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# The BULLETIN... Chapel Hill Bird Club

To:

## November-December 2011

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### Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2011

**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:** **Loren Hintz**

will be speaking about

**What:** **Birds of Honduras**

Loren Hintz will be giving a slide presentation on the Honduran Emerald, an endemic Honduran hummingbird, and other birds of Honduras and nearby Central American countries. He will also talk about the national parks found there. Loren served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador and Honduras and has traveled frequently to Central America since moving to North Carolina in 1983.



Honduran Emerald Hummingbird photo by Loren Hintz  
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### Saturday Field Trips

Trips are led by Doug Shadwick and depart from Glen Lennox Shopping Center Parking lot off HWY 54 promptly at 7:30 Saturday mornings. All skills are welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. For further details, call Doug at 942-0479.

- November 26 - no field trip - Thanksgiving weekend
- December 3 - regular local trip
- December 10 - last regular local trip of the year

Christmas Bird Counts will replace the usual Saturday Morning Field Trips until after the holidays.

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### 2011 Chapel Hill Christmas Bird Count

The Chapel Hill Christmas Bird Count will be **Monday, December 26** this year. Further information is available on the Chapel Hill Bird Club website.

Please contact Will Cook at [cwcook@duke.edu](mailto:cwcook@duke.edu) to make arrangements to join in. Will can always use help with the count. Novice birders need not be reluctant to help out; they will be paired with more experienced birders, so join in the fun!

## Other Area Christmas Bird Counts

- Saturday, December 17, 2011 - **Raleigh /Wake Co.** Christmas Bird Count Contact: Contact: John Connors, [John.Connors@ncmail.net](mailto:John.Connors@ncmail.net), 919-755-0253 (h)
- Sunday, December 18, 2011 - **Durham** CBC Contact: Jeff Pippen, [jspippen@duke.edu](mailto:jspippen@duke.edu), (919)383-8040
- Sunday, January 1, 2012 - **Jordan Lake** CBC Contact: Carol Williamson, [cncbrdr@yahoo.com](mailto:cncbrdr@yahoo.com), (919)383-2364
- Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - **Falls Lake** Contact: Brian Bockhahn, [birdranger248@gmail.com](mailto:birdranger248@gmail.com), (919)676-1027
- Thursday, January 5, 2012 – **Kerr Lake** Contact: Brian Bockhahn, [birdranger248@gmail.com](mailto:birdranger248@gmail.com), (919)676-1027 Web: [Falls & Kerr Lake Bird Counts](#)

Enjoy the Holidays!

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## Membership Dues

Notices about up-coming dues went out earlier this week. We would like to remind folks that our dues have not increased in over 15 years. Dues are used to pay for important expenses such as the room rent for our meetings, support for the Christmas Bird Count and some bird banding, and for the maintenance of the Chapel Hill Bird Club website, blog, and the Bulletin. We appreciate the support you have provided, and hope that your new

memberships and renewals will not get lost in the excitement of the holidays

If you have any questions about your membership status, a list of current members and when their dues were paid will be available at the next meeting.

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## Turkey Thoughts

By Karen Piplani

As the holidays approach, I've been thinking about Wild Turkeys. Loss of habitat and hunting had reduced their numbers to as low as 30,000 in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century<sup>1</sup>, and by the 40s there were very small numbers in remote pockets in the States, and practically none in Canada. The numbers of wild turkeys have rebounded and the range has expanded to an area much larger than that in the pre-colonial days. The rare sight of a group of turkeys has become much more common now, and many of our members can count turkeys among their common yard birds.

So I'm thankful that the efforts of game wardens, birders, hunters, and wildlife conservationists have allowed us to enjoy more frequent sights of the bird that Ben Franklin, probably with tongue in cheek, thought should have been our national bird, in place of the bald eagle.

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<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild\\_Turkey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild_Turkey)