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## Welcome to the 2022 Fall Meeting in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina!

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The Carolina Bird Club is hosting our 2022 Fall Meeting in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina September 29 – October 2 and we are very eager to see what Fall migration has in store for us on the beautiful Grand Strand and Hammock Coast. This is a favorite location for meeting and we have several field trips planned for our crown jewel for birding, Huntington Beach State Park, as well as popular repeats. We have also tried to branch inland a bit for some of our adventures, seeking to find birds in newly conserved areas along the Black and Pee Dee Rivers.

Keeping with our theme, “A Celebration of Conservation and Birds,” our speakers will talk of conservation efforts in these riverine areas and along the coast that benefit the birds that we love. Friday evening, Dr. Maria Whitehead, of the Open Space Institute, and Dale Threatt-Taylor, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy in South Carolina will speak about their work to bring a new SC state park, the Black River State Park, to fruition. To paraphrase Maria, to save the birds, you must conserve the land they need. These 2 organizations have worked to conserve sites vital to wildlife and people along these close-by rivers: the Black, Pee Dee, Santee and Waccamaw. Our Saturday evening 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 about active projects outlined in the Salt Marsh Conservation Plan including ongoing research on the Black Rail and other species. Additionally, Craig will share some of the projects that the CBC Grants Committee has funded in recent years.

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As noted in our June newsletter, the meeting venue is in the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort at 14276 Oceans Highway, Pawley's Island, SC 29585. **The special rates that we negotiated for different types of accommodations expired July 31.** These were advertised as follows in the June newsletter:

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| • Summerhouse 1 bedroom | Rate: \$119.00 | Nightly Cost with taxes: \$166.00 |
| • Seaside 1 bedroom     | Rate: \$124.00 | Nightly Cost with taxes: \$195.00 |
| • Seaside room          | Rate: \$ 89.00 | Nightly Cost with taxes: \$133.00 |

You MAY still be able to get a similar price. You can call or go online to book your accommodation. Call 888-734-8228 or use this URL: [litchfieldbeach.com/reservations](http://litchfieldbeach.com/reservations). In case we are able to get an extension on these rates, the code is **carolinabirdclub2022**. You will receive an email from Carol Bowman, headquarters secretary if this is the case.

In light of concerns on the rising rates of Covid infections this summer, the executive committee has decided against hosting the banquet. Not having a banquet reduces costs to our members and alleviates concerns about unmasking (to eat) in a large group setting. We still plan to host our evening meeting both in person and via zoom. The zoom link will be emailed to members. A cash bar will be available at 7 pm.

Now look below to see what we have to offer for our field trips and to make your selections. Come join us as we chase the birds, visit old favorites and find new birding locales, and celebrate the conservation happening here.



## Carolina Bird Club Fall Meeting Agenda

### Litchfield Beach, SC – September 29 – October 2, 2022

<p><b>Thursday, September 29</b> 4:00-9:00pm Opening Registration</p>	<p>Francis Marion Ballroom</p>
<p><b>Friday, September 30</b></p> <p>Field Trips (1/2 and full-day trips)</p> <p>Dinner on your own.</p> <p>7:00 – 8:30 PM - Social Gathering – Evening event – Cash Bar</p> <p>7:15-7:30 PM - Welcome and announcements</p> <p>7:30-8:30 PM - Evening Program – “Creating the New Black River State Park and Other Local Conservation Successes and Their Benefit to Birdlife” by Maria Whitehead of the Open Space Institute and Dale Threatt-Taylor of The Nature Conservancy of SC</p>	<p>Most field trips will meet their leaders in the hotel parking lot, but a few trips will meet the leader at the site. The time on the field trip schedule is the departure time from the parking lot at the hotel. Please check in with your leader 10 minutes before.</p> <p>Francis Marion Ballroom (in person) and Zoom. The link to join the meeting from your computer, iPad or cell phone is posted on the opening page of our website at <a href="http://carolinabirdclub.org">carolinabirdclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 1</b></p> <p>Field Trips (1/2 and full-day trips)</p> <p>Dinner on your own.</p> <p>7:00 – 9:45 PM - Social Gathering – Evening event – Cash Bar</p> <p>7:15-7:30 pm - Announcements and Raffle</p> <p>7:30 – 8:30 pm - Evening Presentation: “The Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (ACJV) and their Work to Save the Black Rail and other Salt Marsh Species” and “Work of The CBC Grants Committee”</p> <p>8:45 pm - Species Countdown</p>	<p>Most field trips will meet their leaders in the hotel parking lot, but a few trips will meet the leader at the site. The time on the field trip schedule is the departure time from the parking lot at the hotel. Please check in with your leader 10 minutes before.</p> <p>Francis Marion Ballroom (in person) and Zoom. The link to join the meeting from your computer, iPad or cell phone is posted on the opening page of our website at <a href="http://carolinabirdclub.org">carolinabirdclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 2</b></p> <p>Field Trips (1/2 Day)</p>	<p>Trip 33: Field trip to Waties Island -- 6:45 am</p> <p>Trip 34: Chase of the Rarities – On your own</p>

**Registration:** CBC Registration Desk: Location – Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, Francis Marion Ballroom. Thursday 4:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday and Saturday 6:00am - 7:45am and 12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Field Trip sheets** will be in the registration room. 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** - field trip departure times are for leaving the hotel. **Please arrive minimum 10-15 minutes early.** For trips meeting their leader in the parking lot, 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 cellphone numbers will be provided. If you cannot go on a trip, make every effort to advise one of the following: tripler, 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 the 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 5:00 PM.

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## ***Field trips at a glance***

### ***Friday, September 30, 2022***

#### ***Full-Day trips***

- Trip 1 – Santee Coastal Reserve – 6:15 am
- Trip 2 - Huntington Beach State Park with the jetty – 7:15 am
- Trip 3 - Cherry Grove, Heritage Shores, & MBSP - 6:30 am
- Trip 4 - Yawkey Wildlife Center – 6:45 am
- Trip 5 - Bulls Island – Cape Romain NWR – 6:00 am

#### ***Half-Day Morning***

- Trip 6 - Birding and Butterfly Trip - HBSP Jetty - 6:15 am
- Trip 7 - Lewis Ocean Bays Heritage Preserve – 6:30 am
- Trip 8 - New Birders' Workshop – HBSP - 7:45 am
- Trip 9 - Hobcaw Barony - 7 am
- Trip 10 - Litchfield Plantation (private neighborhood) – 7:30 am
- Trip 11 - Hemingway Waste Treatment Plant - 6:45 am

#### ***Half-Day Afternoon***

- Trip 12 - Photography Workshop at HBSP– 1:45 pm
- Trip 13 - Pawleys Island – North and South ends – 1:10 pm
- Trip 14 - Huntington Beach SP without the jetty – 1:20 pm
- Trip 15 – Brookgreen Gardens – 1:30 pm
- Trip 16 - Black River Kayak trip - Rocky Point Community Forest -- 1:00 pm

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

**Full-Day trips**

- Trip 17 – Santee Coastal Reserve – 6:15 am
- Trip 18 - Huntington Beach State Park with the jetty – 7:15 am
- Trip 19 - Cherry Grove, Heritage Shores, & MBSP - 6:30 am
- Trip 20 - Black River Cypress Preserve – Peninsula Campus & the Georgetown Fishing Pier – 6:45 am
- Trip 21 - Bulls Island – Cape Romain NWR – 6:00 am
- Trip 22 - Hasty Point - Waccamaw NWR & Rocky Point Community Forest – 7:00 am

**Half-Day Morning**

- Trip 23 - Lewis Ocean Bays Heritage Preserve – 6:30 am
- Trip 24 - South Tibwin – Francis Marion National Forest - 6:45 am
- Trip 25 - Santee Delta Wildlife Management Area – 7:00 am
- Trip 26 - Lake Busbee – 7:15 am
- Trip 27 - Young Birders: HBSP – 7:30 am

**Half-Day Afternoon**

- Trip 28 - Murrells Inlet Marsh walk/Limpkin Hotspot/Oyster Landing HBSP - 1:10 pm
- Trip 29 - South Litchfield Beach – 1:20 pm
- Trip 30 - Brookgreen Gardens – 1:30 pm
- Trip 31 – Pawleys Island – North and South ends – 1:40 pm
- Trip 32 – Cox Ferry – Waccamaw NWR – 1:00 pm

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Morning Half-Day**

- Trip 33 – Waties Island – 6:45 am
- Trip 34 – Chasing the rare ones

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## **Thursday Evening Registration**

**Field Trip sheets** will be in the registration room. 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.

**Field Trip Notes**

All field trips have a limit of 15 participants unless otherwise stated in the description.

- 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.
- Birding gear includes appropriate clothing for the weather, sunscreen, bug spray, bins, and scopes (if you have them).
- All trips will leave from the hotel at the times indicated on the schedule. 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.

- Unless otherwise noted, the times listed are the departure times from the parking lot of Litchfield Beach Resort. Please be there at least 10 minutes early and identify yourself to the leader. Look for the placard with your trip number, unless your trip is to meet the leader at the designated location. If you decide not to go on a trip, scratch through your name beforehand on the supplied lists on the registration tables. Please consider doing this in advance so others may use the open spot if desired.
- If you prefer to meet the group at the site, be sure to inform the leader by making a notation on the field trip attendee list so the leader will not be looking for you at the hotel.
- We try to take as few vehicles as possible on field trips to save gas and to make better use of the limited parking that exists at some stops. Please plan on carpooling if you are comfortable and willing to wear a mask. If you would like to drive and have room for new or old friends, please let your trip leader know.

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## ***Field Trip Descriptions***

### ***Full-Day Trips:***

***Trips 1 and 17) Santee Coastal Reserve - Friday & Saturday – 6:15 am.*** Our tour of the Santee Coastal Santee Reserve 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.

Travel Time: 45-50 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking (3-5 miles on foot) all day, buggy

***Trips 2 & 18) Huntington Beach State Park (including the jetty) – Friday & Saturday – 7:15 am.*** (\$8 per person entrance fee to the park.) This Trip will cover the jetty at the Huntington Beach State Park (HBSP), 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. Please be aware that the walk to the jetty is 3 miles round trip from the North Beach parking lot. Huntington Beach State Park is the must-experience birding crown jewel of South Carolina because of the diversity of habitat and location along the coast.

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking all day

***Trips 3 and 19) Cherry Grove Pier & Marsh, Heritage Shores, and Myrtle Beach State Park (MBSP) - Friday & Saturday – 6:30 am.***

*(Approximately \$15 in access fees per person)* We will ocean watch for pelagics, sea ducks, etc. from the Cherry Grove Pier which is the northernmost publicly accessible pier in the state. We will also visit Heritage Shores Nature Preserve in Cherry Grove and Myrtle Beach State Park for migrating passerines,

marsh sparrows and shorebirds. If time and access permit, we will also visit the Springmaid Pier. The order in which we visit each location will be determined by the weather and the tides.

Travel Time: 60 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

***Trips 4) Yawkey Wildlife Center (Friday only) – 6:45 am.*** 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 this full day trip to this fantastic birding area. 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!

Limit: 12

Travel Time: 50 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Short ferry over to island at 8 am and bus transportation to key sites on the island; moderate walking in various locations

***Trips 5 and 21) Bulls Island – Cape Romain NWR -- Friday & Saturday – 6:00 am.*** This is a full day trip to Bulls Island by boat departing from Garris Landing in Awendaw where you will meet your guide. **The fee of \$60 (cash or check only payable to Coastal Expeditions) will be collected on board.** We'll be walking 5-8 miles on the island all day. The pearl of Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Bulls Island offers mud banks, saltwater marshes, beaches, freshwater impoundments, and upland habitats. This place is on anybody's list of the top five birding spots in South Carolina. Weather dependent, we will try to land at the island's north end to reduce the long walk from the regular landing. Here we will look at the shorebird roost at high tide, scope the ocean for interesting birds and then check out Jack's Creek impoundment.

Limit: Minimum of 10 – Maximum 15

Travel Time: 75 minutes to Garris Landing

Facilities: Restroom at Garris Landing; 1 restroom on the island

Access conditions: Walking 5-8 miles all day on island and ferry through the estuary

***Trip 20) Black River Cypress Preserve (BRCP) – Peninsula Campus and the Georgetown Fishing Pier (Saturday only) – 6:45 am.*** This all-day field-trip will cover 2 different habitats increasing the likelihood of getting a number of species. Black River Cypress Preserve is a private property conserved by the Butler Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. The Carolina Bird Club previously visited the Main Campus in Fall 2019. This time we will visit the Peninsula Campus with similar habitats including extensive Bald Cypress stands, mature pine forest, bottomland hardwoods, and early successional shrub/scrub areas. Expected species are mature forest and early successional migrants and resident species. We will also stop at the Georgetown Fishing Pier (either before or after the BRCP). The pier, located on an island at the convergence of the Great Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers, should prove to be a great migrant trap. We will explore the scrub and marshy areas as well as walk the pier to search for migrating passerines, terns, gulls and shorebirds.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour to the BRCP

Facilities: There are no restroom facilities. Food, drink, and snacks should be obtained ahead of time or along the route.

Access: Trail walking over sometimes uneven terrain at BRCP.

***Trip 22) Hasty Point - Waccamaw NWR and Rocky Point Community Forest (Saturday only) – 7:00 am.***

The Carolina Bird Club has been granted special permission to bird a newly acquired, not yet open to the public, tract of the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge, called Hasty Point. This former plantation located on the Pee Dee River includes former rice fields, longleaf and loblolly pine forests, bottomland hardwoods, tidal marsh, and bald cypress forests. In these diverse habitats, we will be able to tally a variety of waterfowl, wading birds, migrating and year-round passerines including the Red-cockaded woodpecker. We will picnic here before proceeding to a nearby site on the Black River, the Rocky Point Community Forest. Here we will explore the waterfront as well as the nature trail to look for waders and migrating passerines. Rocky Point Community Forest is a property for which the Carolina Bird Club has contributed grant money for its preservation.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking 3-4 miles on occasionally uneven terrain

***Morning Half-day Trips:***

***Trip 6) Early Morning Birding and Butterfly Trip - HBSP Jetty – Friday only - 6:15 am.*** (\$8 per person entrance fee) An early morning departure will allow us to hear and see birds as they come in from their over-night flights. We will depart from the hotel and go straight to the North Beach Parking Lot at Huntington Beach State Park. From there, we'll walk to the jetty (3 miles round trip) and search the dunes for resident and migratory birds and butterflies. We hope to see warblers, early saltmarsh sparrows, shorebirds, terns, gulls, waterfowl, and cormorants—Parasitic Jaeger is a possibility. Target shorebirds include Piping, Wilson's, Black-bellied, and Semi-palmated Plover, American Oystercatcher and Whimbrel. This is a great spot to watch for migrating falcon and other raptors. The cedar trees at the north end of park often host roosting Monarch butterflies, migrating Gulf Fritillary butterflies and others.

Travel time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Restroom at the parking lot

Access: 3 mile walk over sandy beach and asphalt-topped jetty

***Trips 7 and 23) Lewis Ocean Bays Heritage Preserve – Friday & Saturday – 6:30 am.*** This 9,000 acre preserve includes 23 Carolina Bays. The preserve is classified as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. The chief target birds will be Red-cockaded woodpeckers and other resident and migrating species associated with pine savannas. The state's largest population of Black Bears occurs here as well as numerous rare plants including the Venus Flytrap.

Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking

***Trip 8) New Birders' Workshop – HBSP – Friday only - 7:45 am*** (\$8 per person entrance fee) This is for those new birders, 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.

Travel time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access: Moderate walking along mostly paved paths or wooden boardwalks



**Trip 9) Hobcaw Barony – Friday only - 7 am.** (\$40 per person entrance fee – cash or check only -- payable to the Baruch Foundation). We have organized a special guided bird-watching tour of this privately owned, 16,000-acre research reserve owned by The Belle W. Baruch Foundation. This IBA reserve features all possible habitats (fresh and saltwater marshes, beach, cypress lowlands, bottomland hardwoods, upland and maritime forests, old growth pine) in coastal South Carolina which translates into a variety of species for us to see: waders, shorebirds, raptors, passerines, woodpeckers such as the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, resident and migrating species.

Limit: 8 minimum – 14 maximum

Travel time: 25 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access: On the property, we will travel by bus and do some moderate walking

**Trip 10) Litchfield Plantation (private neighborhood) – Friday only – 7:30 am.** Join us for a tour of this gated community in Pawleys Island. We will walk the Live Oak lined streets to look for fall migrants and resident birds including Woodpeckers, Warblers, other passerines and possibly the resident Great-horned Owl. We will also visit the canal behind the plantation house to listen for rails and scan the marsh for blackbirds and others. Finally, we will stop to watch a backyard feeder for Red-headed Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch and others.

Travel time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access: Moderate walking

**Trip 11) Hemingway Waste Treatment Plant – Friday only – 6:45 am.** You will meet your guide at this site, one of the top birding spots in Williamsburg County. Rarities often show up here. We will be looking at shorebirds, terns and resident and migrating passerines. Some early arriving waterfowl may also be present. If time allows, a visit to the seldom-birded Johnsonville Sand Pits is planned.

Travel time: 70 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking

**Trip 24) South Tibwin – Francis Marion National Forest – Saturday only -- 6:45 am.** We will meet our guide in the parking lot for South Tibwin, just off Hwy 17 a short distance past McClellanville. We'll walk through mature pine forest to medium-sized impoundments bordering the Intracoastal Waterway. 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.

Travel time: 60 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: 2-3 miles of walking on wooded trails and open scrub dikes

**Trip 25) Santee Delta Wildlife Management Area – Saturday only – 7:00 am.** On this tract of land, you really get a feel for what it is like to be on the vast expanse of the Santee River delta where trails wrap around former rice impoundments which are closed from mid-November to February 1<sup>st</sup> for the protection of waterfowl that spend their winters here. The dikes are lined with scrub, cedar, cypress and hardwoods along the North Santee River. Here we will see some wood storks, waders, migrating raptors and resident and migrant passerine, and early waterfowl.

Travel time: 40 minutes

Facilities: none

Access: 2-3 miles of walking over occasionally uneven terrain

**Trip 26) Lake Busbee – Saturday only – 7:15 am.** Lake Busbee, today a thriving wetland was once a cooling pond for an old coal plant, in Conway. Today it is used as recreation site with a 2.5-mile nature trail that nearly circumnavigates the entire lake. The marshes and canals around it provide wonderful habitat for a variety of waterfowl, waders, shorebirds, and rails. Hardwoods and some cypress lining the edges serve as good perches for raptors and habitat for passerines.

Travel time: 40 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: 2-3 miles of walking on level gravel road

**Trip 27) Young Birders: Huntington Beach State Park – Saturday only – 7:30 am.** (\$8 per person entrance fee). This trip is specifically for young birders and their families, though others are welcome if there is room the day of the trip. You will visit Huntington Beach State Park looking and listening for birds in a variety of habitats, choosing destinations according to the trip leader's research (and maybe a hunch or two).

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

**Trip 33) Waties Island – Sunday only – 6:45 am.** Waties Island is one of the last undeveloped barrier islands on the S.C. coast and 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. We will be able to see a variety of migrating raptors, passerines, waders and shorebirds as well as their resident counterparts.

Travel Time: 70 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking, including beach walking

**Trip 34) Chasing the rare ones – Sunday am – TBD.** Did you miss out on a great bird? Saturday evening, groups are encouraged to self-organize to chase the birds you may have missed. There will be no designated leader or departure time. This is a do-it-yourself trip.

### ***Afternoon Half-Day Trips:***

**Trip 12) Photography Workshop at HBSP – Friday only – 1:45 pm.** (\$8 per person entrance fee) Venture beyond your camera's automatic mode - learn to use manual settings to make the most of your time while birding. During this half-day workshop, instruction in both camera set-up and use of technical controls will be followed by instructor-led experience photographing birds in and around the marshes of Huntington Beach State Park. Personalized guidance will be provided in order to practice new skills and techniques such as mastering lighting and perspective as well as focusing on capturing unique bird behavior all while being mindful of practicing ethical bird photography.

Travel time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

***Trips 13 and 31) Pawleys Island – North and South ends – Friday – 1:10 pm and Saturday -- 1:40.*** On this trip we will visit both north and south ends of Pawleys Island. First, we will go to the South end and walk the beach looking for Gulls, Terns, Shorebirds and Skimmers. As we drive from the South to North, we will be scanning rooftops for Eurasian-collared Doves and the marshes for Waders and Rails. At the North end, we will be closer to low tide and will scan towards Litchfield beach for loafing Gulls, Terns and Pelicans.

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate Beach Walking

***Trip 14) Huntington Beach SP without the jetty – Friday only – 1:20 pm.*** (\$8 per person entrance fee 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.

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

***Trips 15 and 30) Brookgreen Gardens – 1:30 pm.*** (\$20 per person entrance fee) We will spend the afternoon exploring beautiful statuary gardens and wonderful open woodland habitat for a variety of birds including ducks, rails, bitterns, wading birds, wintering passerines, Great Horned & Barred owls, Bald eagles, etc.

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

***Trip 16) Black River Kayak trip - Rocky Point Community Forest) – Friday only -- 1:00 pm.*** This outing gives you the opportunity to explore a beautiful black water, cypress swamp habitat by boat. We will kayak up the Black River and into one of the many small tributaries that feed into it. This will be an easy, flatwater paddle with the chance to see herons, kingfishers, barred owls, woodpeckers and other swamp-loving species as well as a chance at some migrants passing through. We will also be looking for snakes, frogs, alligators and many other featherless species. There will be a brief 'kayaking 101' lesson at the start of the trip and this paddle is great for both experienced and 1st time kayakers. Please bring \$30 in cash to pay the outfitter at the landing. You will be contacted after you register to see if you want a single or tandem kayak.

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Port-a-lets

Access conditions: Flatwater paddling

***Trip 28) Murrells Inlet Marsh walk/Limpkin Hotspot/Oyster Landing HBSP – Saturday only - 1:10 pm.*** This field trip will take you to three different locations that are relatively close. The order will be determined by tide at the discretion of the trip leader. The Limpkin spot, where a colony of these birds are nesting and raising young, is in a neighborhood close to the Waccamaw NWR. Oyster Landing has abundant birdlife close to Huntington Beach State Park proper but not within the gated part, and thus there is no fee. The Murrells Inlet Marsh Walk is an eBird hotspot which leads out over the marshes and along the shore. This is a great spot to see gulls and Brown Pelicans, early arriving marsh sparrows,

blackbirds, wrens, shorebirds, and waders. Along the shoreline in the grand oaks, we may see different resident and migratory songbird species. After birding, if in need of some refreshments, there are a few bars and restaurants along the boardwalk from which you can enjoy both the food and the birds.

Travel time: 35 minutes to the Limpkin spot from the hotel // 15 minutes from the marsh walk to the hotel

Facilities: No, but stops are possible

Access conditions: Travel by car and moderate walking over easy terrain

***Trip 29) South Litchfield Beach – Saturday only – 1:20 pm.*** 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.

Travel time: 15 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Walking on boardwalk and beach

***Trip 32) Cox Ferry – Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge – Saturday only – 1:00 pm.*** This trip visits the Cox Ferry Recreational Area with its 5 miles of trails through multiple ecosystems including coastal wetlands, cypress swamp, pine forests and the Waccamaw River, of course. Target species include migrating warblers, resident passerines such as the Red-cockaded woodpecker, owls, raptors, and early arriving waterfowl.

Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: No

Access conditions: Trail walking & boardwalks



**Litchfield Beach, SC Registration Form**  
**Registration Begins August 27 @ 2pm. Register online for**  
**Best Availability of Field Trips 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.

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**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Processing of mail-in registrations will not begin until online registration opens.

**Pre-Registration ends September 18 at midnight**

**Cancellations will be refunded if received by 6pm on September 12**

Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary at [hq@carolinabirdclub.org](mailto:hq@carolinabirdclub.org).

## **CBC Outer Banks Trip - December 3 - 4, 2022**

By Steve Shultz

Widely considered at the top of the list for early winter birding sites in North Carolina, the Outer Banks of Dare County are home to thousands of wintering swans, ducks, geese, shorebirds, waders, gulls, and more. Join members of the Carolina Bird Club as we explore the Bodie Island lighthouse area, Oregon Inlet, Pea Island NWR, the ocean beaches of Hatteras and Bodie Islands and other “hotspots”.

The trip will focus on waterfowl and shorebird identification as well as building a broad trip list including everything from grebes to sparrows. The trip starts Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot the south end of the new Basnight Bridge over Oregon Inlet. Saturday will be devoted to birding along the immediate coast. Sunday will include a stop at Alligator River NWR and potentially Mattamuskeet NWR.

Detailed information including directions, lodging choices, dining opportunities and more will be provided to registrants. Birds that you can expect to see include loons, numbers of Tundra Swans and Snow Geese, most of the dabbling ducks that winter in eastern North Carolina, chances to see sea ducks including all three American scoters, gulls, wintering passerines, and winter shorebirds including American Avocet and possibly Purple Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher and Piping Plover. Alligator River NWR may provide an opportunity to see Black Bear, raptors, shorebirds (if water levels are right) and numbers of Tundra Swan and waterfowl.

Logistics: The fee for this field trip is \$60 and advance registration is required. Participation is limited to 12. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. A number of motels, hotels, and other lodging are available in Nags Head north through Kitty Hawk. We will attempt to carpool in order to reduce the number of vehicles caravanning to the birding sites. Spotting scopes are useful if you have one. Dress for the weather and in layers. If we are enjoying a warm early winter, mosquito repellent may be useful. Lunch on Saturday will likely either be at a seafood restaurant or Subway. If you prefer, bring a bag lunch. A variety of restaurants are open for Saturday dinner.

To register for this field trip contact Steve Shultz [sshultz@nc.rr.com](mailto:sshultz@nc.rr.com) or (919) 629-7226. Upon confirmation of your slot on the trip you will be sent a registration form/waiver that can be submitted with your trip fee. Note that there is a modest fee to walk out on Jennette’s Pier.



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