



**Please Join Ogeechee Audubon Society,
 Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM**



Speaker: Leslie Weichsel, President Ogeechee Audubon Society

The Accidental Birder

The Birds I Saw as I Traveled Through Peru

In June of last year Leslie and Jeff Weichsel traveled for sixteen days through Peru. They journeyed from Lima, to the Amazon Basin, to Cuzco and the Sacred Valley, to Puno and Lake Titicaca, to the Colca Canyon and concluded their trip in Arequipa. As they went along Leslie took photographs of all the birds she encountered in any setting. In this program Leslie will retrace her trip through Peru and she will introduce you to the birds and places she visited as the Accidental Birder.

Leslie Weichsel retired three years ago to the Savannah area after living the previous twenty-seven years in Upstate New York. Before her retirement, Leslie was a nurse for forty years. For most of her tenure as a nurse, she worked as a nurse administrator in both acute care and hospice. She resides on Wilmington Island with her husband and corgi.



Orange-Winged Parrot Photo by Leslie Weichsel

Ogeechee Audubon Mission

Ogeechee Audubon educates adults and children about birds, wildlife, and the environment. We provide opportunities to enjoy the world around us, and advocate for responsible public policy and legislation for the conservation of our natural resources.

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Field Trips

BRING BINOCULARS, HAT, SUNSCREEN, BUG SPRAY, WATER AND SNACKS OR LUNCH FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS

All field trips are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted!

SAT, APR 1: Birding Workshop 101, Join The Savannah National Wildlife staff and Ogeechee Audubon to learn the basics of how to better identify birds. Age 14-adult. Space is limited to 10 participants, so please RSVP to 843-784-2468 or sign up at the Savannah NWR visitor center. Workshop begins at 8:00am at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center. The program is comprised of both classroom(1hr) and field work. The program ends at 12:30pm.

SAT, APR 8: Learn How to Bird by Ear at Chatham Wetlands Preserve (6811 Basin Rd, Sav 31419) from 7:45am to 11:00am. **Free but advance reservations required; limited to 10 participants.** Contact Sandy Beasley, sbzly@aol.com or cell phone 912-398-3619 to register by Sunday, April 2. (The sooner the better!)

SUN, APR 23: Earth Day Weekend field trip, Webb Wildlife Management Area S.C. looking for spring migrants, red-cockaded woodpeckers, and Bachman's Sparrows and more. Meet to carpool at Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive at Savannah NWR entrance at 7 am or at entrance to Webb WMA at 8am. Leader: Steve Wagner at sjwgnr@hotmail.com.

WED, MAY 3: Onslow Island, SNWR. Onslow Island is newly refurbished part of the Savannah Wildlife Refuge system - open only on Wednesdays. There have been rare species showing up here, you never know what you will see. Meet at the entrance at 8:00 am. Be prepared for a lot of walking. Wear sturdy shoes and definitely bring bug spray! Leader: TBD

SUN, MAY 14: Savannah Wildlife Refuge field trip for International Migratory Bird Day. Meet at Laurel Hill Wildlife Dr. at 8 am Leader: Steve Fox at sfox01@hotmail.com.



Ogeechee Audubon

April 18, 2017 Ogeechee Audubon Annual Meeting

The April meeting is our annual elections for officers. Please submit nominations to either Dot Bambach (912-598-3764) or Leslie Weichsel (914-466-9689), our nominating committee. Thank You.

Orphaned Bird Care

Located in Georgia, Orphaned Bird Care was established in 2002. It is operated by volunteers and donations from the public.

Goals:

- Provide professional humane care in aiding orphaned baby birds in all situations.
- Provide species-specific diets and habitats.
- Use proper handling procedures to preserve "wildness" and prevent imprinting (focusing on human caregiver).
- Release fledged or recovered birds where they can thrive.
- Offer post-release support.
- Act as ambassadors for the avian community, providing advice and referrals to the public.



There will be reconditioned and new feeders and nest boxes on sale to benefit OBC at our Annual Meeting on April 18th. Please bring some cash or your checkbook and purchase a feeder and/or nest box at bargain prices, with the proceeds going to Orphaned Bird Care.

SAT, APR 15: Earth Day Celebration at Forsyth Park, 11 am – 4pm. The Savannah Earth Day Festival serves as an important opportunity for local government, businesses, non-profits, and community groups to connect with the public and each other. It is the City's largest environmental outreach event of the year and the largest educational Earth Day event in the state of Georgia.

March 1st Field Notes – Onslow Island Birding



Photo by Mary Lou Dickson

Ogeechee Audubon Board Member James Fleullan lead a group of seven birders on a beautiful mild sunny day on the first day of March. Onslow is always full of surprises. Forty-five different species were seen during the 3 ½ hours outing. The only ducks left at this time were Green-winged Teal. The group spotted three Bald Eagles – always a thrill! In addition, five Stilt Sandpipers were seen as well as five Pectoral Sandpipers. One Solitary Sandpiper was spied. A Willet seemingly out of place was also spotted. All in all this was a good morning of birding!



Solitary Sandpiper - Photo by Leslie Weichsel

SPRING BIRD WALKS AT FORSYTH PARK

FRI, APR 14, 21, 28, & May 5th: Migratory Bird Walk in Forsyth Park. Meet by the fountain at the north end of Forsyth Park at 7:45 am. We will wander the park in search of migratory warblers, vireos, tanagers, buntings, flycatchers and more. Leader: Diana Churchill at 912-604-7539 or dichurchbirds@gmail.com.



Ogeechee Audubon Chapter Membership Form – 2017

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