

Chapel Hill Bird Club Bulletin

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Upcoming meetings (Spring 2018)

Chapel Hill Bird Club membership meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, September through May. (No meeting in December; May 2018 meeting on third Monday.) Refreshments are available at **7:15 pm**, meetings start at **7:30 pm**.

Location is the Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner of Highway 15-501 Bypass and Willow Drive, behind University Mall. **Address:** 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Members and guests are welcome to gather for dinner at the K & W Cafeteria (University Mall) at 6:00 pm before the meeting. Go to the back room of the cafeteria to join the group after making your dinner selection.

5/21/18

Bob Lewis – A Bird's Rainbow



Many birds are brightly colored, and others use patterned feathers for camouflage. How do these colors originate? What's the difference between colors from pigments and physical colors? From Yellow warblers to Anna's Hummingbirds, each species makes unique use of the feather colors it possesses. Bob will unravel some of the mysteries of color in birds with a little chemistry, a bit of physics, and a lot of brightly colored photos. Bob trained as a chemist and worked for Chevron for 33 years.

He's taught birding classes in the Bay Area for over 20 years and served as the chair of Golden Gate Audubon's Adult Education Committee. He loves to travel and photograph birds, and has recently returned from a trip to Peru, chasing the brightly colored birds of that area.

Field trips (2017-18): May-August— no scheduled field trips

The Chapel Hill Bird Club conducts regular field trips during fall, winter, and spring, usually on Saturdays. The general schedule for field trips can be found at:

<http://chbc.carolinanature.com/fieldtrips.html>

Regular local field trips resume *1 September 2018*.

Welcome new member!

- Todd Bishop from Pittsboro



Birding by ear – follow-up

On 17 April 2018 Jim Capel, Kathleen Snipes, and Maria de Bruyn led a “birding by ear” walk for low-vision adults at the North Carolina Botanical Garden. One participant, Loren Davis, sent a note of appreciation, reproduced below:

Loren C. Davis

May 7, 2018

The Chapel Hill Bird Club

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Orange County Low Vision Support Group, I wanted to thank all of the members who took their time to meet with us at the Seymore Senior Center and, in recent weeks, take us into the field for “birding by ear”. Due to the weather and high water conditions we had difficulty on the first outing. Then, it was difficult contacting people to invite them to a second outing that happened this morning. For those of us who were able to attend, it was an enriching educational experience.

Thanks, again, for all of your efforts!

Kindest Regards,

Loren Davis

Candidates for Chapel Hill Bird Club Board (2018-19)

President: Mary Kay Robinson

Vice President: Maria de Bruyn and Jim Capel

Treasurer: Patsy Bailey

Secretary: Karen Hogan

Election will be held, of course, at the 21 May 2018 meeting



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Next newsletter will be the September 2018 edition. Have a great summer!

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