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Return to Litchfield Beach for the 2022 Fall Meeting, Sept 29th - October 2!

By Cathy Miller and Richard Hayes

Are you a birder looking for that warbler or shorebird species that eluded you during Spring migration? Or, do you simply enjoy seeing any bird, be it migratory or resident, passerine, waders, raptors or shorebirds, alongside fellow appreciative birders? Perhaps you are hoping for a chance to see one of the occasional rarities that drop in during Fall migration along the coast? Maybe you are hoping to experience a migration fallout? Frankly I just love birding with the best birders in North and South Carolina! If any of these are among your birding ambitions, let's see what might happen. Join us at Litchfield Beach, SC for a weekend of birding for our 2022 Fall Meeting.

Yes, as a club we often return to Litchfield Beach and with good reason. We are just a very few miles from South Carolina's crown jewel birding location, Huntington Beach State Park. Of course, we are organizing field trips to other favorites including Bulls Island, Santee Coastal WMA, Santee Delta WMA, Waccamaw NWR, Tom Yawkey WMA, Myrtle Beach State Park, Brookgreen Gardens, Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds, and more. We are looking to add some new destinations as well that will include sites along the Black River (a conservation topic of our Friday night speakers) such as the Black River Cypress Preserve Peninsula Tract and the Rocky Point Community Forest (which our club helped fund a few years back). We have also booked a birding tour of Hobcaw Barony, another premier birding destination which in recent years was not available. And we may have one or two other new locales to offer. Some of the species we hope to see include Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Wilson's Plover, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Marbled Godwit, Short Billed Dowitcher, Glossy Ibis, Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Limpkin, Black Crowned Night-Heron, Anhinga, Clapper Rail, and Common Ground-Dove. Registration information, more meeting details, and trip descriptions will be included in the next Newsletter. Come on back to the South Carolina Coast and help us break that 200 bird species count once again!

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The dates for our meeting are Friday and Saturday, September 30th and October 1st. Our headquarters are located at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort at 14276 Oceans Highway, Pawley's Island, SC 29585. Call NOW (888-734-8228) for reservations. Litchfield lies halfway between Georgetown and Myrtle Beach, SC. The accommodations at the hotel, both hotel rooms and meeting rooms, are excellent. We have reserved rooms (just let them know you are with Carolina Bird Club) until July 31!!!

So please either go online and book your reservations Litchfieldbeach.com/reservations and use the Group code: **Carolinabirdclub2022 or Call **(+888)-734-8228**, group code **Carolinabirdclub2022**. Get your reservation in before July 31 to get the reduced rates:**

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A general theme has evolved in our planning for our evening events: ***A Celebration of Conservation and Birds.***

At our Friday evening event, [Dr. Maria Whitehead](#), an ornithologist-conservationist and Senior Project Manager of the [Open Space Institute](#), and [Dale Threatt-Taylor, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy in South Carolina](#) speak about their work to bring to fruition a new SC state park, the Black River State Park. To paraphrase Maria, to save the birds, you must conserve the land they need. These 2 organizations have been at the forefront of the conservation effort and successes along these close-by rivers: the Black, Pee Dee, Santee and Waccamaw. We may hear a bit about this work as well. Wildlife and people both benefit from this conservation. Many of our at-risk bird species, such as the Swallow-tailed Kite, have a safe place to land and raise their young. And we birders have places to observe and celebrate!

Our Saturday evening keynote speaker is none other than our very own [Craig Watson](#), chair of our CBC Grants Committee and US Fish and Wildlife Scientist who works as the Southeast Coordinator of the [Atlantic Coast Joint Venture \(ACJV\)](#). Craig will give an overview of the goals and structure of ACJV and then talk specifically about active projects outlined in the Salt Marsh Conservation Plan including ongoing research on the Saltmarsh sparrow, the American Black Duck and the Black Rail. Additionally, Craig will share with us some of the projects that the CBC Grants Committee has funded in the last few years.



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