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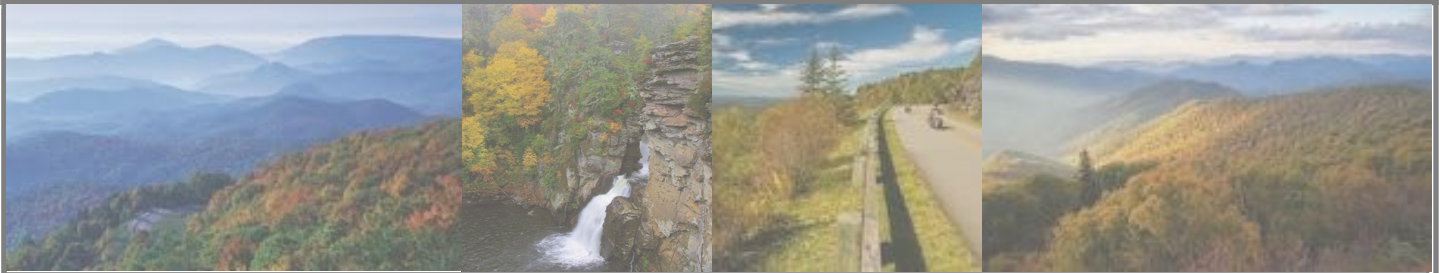
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## Greenville CBC Fall Birding Weekend in the Mountains September 21-22, 2018—A Fall Color and Bird Migration Festival By Lester Coble



This is from the amazing, great folks at Hilton Pond:

"The northwest corner of the state contains South Carolina's small but beautiful share of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here, several state parks and adjoining lands lie at altitudes above 3,000 feet, providing nesting habitat for birds that otherwise are found much further north. The general area is called Mountain Bridge, a ridge-top region that starts along U.S. 11 at Jones Gap State Park and Sassafras Mountain and meanders west past Caesar's Head, Table Rock, and eventually to Oconee State Park. This is the only place in the state where Northern Ravens occur regularly—a species that seeks out the wilderness that abounds in this rugged mountain region. Caesar's Head, Sassafras Mountain, and the Walhalla Fish Hatchery are the only known South Carolina breeding sites for Dark-eyed Juncos—those northern "snowbirds" that occur commonly in winter at backyard feeders throughout the state. Red Crossbills, Chestnut-sided and Black-throated Blue warblers, and Sharp-shinned Hawks have also bred at Caesar's Head. Intensive summer field work in the Mountain Bridge region someday might confirm South Carolina nestings for Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and several warblers including Blackburnian, Blue-winged, Canada, Cerulean and Golden-winged. /Continued P.2



### Opportunities for Young Birders

Carolina Bird Club offers scholarships for birders 19 and under living in the Carolinas, who are members of the Carolina Young Birders Club. Scholarships provide assistance in attending bird-related events, such as camps, workshop, training programs or CBC seasonal meetings.

For more information visit [www.carolinabirdclub.org](http://www.carolinabirdclub.org)

**The 2018 scholarship recipient is on page 12.**

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# **Greenville CBC Fall Birding Weekend in the Mountains/Continued September 21-22, 2018—A Fall Color and Bird Migration Festival**

**By Lester Coble**

With all this potential for new discoveries, it's no wonder serious birders spend a few days each summer at Mountain Bridge. Irvin Pitts (CBC Past-President), who did extensive field work with birds during his years as naturalist at Caesar's Head State Park, says the "whole Blue Ridge province is at the very southern edge of many species' ranges, so you never know what northern birds might be found breeding there. All in all, the South Carolina mountains are a fairly contiguous stretch of protected property, much of which is accessible to public birding."

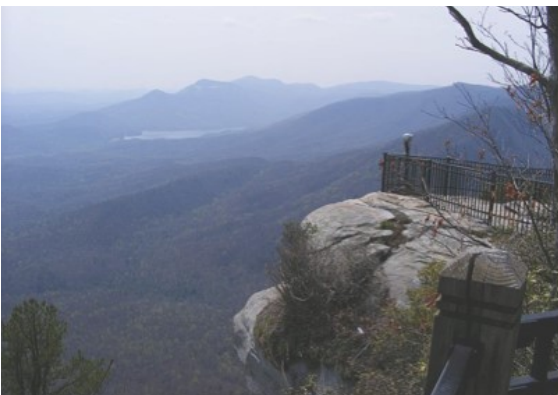
Envision bridges from mountain top to mountain top, habitats starkly opposed to the sideslopes and valleys stretched between, where Dark-eyed Juncos, Summer Tanagers and Northern Waterthrushes seek their mates. Brisk mountain tops to swift flowing creeks, sunny and bright capped are these peaks, to shaded water courses, deep within narrow valleys, only capturing light in mid-day. The western United States is known for birds inhabiting limited elevations and vertical migration from mountain top zones to lower side slopes in winter. But did you know this also occurs in the eastern U.S.? There is much to learn about these variations to what we think when migration is mentioned. Late September is the time to seek out the bird life moving down these emblazoned fall-colored slopes, or moving on to South American "vacations."

It was 2012 when CBC held its last Birding Weekend at Greenville. This year's event takes place from our host hotel, the Greenville Marriott, 1 Parkway East, Greenville, South Carolina. Call for reservations at 864-297-0300. Check-in time is 3 PM and check-out noon. This is a valuable location at Exit 54 (Pelham Road) in Interstate 85, allowing excellent access to the varied birding sites the Greenville County Bird Club has worked diligently with the CBC Board to obtain access. We owe them our gratitude. Exit 54 has numerous restaurants adjacent the hotel. Room rate has been negotiated \$123/night. Breakfast will be available 6 AM at a 20% discount to CBC participants.



*Greenville Marriott*

Our speaker Friday evening will be Tim Lee, hawk watch coordinator at Caesars Head State Park. We will have a Hawk Watch each afternoon at Caesars Head which will complement his remarks and your newly learned or rediscovered raptor ID skills. Saturday night, after a buffet meal, we will hear from Dr. Drew Lanham, professor at Clemson University. Dr. Lanham is also a Board member with the American Birding Association and National Audubon Society.



*Caesars Head Overlook & Hawk Watch*

The Friday evening business meeting, followed by the presentation will begin 7:00 P.M.

Saturday evenings Program activities begin 7:15 P.M. The Saturday evening dinner banquet is \$35 per person. Please sign up for the buffet dinner on the CBC website if you complete your trip selections online.

All trips will leave from the hotel. It will be advantageous to stay at the Marriott, one of a only a few venues able to host our growing organization. Please reserve your room to thank them for their hospitality and assist CBC with this conference planning.

**Be sure to visit the Conference Registration table as soon as you register at the hotel and sign in for the meeting.  
Your meeting packet will include a confirmed event schedule.**

Online registration begins August 11 at 2:00 PM and closes September 15 at 8:00 AM  
Walk-in registrations are accepted at the meeting.

The Hotel Cut-off date for the reduced rate of \$123 plus taxes is August 31, 2018

September 8th by 8:00 AM, is the last day you can cancel and receive a refund. Email the Headquarters' Secretary at [hq@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto:hq@carolinabirdclub.org). If you have to cancel after the refund cut-off date, please also notify the Headquarters' Secretary so that we can give your field trip space to someone on the waiting list.

**Friday, Sept 21**

**Saturday, Sept 22**

**Half Day Friday Morning, 9/21**

**Half Day Saturday Morning, 9/22**

Trip #1 Cedar Falls County Park – 7:15 AM

Trip #21 Cottonwood Trail – 7:00 AM

Trip #2 Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve – 7:00 AM

Trip #22 Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve – 7:00 AM

Trip #3 Cottonwood Trail – 7:00 AM

Trip #23 N. Greenville County Lakes Tour – 7:15 AM

Trip #4 Lake Conestee Nature Park – 7:30 AM

Trip #24 Cleveland Park – 7:30 AM

Trip #5 The Wilson Farm – 7:15 AM

Trip #25 The Wilson Farm – 7:15 AM

Trip #6 Nine Times Preserve – 6:30 AM

Trip #26 Nine Times Preserve – 6:30 AM

Trip #27 Photography Workshop – 7:15 AM

**Half Day Friday Afternoon, 9/21**

**Half Day Saturday Afternoon, 9/22**

Trip #8 Furman University and SwanLake – 1:00 PM

Trip #29 Cottonwood Trail – 1:00 PM

Trip #9 Cedar Falls County Park – 1:15 PM

Trip #30 Cedar Falls County Park – 1:15 PM

Trip #10 N. Greenville County Lakes Tour – 1:00 PM

Trip #31 Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve –  
1:15 PM

Trip #11 Lake Conestee Nature Park – 1:30 PM

Trip #32 Cleveland Park – 1:30 PM

Trip #12 Hawk Watch at Caesar's Head State Park –  
1:00PM

Trip #33 Furman University and SwanLake – 1:30 PM

Trip #13 Cleveland Park – 1:30 PM

Trip #34 Hawk Watch at Caesar's Head State Park –  
1:00 PM

**All Day, Friday 9/21**

**All Day, Saturday 9/22**

Trip #15 Nine Times Preserve and Sassafras  
Mountain– 7:00 AM

Trip #36 Nine Times Preserve and Sassafras Mountain  
– 7:00 AM

Trip #16 Ashmore Heritage Preserve and  
Persimmon Ridge Road – 7:00 AM

Trip #37 Lake Conestee Nature Park – 7:30 AM  
Trip #38 Green Mountain and Oil Camp Road –  
7:15 AM

Trip #17 Jones Gap State Park and Old Fish  
Hatchery – 7:15 AM

Trip #39 Caesar's Head State Park and Hawk Watch at  
Caesar's Head – 7:15 AM

Trip #18 Blue Wall Preserve and FENCE – 7:15 AM

Trip #40 The Cottonwood Trail and Croft State  
Natural Area – 7:30 AM

Trip #19 The Cottonwood Trail and Croft State Park –  
7:15 AM

# Greenville CBC Fall Birding Weekend Meeting Notes

- All field trips have a limit of 15 participants.
- Plan to bring water, snacks and lunch for the all-day trips since there may not be food available along the route unless otherwise noted in the field trip description.
- Water and snacks are also a good idea for the half-day field trips.
- All trips will leave from the hotel at the times indicated on the schedule. Look for the placard with your trip number. There will be a sheet with all directions for your trips e-mailed to you in advance. Please bring it on each trip as caravans sometimes break down and, if so, you'll still be able to get to the trip site. Get the leader's cell number before you leave, just in case.
- If you prefer to meet the group at the site, be sure to inform the leader and make a notation on the field trip attendee list so the leader will not be looking for you at the hotel.
- The times listed on the sign-in sheets are when cars are lined up in the parking lot and leaving. Please be there at least 10 minutes early and identify yourself to the leader. If you decide not to go on a trip, either scratch through your name before hand on the supplied lists on the registration tables or tell the leader. Please consider doing this in advance so others may use the open spot if desired.
- We try to take as few vehicles as possible on field trips to make caravanning easier and to make better use of the limited parking that exists at some stops. Please plan and expect carpooling. If you would like to drive and have room for new or old friends, please let your trip leader know.

**FEES: There are entry fees at State Parks.**

**SC State Park Passes allow free access to all participants in the vehicle.**

**Lake Conestee Nature Park has a suggested \$3 donation per visitor.**

## 2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

### Half Day Trips

#### Trips 1, 9, and 30: Cedar Falls County Park

This site in southern Greenville County is where the Reedy River widens to over 200 feet, cascading over rocks and boulders, to create one of the most geologically significant vistas on the river. We will search for lingering resident species such as Hooded Warbler and Northern Parula as well as Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Migrants, well..., let your warbler imagination wander.

**Approximate driving distance: 22 miles one way**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are available. Drinking fountain.**

**Access conditions: Moderate walking on paved and natural surface trails.**

#### Trips 2, 22 and 31: Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve

Located near the town of Travelers Rest, the 178-acre Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve was acquired by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of protecting the federally-endangered Bunched Arrowhead (*Sagittaria fasciculata*), a plant found in wetland seeps within Piedmont seepage forest habitats. Other rare plants that occur here include the Dwarf-flowered Heartleaf (*Hexastylis naniflora*) and the unusual Climbing Fern (*Lygodium palmatum*). This special place also contains diverse habitats that support an excellent variety of birds. We will spend most of our time exploring the brushy and grassy fields, upland mixed pine-hardwood forests, and bottomland hardwoods from a 1.25-mile loop trail that begins and ends at the parking lot. Along the way we hope to see such birds as Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, wood warblers; Field Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting and many others.

**Approximate driving distance: 16 miles one way.**

**Facilities: No public restrooms on site.**

**Access conditions: Walking primarily on natural surface trails along uneven terrain.**

#### Trips 3, 21 and 29: Cottonwood Trail – On the Edwin M. Griffin Nature Preserve

**Note Cottonwood Trail is combined with Croft State Natural Area (#19 and #40) as full day trips.**

The Cottonwood Trail Preserve, an ebird hotspot, is currently a 115 acre urban preserve and trail system. Located minutes from downtown Spartanburg, the property protects a 1.5 mile stretch of Lawson's Fork Creek and several feeder streams. The preserve serves as an important water quality buffer in a fast growing region as well as providing habitat for a myriad of plants and animals. Over 5 miles of trails offer runners and naturalists a break from city traffic. This urban greenspace has many outstanding features including several wetlands, open spaces, geological formations, and offers habitat for deer, wild turkey, fox, beaver, raccoon, numerous birds and reptiles, wildflowers, and trees.

**Approximate driving distance: 27 miles each way.**

**Facilities: No public restrooms at our destination, though we may stop at a local gas station.**

**Access conditions: Easy to moderate walking on natural surface trails and boardwalks.**

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## 2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

### Half Day Trips

#### Trips 4 and 11: Lake Conestee Nature Park

Located only 7 miles from downtown Greenville, the 400 acre Lake Conestee Nature Park is one of the top birding hot-spots in upstate South Carolina. The diverse habitat includes lakes, pines and mixed deciduous woodland, transitional fields and the Reedy River floodplain with its extensive associated woodlands. 218 species have been reliably reported, 132 of them in September.

Species that occur here include a variety of waterfowl (Wood Ducks are permanent residents), several species of wading birds, and a significant diversity of songbirds including many neotropical migrants. We hope to encounter a variety of migrants such as Swainson's Thrush, a number of wood warblers including Northern Parula, American Redstart, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia and others as well as Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting and Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

**LCNP is managed by the non-profit Conestee Foundation which suggests a \$3 per person donation (donation boxes available in the park).**

**Approximate driving distance: 10.5 miles each way.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms. Drinking fountain.**

**Access conditions: Easy walking on constructed boardwalks, paved and natural surface trails.**

#### Trips 5 and 25: The Wilson Farm

Located in the rolling hills of northern Greenville County near the town of Marietta, the Wilson Farm is a privately owned 1,300-acre tract that is managed for wildlife. The farm supports a diversity of habitat types including fields, mixed upland woodlands, ponds and stream corridors that attract a diversity of birdlife. We will search for any resident and migratory species that may be present including possible Red-tailed Hawk, Gray Catbird, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting and others. This is a restricted site for which the Greenville County Bird Club has obtained limited access for the CBC.

**Approximate driving distance: 20 miles one way**

**Facilities: No public restrooms are available at Wilson Farm.**

**Access conditions: Moderate walking on paved and natural surface trails, and on uneven terrain.**

#### Trips 6 and 26: Nine Times Preserve – Nature Conservancy Preserve

**Note Nine Times Preserve is combined with Sassafras Mountain (#15) as a full day trip**

Named because nine bridges were needed to gain access to the tremendous biologically diverse site, the Nine Times Preserve is a significant eBird Hotspot. The land encompasses five mountains that harbor 134 known species of wildflowers in seven distinct forest types. These habitats mean birds, birds, birds. No wonder it is a magnet for birders.

**Approximate driving distance: 42 miles each way**

**Facilities: No public restrooms at our destination, though we may stop at a local gas station.**

**Access conditions: Easy to moderate walking on varying terrain.**

# 2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

## Half Day Trips

### Trips 8 and 33: Furman University and Swan Lake

23 species of warbler have been recorded at Furman University, plus an assortment of water birds. We will walk the approximately 1.5 mile circular paved trail around the lake with some short side trips on woodland trails as time allows, looking for migrating warblers among the local resident species. You never know when a rarity will show up, such as the famous brown booby this past spring.

**Approximate driving distance: 16 miles one way.**

**Facilities: Restroom access throughout the walk area.**

**Access conditions: Easy walking on paved surfaces.**

### Trips 10 and 23: North Greenville County Lakes

This half-day tour is designed for those seeking shorter walks and provides an excellent opportunity for sampling the birdlife associated with some of north Greenville County's lakes. Our first destination will be the Lake Cunningham Recreation Area. Here we will take a short walk around the parking area and boardwalk examining the shoreline habitat and open water for any species that may be present. Our next stop is Berry's Millpond, a 100-year old reservoir that once powered the historic Berry's Mill, established in 1820. We will explore this beautiful location during a short 30-minute walk.

From there we will travel to nearby Lake Robinson to check out the area near the dam followed by a brief exploration of a nice wetland area near the upper end of that lake. During our trip we hope to find such species as Osprey, possible migrating Caspian Tern, wading birds, and early-arriving waterfowl such as Blue-winged Teal along with migrant and resident songbirds.

**Approximate driving distance: 11 miles to Lake Cunningham. 16 miles back to the Marriott from the upper end of Lake Robinson.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms at Lake Cunningham and at Lake Robinson.**

**Access conditions: Relatively short and easy walks.**

### Trips 12 and 34: Hawk Watch at Caesar's Head State Park

**No day fee at the overlook. Note this hawk watch is also available as combined with more birding throughout this Park (#33) as a full day trip.**

A granite gneiss outcropping along the dramatic Blue Ridge escarpment gives Caesar's Head State Park its name. Here our participants will be treated to the annual hawk watch program with views into North Carolina and Georgia. The Park is part of over 13,000 acres of the pristine southern mountain forest called the Mountain Bridge Wilderness, termed to reflect the tops of peaks in the area that harbor conditions more similar to northern latitudes.

**Approximate driving distance: 40 miles each way.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms**

**Access conditions: easy walking.**

### Trips 13, 24 and 32: Cleveland Park

Cleveland Park is a popular and diverse city park located in downtown Greenville that was first developed in 1928. It is an ebird hotspot. Here, we will search for migrant songbirds along some of the developed trails that wind through the park.

**Approximate driving distance: 10 miles each way**

**Facilities: Public restrooms**

**Access conditions: Easy walking on paved and natural surface trails**

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# 2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

## Half Day Trip

### Trip 27: Warbler Photography Workshop– Maximum of 8 Participants

A local outdoor photographer will provide clues on light conditions and tips on capturing active small avian delights. The workshop will begin indoors at the host hotel for approximately an hour. The workshop is for DSLR users but bridge-camera users are welcome too. The location for the outdoor portion will be Lake Conestee Nature Park. Quoting the leader, “The workshop will be directed more toward the photographer in you rather than the birder.”

## All Day Trips

### Trip 15 and 36: Nine Times Preserve and Sassafras Mountain (See trip #6 and 26 for a description.)

At 3,560 feet Sassafras Mountain is the highest point in South Carolina and is a long-visited destination by birders seeking such mountain species as Ruffed Grouse, Common Raven and a variety of Neotropical songbirds typical of the mid-elevation Southern Appalachian forest. This scenic location will be one of our primary stops as we search for these and other birds. We will also visit the Nine Times Preserve that is owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy. This 560-acre biologically-significant preserve harbors a number of forest types and unique rock outcrop plant communities that supports a diverse assemblage of native wildflowers and wild-life. We hope to find a variety of Neotropical species like Swainson's Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, tanagers and grosbeaks. Part of our time here will be spent exploring the different plant communities along the recently constructed 1.7 mile trail. During the course of our tour, we will make other roadside stops and search cultivated fields and woodlands in the East-toe Creek area. We will hope a tower at the summit, under construction, is complete.

**Approximate driving distances: 41 miles to Nine Times Preserve, 51 miles to hotel from Sassafras Mountain.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms availability is very limited, though we will seek a stop along the way.**

**Access conditions: Moderate walking conditions along natural surface trails and on uneven terrain with some possible steep inclines.**

### Trip 16: Ashmore Heritage Preserve and Persimmon Ridge Road

The Ashmore Preserve and area is over 1,125 acres on the southside of Caesar's Head and west of Green Mountain and Naturaland Trust property. We'll hike up Persimmon Road and return via Lake Wattacoo (about 4 miles) with its natural bog. A beaver pond below the dam offers additional bird habitat. We'll also visit Eva Russel Chandler Heritage Preserve with its secluded bald and Slickum Falls (1 mile). Below the bald is an acidic bog with thick lichen mats, prickly pear cactus and the mountain sweet pitcher plant (*Sarracenia rubra*). Persimmon Ridge Road is a steep, one-lane, road. High clearance vehicles with all-wheel drive are recommended. Expected sightings include Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Black-and-white Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, American Redstart, and Black-throated Green Warbler.

**Approximate driving distances: 23 miles to meet our leader then about 8 miles on country roads with additional local driving.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are limited, though we will strive to make a stop along the way.**

**Access conditions: Roadside birding along with moderate walking conditions on natural surfaced trails, woods roads and on uneven terrain.**



## **2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions-All Day Trips**

### **Trip 17: Jones Gap State Park and The Old Fish Hatchery**

Part of the Mountain Bridge Wilderness encompassing Caesar's Head, Ashmore Heritage Preserve, Cleveland Cliffs, and Green Mountain (over 11,000 acres) Jones Gap allows us access to explore some prime areas for migrants. Elevation is a valuable clue when birding throughout the Wilderness. During the course of our tour, and if time allows, we may also visit additional local birding hot-spots along the way. The State's first scenic river runs through the park, the Middle Saluda River.

**Approximate driving distances: 34 miles to the Park along with additional local driving.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are available.**

**Access conditions: Roadside birding along with moderate walking conditions on natural surfaced trails, woods roads and on uneven terrain.**

### **Trips 18: The Blue Wall Preserve and FENCE**

Located near Landrum in the northeast corner of Greenville County, the Blue Wall Preserve was acquired by the Nature Conservancy in 1997 and is part of a mosaic of protected lands within the Blue Ridge Escarpment of the Southern Appalachians that totals more than 20,000 acres. Designated by the Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area, this preserve protects a diverse assemblage of plant communities that includes upland hardwoods, successional pine forests and open water lakes. In this beautiful landscape, we will seek out such birds as migrant vireos and thrushes, wood warblers including Black-throated Blue, American Redstart, Magnolia, and Hooded as well as Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak along with a variety of others. This trip will also include a visit to the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, better known as FENCE. This non-profit nature and outdoor recreation center contains 384 acres of attractive hardwood forests, meadows and wetlands and is managed for the purposes of nature studies, outdoor recreation and equestrian competition. Time allowing, we may also visit other local birding spots in the Lake Lanier area.

**Approximate driving distances: 27 miles to the Blue Wall Preserve - 8 miles to FENCE - 39 miles back to the Greenville Marriott.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are available at FENCE.**

**Access Conditions: Trail conditions vary from moderate walking on uneven terrain to developed natural surface trails.**

### **Trips 19 and 40: Cottonwood Trail and Croft State Park**

Located minutes from downtown Spartanburg, the Cottonwood Trail Preserve is an urban gem, protecting a 1.5-mile stretch of Lawson's Fork Creek and several of its tributaries. This urban green space was first acquired through the efforts of The Spartanburg Area Conservancy, or SPACE, and is important as a water quality buffer in a fast-growing region. Recognized as a regional birding "hot-spot", particularly during migration, the site contains many interesting and diverse natural habitats such as upland hardwoods, floodplain forests, open space and wetlands. We also plan to visit Croft State Natural Area, a 7,000-acre state park just outside of Spartanburg. Formerly the site of an Army infantry training camp, this state park contains an interesting diverse mix of habitats including upland mixed pine-hardwood forests, bottomland hardwoods and wetlands associated with Fairforest Creek and Lake Tom Moore Craig. Species we hope to find during this tour include such birds as Red-headed Woodpecker, Blue-headed Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Cape May Warbler, American Redstart, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and many others. Croft State Natural Area boasts a mosaic of mature woodland and old fields to round out this trip.

**Approximate driving distance: 27 miles to the Cottonwood Trail - 10.5 miles to Croft State Park - 33 miles back to the Greenville Marriott.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are available at Croft State Natural Area.**

**Access conditions: Moderate walking mainly on natural surface trails with possible uneven terrain and some constructed boardwalks.**

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## **2018 Greenville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions– All Day Trips**

### **Trip 37: Lake Conestee Nature Park: See Trips #4 and 11 for a description of this tour**

This trip will allow exploration of most of the 400 acre park and include areas not visited in the half-day trips.

**LCNP is managed by the non-profit Conestee Foundation which suggests a \$3 per person donation. (Donation boxes available in the park.)**

**Approximate driving distance: 10.5 miles**

**Facilities: Public restrooms. Drinking fountain.**

**Access conditions: Easy walking on constructed boardwalks, paved and natural surface trails.**

### **Trip 38: Green Mountain and Oil Camp Road**

Situated in the valley of Oil Camp Road is a 139 acre forested gem acquired by Naturaland Trust, which owns an even larger adjacent tract. Boasting an incredible mix of hardwoods, wildlife, and a trout stream Green Mountain adds to the protected lands to strengthen the Mountain Bridge Wilderness. Resident bird species and migrants continually pull local birders to the area. Expected sightings include Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Black-and-white Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, American Redstart, and Black-throated Green Warbler.

**Approximate driving distances: 27 miles to meet our leader in Cleveland, SC then about 8 miles on country roads with additional local driving. High clearance vehicles with all-wheel drive are recommended.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are limited, though we will strive to make a stop along the way.**

**Access conditions: Roadside birding along with moderate walking conditions on natural surfaced trails, woods roads and on uneven terrain.**

### **Trip 39: Caesar’s Head State Park and Hawk Watch**

**See Half Day Trips #12 and 34 for a description of this tour.** This is the all-day tour designed to allow further exploration of this South Carolina hotspot gem. Migrant warblers will be the primary target, with lingering resident birds of the higher mountains and side slopes. The hawk watch in at least part of the afternoon will round out the event at the incredible overlook.

**Approximate driving distance: 41 miles one way.**

**Facilities: Public restrooms are available.**

**Access conditions: Roadside birding along with moderate walking conditions on natural surfaced trails, woods roads and on uneven terrain.**

**The Carolina Bird Club is a non-profit organization that represents and supports the birding community in the Carolinas through its website, publications, meetings, workshops, trips, and partnerships, whose mission is**

- To promote the observation, enjoyment, and study of birds.**
- To provide opportunities for birders to become acquainted, and to share information and experience.**
- To maintain well-documented records of birds in the Carolinas.**
- To support the protection and conservation of birds and their habitats and foster an appreciation and respect of natural resources.**
- To promote educational opportunities in bird and nature study.**

# Welcome New CBC Members!

Brandy, Kirk & Ivy Babberl, Swansea, SC

Jennifer Calvin, Asheville, NC,

Randy Cecil, Greenville, SC

Mindy Conner, Winston-Salem, NC

Emily, Peter, Tate, Belle & Bo Curry, Daniel Island, SC

Lynn Dail Davis, Keanansville, NC

Laurel Ela, Hendersonville, NC

Chris King, Columbia, SC

Bob & Julie McGinness, Columbia, SC

Derik Miller, Tega Cay, SC

Robert Powell, Morehead City, NC

Jean & Robert Puphal, Washington, NC

Mary Ridgeway, Hartsville, SC

Bonnie Simmons, Old Fort, NC

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Bonnie Simmons, Old Fort, NC

## CBC Survey Results

By Christine Stoughton Root

**“Seasonal Meeting.” It is the name we've had and it will be the name we keep, according to the survey.”**

**As this newsletter arrives summer is well underway. Hot humid Carolina weather sure doesn't seem to be stopping those rare birds from appearing. It just takes one bird to make the heat and mosquitos all worth it.**

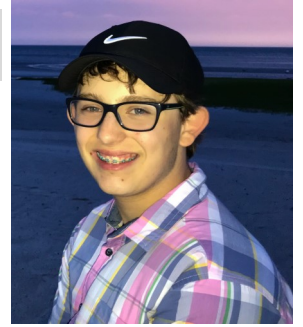
**I thank the board and membership for their support this past year. We say goodbye to three board members who have completed their terms, Lewis Burke, Jeri Smart and Teri Bergen. We appreciated their commitment and hard work. We welcome in Mac Williams of Hartsville as the new SC Member-at-Large, Craig Watson of Mount Pleasant as SC Vice-President and Jill Midgett of Charleston SC as our new Secretary. All three are very energized and ready to get to work.**

**As requested by the Membership, the following locations have been put on the Seasonal Meeting Schedule as follows, Greenville, Fall 2018, Piedmont, Spring 2019 and possibly Charleston, Fall-2019. Every meeting it is more challenging to keep prices down for rooms, banquets and meeting space, as less expensive venues no longer provide meeting and banquet facilities.**

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## Our 2018 Camp Avocet Young Birder Scholarship Winner.

Richard James Hamlett Gilson "Jamie"  
Jamie 16YOA recently moved to Brevard NC from the Cape May area.  
He attended his first CBC Seasonal Meeting in Flat Rock this spring.



CBC Research, educational and conservation grants are available through the Carolina Bird Club.  
For additional information visit [www.carolinabirdclub.org](http://www.carolinabirdclub.org).

2018 Jan-May Grant Awards-  
April 2018- Yadkin Memorial Park. Informational signage that will tell you about the birds you may see as you walk the paths.

### CBC Survey Results/Continued

Winter/Spring Survey responses were truly appreciated and we look forward to building on this one step at a time.

Listed below are a few Survey recommendations, but we need volunteers to help make it all happen.

**1. Additional Local and International Bonus Trips.**

Any member who wishes to lead a Bonus Trip, be it local, national or international may do so by following the Bonus Trip protocol, accessible on the CBC website. Your questions may be directed to [hq@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto:hq@carolinabirdclub.org)

Consider contacting other CBC members within your area for a monthly meet-up.

**2. Young birders are looking for local birding talent to lead walks at the county level. Enquiries may respond to [yb@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto:yb@carolinabirdclub.org)**

**3. For the website or newsletter, consider writing a monthly article on a bird that is difficult to identify. If you would like to take on this task, respond to [webditor@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto:webditor@carolinabirdclub.org)**

**4. Suggest recommendations for Sunday field trips, which will be on the Nags Head schedule for January 2019.**

**Other Survey tallies listed in priority:**

Recipients of Conservation money Land Acquisitions-Schools-Scholarship/Grants.

Factors in considering attending a CBC Seasonal Meeting: Field Trips-Location-Opportunity to build bird expertise-proximity to home.

Meeting sites and Bonus Trips, in priority order: NC Mountains-NC Coast-SC Coast-SC Mountains-NC piedmont-SC Piedmont

We are always open for suggestions/comments at this link <https://www.carolinabirdclub.org/main/contact.html>

I look forward to seeing each of you at a future Seasonal Meeting. Expect the Unexpected!

Sincerely,

Christine Stoughton Root

## Fall 2018 Greenville, SC Registration Form

**Registration Begins August 11 @2pm. Register online for Best Availability of Field Trips**

**Registration closes September 15 @6pm at [www.carolinabirdclub.org](http://www.carolinabirdclub.org).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration (Member) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration (Non-Member) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you registered for the buffet and elect the vegetarian option, check here \_\_\_\_\_. # of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 to the right of the days.

**Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to: CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374**  
**Cancellations will be refunded if received by 8:00am on September 8th.**

**Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.**

Before sending in this form, check the website at [www.carolinabirdclub.org](http://www.carolinabirdclub.org) to see if any of your trips are full, rescheduled or canceled. Processing of mail-in registrations begins when online registration opens.

**Cancellations will be refunded if received by 8:00AM September 8th. Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary at [hq@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto: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.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**Winter 2019—Outer Banks, NC**

**Spring 2019—Southern Pines, NC**

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