McInnis at Rio Perlas .
This bird is amazing when it opens its

Below is a picture I was given from our guide, Steven Easley, that his father took.



Scarlet Macaw.
Photo by Sherry Lane in
the El Tigre area. These
incredible birds were endangered but Costa Rica
has worked hard to protect
them and subsequently
they are having a good
come back.



Sulphur-winged Parakeet. Photo by Audrey Whitlock at Savegre Mountain Lodge. We had 11 different species of parrots!



Emerald Toucanet.
Photo by Audrey Whitlock
taken at Cinchona .
Everyone loves a Toucan!
We also saw lots of Collared Aracaris, Yellowthroated and Keel-billed
Toucans.



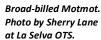




Magnificent Hummingbird. Photo by Sherry Lane at Poasito.



Buffy-crowned Wood-partridge. Photo by Sherry Lane at Savegre Mountain Lodge. This is another uncommon and usually difficult to see bird that was actually following us along in the trail in Savegre.





Spotted Wood-Quail. Photo by Sherry Lane at Savegre Mountain Lodge. This bird was not happy to have the above Buffy-crowned Wood-partridge in his territory and was desperately trying to chase it off.





This stunningly beautiful bird loves to

Volcano Junco is a high elevation paramo endemic species to Costa Rica and Panama. He is the big daddy of juncos! Photo by Sherry Lane in the Paramo of Cerritos de la Muerte.



Passerini's Tanager. Photo by Sherry Lane at La Quinta.



the avocado trees you can find them feeding there in the highlands of Savegre.

Resplendent Quetzal! Photo by Sherry Lane.





Thicket Antpitta. Photo by Sherry Lane near Limon Pococi .

This is a very elusive species. We were taken to a special place in the forest by a local birder who has this one trained to come out of hiding and eat worms. We had quite the show!





Silvery-throated Jay. Photo by Steven Easley. This was my favorite bird of the trip. It is a very rare species endemic to Costa Rica and Western Panama. They are found in the highlands and are very difficult to find foraging high up in the canopy. We had to take 4x4 jeeps halfway up the mountain and hike the rest of the way up. We were rewarded with good looks and even pictures of this amazing bird!

We also saw 11 mammal species including Three-toed and Two-toed sloths.

Welcome New Members!

Members Upgraded to Life Membership

Chandra Biggerstaff Greenville, NC

Margaret Small Asheville, NC

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Greenville, NC

Chrstine Stoughton-Root

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Mac Williams Hartsville, SC

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<u>Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux</u> received his B.S. from LSU at New Orleans (now the University of New Orleans) in June 1963; M.S. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, in August 1965; Ph.D. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, in August 1968; and held a Post-Doctorate Fellowship at the Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia from fall 1968 until fall 1970. He retired from Clemson University where he was a faculty member from 1970-2006 and taught ornithology, animal behavior, and behavioral ecology in the Department of Biological Sciences. He currently consults in the area of Remote Sensing and Technology and is a part-time faculty member in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where he works with a group assessing avian radars that can be used to prevent bird/aircraft collisions.

Dr. Gauthreaux's research emphasis on studies of bird migration across the Gulf of Mexico began in graduate school in the early 1960s and continues today. He has used combinations of radar and direct visual techniques to study the characteristics and geographical patterns of bird migration throughout the United States. His research in applied ornithology has examined 1) the attraction of migrating birds at night to different types of lighting on tall towers, 2) the risks of migrating birds colliding with man-made structures such as transmission lines, towers, and wind turbines, and 3) the problem of aircraft colliding with migrating birds.

Online registration opens on August 12 @ 2:00pm and closes September 23 at 8:00am. www.carolinabirdcub.org

CBC Litchfield Beach, SC Registration Form		
Name(s)		
AddressCity	StateZip	
Day Phone ()	Evening Phone ()	
Meeting Registration (Member) x \$30 = \$	Field Trip A.M. P.M. All-day Sign-up $1^{st/2^{nd}}$ $1^{st/2^{nd}}$ $1^{st/2^{nd}}$ $1^{st/2^{nd}}$ Choice Choice	
Meeting Registration (Non-Memberx \$35 = \$	Friday / / /	
	Saturday / / /	
Buffet Dinner x \$30 = \$		
To pre-register for field trips, place the trip number(s) in the boxes to the right. Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.		
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.		
I will release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) the 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 Sign	natureDate	
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 at <u>www.carolinabirdclub.org</u> to see if any of your trips are full, rescheduled or cancelled.		
Processing of mail-in registrations will not begin until online registration opens. Register online for the best availability of field trips.		
Cancellations will be refunded if received by September 16 at 6:00pm. Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary at 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.		
If you registered for the buffet and elect the vegetarian option, check here: # persons		



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