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## **Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2010**

**When/Where:** 7:15 PM/refreshments; 7:30/Meeting  
The lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner  
of Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Dr., behind  
University Mall, Chapel Hill.

**Who/What: Tom Krakauer**  
will be speaking on:

### **“Birding, and Art (and Food) in Provence”**

Tom and his friend Lynn Richardson enjoyed a WINGS tour in France last year that combined the joys of birding with Art and Culture. Join us for an evening as Tom tells us about a trip that combined the best of multiple worlds, birding, art viewing, and gustatory pleasures.

## **Saturday Field Trips**

Saturday Field Trips will resume at the end of August or beginning of September, depending on weather and local lake levels. For further details, call Doug at 942-0479 at the end of the summer.

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(For those who missed Lena Gallitano’s talk about the North Carolina Birding Trail, she has provided us with a brief summary.)

## **The North Carolina Birding Trail**

By Lena Gallitano

The North Carolina Birding Trail (NCBT) was developed by representatives from the following: Audubon North Carolina, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, North Carolina State Parks, North Carolina Sea Grant and the North Carolina Extension Service. The guide series was published from grant funds and consists of three full color guides: NC Birding Trail – Coastal Plain Trail Guide, Piedmont Trail Guide and Mountain Trail Guide. With 310 sites across North Carolina, the guides include a diversity of sites from federal, state, county and city governments as well as private lands.

Site descriptions in the guides include maps, directions, access information, species of interest, habitat, and on-site visitor amenities. Additional visitor opportunities in the area are included in a “While You’re In The Area” section at the end of each site group.

Birding is big business! The 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-associated Recreation reported that 47.8 million US residents participated in birding around their home or on trips. Over 71 million Americans spent nearly \$45 billion in retail sales on observing, feeding, or watching wildlife in

the US in 2006. The NC Birding Trail can attract more nature-based tourists to North Carolina. Their local tourism expenditures (food, lodging, transportation, etc.) will provide a boost to local economies and show our residents that there is a value to be placed on protecting our natural resources. The NC Birding Trail will also provide a great educational opportunity for young and old, alike, and may attract more people to visit the natural places that make North Carolina such a beautiful state in which to live and play.

To help businesses and communities capitalize on the economic opportunities the Trail offers, the NCBT offered a "Birder Friendly Business & Birder Friendly Community" training program. These businesses and communities are identified on the NCBT Web site by region. We hope folks using the NCBT will support these local businesses as the travel to sites across North Carolina.

Birders and nature lovers alike will find the NC Birding Trail a great one-stop shopping resource for locations across the state to get outside and enjoy the beauty and diversity North Carolina. To learn more about the NCBT, the individual sites, the "Birder Friendly Business & Birder Friendly Community" training programs and to find a list of birder friendly businesses and communities visit the Web site at [www.ncbirdingtrail.org/](http://www.ncbirdingtrail.org/).

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**These are some of the people who contributed to a successful year for the Chapel Hill Bird club:**

**Thank You to our Speakers:**

- Sept: **Dr. Stuart Pimm** -"Bird Extinctions—What we can do to prevent them"
- October: **Dr. Robert O. Bierregaard** -"Satellite Telemetry Studies of Osprey Migration and Ecology."
- November: **Dr. Rindy Anderson** -"Song Preferences in Female Sparrows"
- January: **David & Judy Smith** -"Birding in Borneo"
- February: **Brian Bockhahn** -"Birding Falls Lake"

- March: **Lena Gallitano** -"The North Carolina Birding Trail"
- April: **Dan Kaplan & Joanne Abel** - "Preservation and Birding at Ellerbe Creek"
- May: **Tom Krakauer** -Birds and Art (and Food) in Provence

Thank you to our **Retiring President: Amalie Tuffin**

**For Refreshments:**

- Karen Piplani**
- Tom Driscoll**
- Karen & Joe Bearden**
- Ginger Travis**
- Patsy Bailey**
- Helen & Carl Williams**
- Edith Tatum**

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**Membership Form**

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 277 Mint Springs Rd.  
 Pittsboro, NC 27312

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