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*A light broke in upon my soul –  
It was the carol of a bird,  
It ceased – and then it came again,  
The sweetest song ear ever heard.*

– Adapted from a poem by Lord Byron

## Who We Are

The Piedmont Bird Club is an association of nature lovers in North Carolina's Piedmont who like to watch, study, and feed birds, take birding trips, and promote the conservation of wildlife habitats. Founded in Greensboro in 1938 by a small group of birders, the Club has evolved over the years into a large regional club serving several counties.

### PBC Members:

- Come from all walks of life and professions
- Range in age from 8-year-olds to seniors
- Offer a variety of experience and expertise, from renowned ornithologists and dedicated world travelers to the casual backyard or beginning birder
- Generously share their knowledge and enthusiasm about birding with others – on field trips and at PBC monthly educational programs
- Include authorities on butterflies, birding optics, native plants, and more
- Are actively involved in:
  - community education about birds and their environment
  - community service projects to protect our natural world
  - national and local bird counts.

*"North Carolina is a great place for birding.  
And the Piedmont Bird Club is a wonderful group of folks to bird with!"*

## Selected Field Trips

- Greensboro's Bog Garden
- Hamilton Lakes/Starmount Forest, Greensboro, NC
- Weymouth Woods, NC
- Pee Dee NWR, NC
- Blue Ridge Mountains, NC
- Pilot Mountain, NC
- Winston-Salem Wastewater Treatment Plant, NC
- Huntington Beach State Park, SC
- Pea Island NWR, Hatteras, NC
- Highland County, VA
- Savannah River NWR, GA

## What We Do

*To go out on a country walk and see and hear different kinds of wild birds is to the birdwatcher rather like running across a number of different neighbors and acquaintances. The walk becomes a series of personal encounters instead of a mere walk.*

– Julian Huxley 1930



### We Watch Birds!

*"One of the best ways to learn to identify birds and their songs is to get out in the field with other birders."* -Julien McCarthy, PBC birder

- We take birding trips, up to 4 a month.
- Our field trips last from a few hours on a Saturday to several days on weekends or holidays.
- We bird at local birding hot spots; and we travel farther afield to the mountains, the Sandhills, and the shores of our own and neighboring states.
- We send "Rare Bird Alerts" to our members by telephone or e-mail when an unusual species is in our area.

Check our [Calendar](#) for upcoming field trip dates, [Past Field Trips](#), and [Finding Birds in Guilford County](#).

### We Have Monthly Programs/Meetings

The Piedmont Bird Club's monthly educational program/meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Road, Greensboro.

#### At Each Meeting, You Will:

- Enjoy guest speakers who are experts in their fields
- Learn about a chosen bird species in "Bird of the Season", presented by a PBC member
- Be invited to the "Early Birds" social gathering before each meeting.

Click on [Calendar](#) to find PBC's meeting schedule.

### From the Experts

Birds of the Galapagos

The Science of Birdsong:  
Its Musical Complexity

Guidelines for Selecting  
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Protecting Habitat for Red-  
cockaded Woodpeckers  
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North Carolina's Important  
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### We Enjoy Good Food and Good Company

#### Spring and Fall Picnics

- Twice a year we hold potluck picnics.
- Members, friends, and family gather in one of our area's beautiful natural spaces to enjoy an evening filled with friendship, food, and a short birdwalk.

#### Holiday Dinner

- In December we hold our annual Holiday Dinner.
- Festivities include members' favorite nature photos, numerous door prizes, and, always, a memorable gift.



### We Participate in Citizen Science

- Club members take part in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count and the Spring Bird Count.
- We maintain and monitor bluebird nest boxes in Country Park.
- Field trip leaders and individual birders use eBird to report their sightings to Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Click on [Calendar](#), [Bluebird Page](#), and Cornell's [eBird](#).



*The breeding season was filled with beauty and wonder. I couldn't believe there could be a blue as beautiful as that of an Eastern Bluebird egg. Every time I saw one I was stunned. I even got to witness a bluebird baby just beginning to peck its way out of one of those beautiful blue eggs.*

–Amy Hanson, PBC Member

### We Are Very Active in Community Education

PBC volunteers are actively involved in bringing the science and joy of birds directly to local residents. We:

- Give presentations to local organizations
- Prepare and display colorful bird posters in our community's parks
- Participate at Greensboro's Earth Day, Bur-Mil Park's Fall Festival, and other events, showcasing our birding exhibit and providing learning activities for children.

Click on [Calendar](#) for event dates. Volunteer!

### We Are Involved in Community Service

Twice each year PBC members volunteer for Greensboro's Adopt-A-Park program. To protect waterfowl we clean up hazardous material from the shorelines and areas adjacent to Country Park's lakes.

