



Great Blue Herons on Nest
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The Piedmont Birder

PEE DEE NWR

by Dan Chambers

On January 28, 2006, 17 PBC members headed for the Pee Dee NWR Headquarters in Anson County. En route we saw two Bald Eagles on the west side of the Pee Dee River, south of the Tillery Dam. J.D. Bricken, the Refuge Manager, met us and led a caravan to a closed section of the refuge. We observed Tundra Swans, Canada Geese, Black Ducks, Northern Shovelers, American Widgeons, Ring-necked Ducks, Wood Ducks, Gadwall, and Northern Pintails. We watched as J.D. drove his truck to the back of the compound and hundreds of ducks flew into the air, circled around for a minute and then settled back down. It was exciting to see that many birds!

After lunch we walked the Brown Creek Trail and almost immediately saw a Red-headed Woodpecker. The group also saw a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Hermit Thrush, Hairy Woodpecker, and others. We walked some of the Wildlife Trail and then left the refuge to head home.

We stopped at the Allen Bridge on SR 731E to watch the Great Blue Heron rookery. Some commented that they had never seen so many at one time. We also had hundreds of Ring-billed Gulls flying and loafing in the general area. We were treated to one of the Bald Eagles soaring and perching between the bridge and the dam. We saw 50 species in a relatively short time of actual birding.



Red-headed Woodpecker

GREENSBORO LAKES

by Elizabeth Link

On March 25, 8 members of the Piedmont Bird Club gathered in cold and windy weather to tour the Greensboro lakes. Lake Higgins didn't offer much in the way of waterfowl, but we did get a few brief looks at young eagles on the nest, as well as a couple of adult eagle flyovers, and the heron rookery nearby was full of birds. Lake Brandt also didn't have many waterfowl, but there were hundreds of Cormorants, many gulls (including a few Bonaparte's), many Tree Swallows and Purple Martins, and a contingent of Barn Swallows. The marsh on Plainfield Rd. gave us looks at Swamp Sparrows and a Greater Yellowlegs, and another heron rookery. The Osprey had arrived at Lake Townsend, and we watched a pair of them arranging nesting material on a platform on one of the power line towers. Most of the waterfowl were hanging out on Buffalo Lake, where we got great looks at Ring-necked Ducks, Ruddy Ducks - some in breeding plumage - Shovelers, and Scaup. We also picked up a single Rough-winged Swallow there. Overall, we saw 53 species, had a great time, and the rain that had threatened all morning held off until just a few minutes after we all got in our cars to head home.



Ring-necked Ducks

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by Melissa Whitmire

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From the PRESIDENT'S PERCH

By Bob Pellettier

The 2005 - 2006 year is drawing to a close and the new year will be ushering in newly elected officers. As this will be my last President's Perch, I can relate to so much that the Club has accomplished in these past two years, much more than this column or even this page would allow.

There is one area on which I would like to place emphasis and that is the exposure the Club has received through the dedication and hard work of its committees and members. There is no one area that stands out more than another, as they are all contributing factors in the growth and recognition of the Club.

The **Adopt-A-Park Program** at Country Park became the first park in the City of Greensboro to be adopted by an organization. We are all familiar with the cleaning and bird box maintenance, but the PBC signs at the park entrances are exposure we could never have imagined.

The **PBC Website** is not only an asset to our members, but also to the community, listing upcoming Club events, birding locations, directions on how to get there and what one may expect to see at the locations.

The **Bog Garden Kiosk** presents tremendous exposure for the PBC, listing birds seen in the Bog Garden and bird photographs, which are periodically changed to coincide with the season. This has become such a hit that other parks such as Bur-Mil and Country Park are asking the Club to provide similar displays.

Guilford Courthouse Military Park Bird Walks started as a community and park service project on a note of "Let's see how it goes." We found, along with park visitors, that many of our Club members enjoyed the close proximity and shorter duration of the walks and thus, with a few adjustments, has become an ongoing event.

Nature Exhibits, Educational Fairs and Group Presentations in which the Club has been asked to participate has increased greatly over the last couple of years. There is no better way to meet the people in the community to discuss birding and to promote our Club.

Monthly Programs continue to be a major cornerstone of our Club activities. This is evident by the marked increase in attendance in the past year, indicating continued interest in the topics presented.

Each one of the above activities has involved Club committees, along with Club members who have devoted time and effort to insure the success of these projects. Their efforts have ultimately succeeded in increasing the Club's membership in the past two years to close to 70 new members.

In closing I would like to express my sincere thanks to all for your support during the past two years and look forward to continuing to serve the Club in the future.

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## A & T FARM 3/4/06

by Emily Tyler

Twenty birders participated in this annual, late winter trek to A & T Farm which yielded 42 species. The morning started off sunny but cold and windy upon arrival at the Farm and became more comfortable as we walked the bottomlands near the creek and even more so as we birded the other side of McConnell Road. We were delighted to discover that the Wilson's Snipe have returned to the banks of the newly refurbished farm pond, not yet full, and nearby wetland area despite the pristine conditions of the fields and farm facilities. Even though the appearance is very pleasing to the eye, some of us have worried that with some habitats being destroyed, fewer birds will be seen there. So far the Eastern Meadowlark continues its presence, too, mostly on wires over the fields. At the Swine Farm, more snipe were seen as well as several American Pipits. Most participants stayed three and a half hours and enjoyed the flora and fauna and fellowship.



## EASTER TRIP 4/14 — 4/16 2006

### Huntington Beach St. Park and Environs

by Emily Tyler

Thirteen PBC members logged a record 140 species during the Easter trip to the SC coast, 133 seen by the group and 7 others seen by one or more individuals outside the official group itinerary. The alternate list includes birds seen on Thursday before the trip began and Monday after it ended.

The majority saw at least one life bird on the trip. Some of the most notable birds seen or heard were Swallow-tailed Kites, Least Bittern, American Bittern, Bald Eagles, Cave Swallows (hanging out in the gazebo on the causeway at HBSP), Common Eider, Common Loon, Wilson's and Piping Plovers, Black-necked Stilts, Pectoral Sandpiper, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Whip-poor-will and Chuck-will's-widow, Black Skimmers, Swamp Sparrows, American Oystercatchers, Whimbrel, Marsh Wrens, Orchard Oriole, Painted Bunting, Sandwich Tern, Prothonotary Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo and Warbler. And the list goes on. Birds we expected to see and didn't include the Purple Sandpiper and Loggerhead Shrike.



Snowy Egret at HBSP

photo by Dan Chambers

## BATTLEGROUND PARK

2/25/06

by Carolyn Allen

We had thirteen people out for the walk, chilly and cloudy so colors didn't show up very well, but I think everyone enjoyed it. We had several new people and at least one couple who saw the sign at the Visitor's Center and joined us.

The birds weren't very cooperative. We had sixteen species including Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, a kinglet (although the light was poor, I'm inclined to think Golden-crowned because of its elevation in the tree and it was not fussing, but this is a guess), Brown Thrasher, Pine Warbler, and White-throated Sparrow. Probably the most helpful bird in the batch was the Brown Thrasher who sat in a tree 15' up calmly eating poison ivy berries. He sat and sat and munched and munched so that everyone had a chance to see him and look at him through the scope.

One species not on the list: seven white-tailed deer. I'm sure the Park Service folks know they have deer, but maybe this number would be surprising.



## Whitacre's Farm

3-18-06

by Carolyn Allen

Of the 37 species of birds observed, the most significant was finding nesting Great Blue Herons. Other birds of interest: Gadwalls, Woodcock, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Cedar Waxwings, Yellow-rumped and Pine Warblers and Red-winged Blackbird. We stopped at the upper end of Lake Higgins on the way home. Coots, Pied-billed Grebes and more Geese were all we could find.



Cedar Waxwing

photo © 2003

by Melissa Whitmire

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We look forward to sharing our upcoming activities with these newest new members!

**DOWLING**, Kevin & Sumiko

**JONES**, Robert

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**OFFUTT**, David & **GODOY**, Elyssa

**STRICKLAND**, Jim



## COUNTRY PARK BIRDHOUSE UPDATE

by Paul Morien

We started checking the birdhouses on March 13th and the Bluebirds had already started two nests. Our recent check brought us some surprises. To say the least, the BIRDS have been busy. We have eleven boxes that we keep tabs on and all but two have nests. There are five Bluebird nests, three Carolina Chickadees, and a surprise. Initially, the surprise house appeared to be a bluebird nest. However, this week a small bird came flying out of it. I wasn't 100% sure what it was but had a good idea and wanted confirmation. Both Cal Weimer and Anne Kelk confirmed that it was a Brown-headed Nuthatch. The nest has six tiny eggs. On Anne's last visit the Nuthatch was very friendly. There are currently fifteen Bluebird eggs in four nests. Presently, the Carolina Chickadee nests have no eggs and they need to get busy.

This is my first time doing this and I can tell you it is quite a thrill. The Bluebirds are magnificent and stay around to protect their nest. The last couple of visits I decided to keep track of the number of species that I've seen at the Park (23 and 21). I have had long chats with a female Golden-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Eastern Phoebe. This week I was treated to five Palm Warblers and a singing Brown Thrasher (who I mistook for a Mockingbird).

This is wonderful fun and presents great birding up close and personal.



## EAGLE UPDATE

For the second year in a row, three eaglets have successfully hatched from the nest at Lake Brandt. Hatching occurred on approximately February 25, in the nest that has been used for three years in a row. The three young eagles are now well on their way through the 10-week nestling period. Lou Skrabec took the family portrait below on April 8th.

-Lynn Moseley



**Bald Eagles on Lake Brandt**

Photo © by Lou Skrabec

## GUILFORD BATTLEGROUNDS PARK 4/1/6

by Dennis Burnette

Fifteen of us spent nearly two hours of really good birding at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park (Guilford Battleground) Saturday morning, 4/1/06, walking on the trail around Shenk's Field. The birds were cooperative, the weather was wonderful, the group of birders was congenial; it was a perfect bird walk if there ever was one!

It seemed like we would move only a few steps before we would be stopped by another good bird sighting. By far the best for me was the great view we had of a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers working up and down a tree beside the path. We saw one really well in flight, while the other popped in and out of what looked like a freshly excavated nest hole. This was a life bird for one of our companions.

Other participants might argue that the best sighting of the day was a Hermit Thrush that was seen well by everyone. We got great views through our binoculars, and then everyone who wanted to got to see it close up through Don's spotting scope. It stayed for so long that we finally needed to push ahead toward it to continue the walk, at which point it simply flew up to about eye level into some saplings to our left and stayed in that area as we passed. It was one of the most satisfying bird viewings I have ever had.

By the end of the bird walk, we had recorded 27 species in about an hour and 45 minutes. In addition to the birds, we also spotted four species of butterflies, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (at least 7 or 8), Spring Azure (about 5), a probable Falcate Orangetip, and an anglewing (an Eastern Comma or Questionmark).




## NEW BIRD BOOK PUBLISHED

by Gregg Morris

A new bird field guide that should be of particular interest to local birders was scheduled for publication in March 2006. The book is titled *Birds of Shenandoah National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park: A Field Guide*. It is by Earnest P. Edwards, an ornithologist with more than a half-century's experience. The guide covers all the birds known to occur regularly in the area in full detail, with more abbreviated treatment of species seen only rarely or in especially localized situations.

The cost is \$19.95. Edward Murrell Butler is the primary bird illustrator, and maps are provided. A complete description along with some sample pages can be viewed at the website of McDonald & Woodward Publishing Co., [www.mwpubco.com](http://www.mwpubco.com).





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--calendar, cnt' from p. 6

**Friday - Sunday, June 2-4**

**Field Trip: West Virginia Mountains.**

This weekend trip will include the 10-acre property of the trip leaders, on the Blue-stone River, with excursions State Parks and other habitats in the area. We will look for nesting high-elevation species that we usually see only in winter in the Piedmont, as well as warblers and other neotropical breeding birds. Please sign up before 5/15/6! **The first five people to sign up are welcome to stay in the house & will receive breakfast.** Motels and camping nearby. **More details last column this page.** Leaders: Julien McCarthy and Judith Pate. 656-4774, jmccarthy@demanda1.com

**Saturday, June 10**

**Field Trip: Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge with a stop at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.**

This will be an all day trip. We will drive south about an hour and 45 minutes to Pee Dee NWR, take a look at a nearby heronry, and then continue on another hour into South Carolina to the Carolina Sandhills NWR for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and other good birds. Bring plenty to drink and a picnic lunch. Meet at Congrega-tional United Church of Christ at 7:15 a.m. to car pool. Leader: Phillip Kellam 275-3692

**Saturday, June 17**

**Field Trip: Caswell Game Lands.** We have been invited to join the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon chapter for a day trip to Caswell County with more than 20,000 acres of rolling hills with mixed wood-lands and bottomland hardwood forest. Contact the trip leader for details about when and where to meet. Leader: Gregg Morris. gregg.morris@ci.high-point.nc.us

**Saturday, June 24**

**Summer Bird Walk: Guilford Court-house National Military Park.** Meet at Tour Stop #5 at 9:00 a.m. We will look for breeding birds in the meadow-like Schenk's Field and along the edges of the surrounding woodlands in this 220-acre forested national park in the middle of the northern Greensboro suburbs. Leader: TBA.

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If you know anyone in the club who is sick or just under the weather, please contact Peggy Ware at 282-6553 or mjware@prodigy.net. She will send a card on behalf of the PBC.

**SPRING PICNIC**

The Spring Picnic is on Saturday, May 20th at Shelter #1 in Country Park. The Park is off northbound Lawndale Drive, on the left just past Lake Jeanette Rd. Turn into the entrance marked "Natural Science Center" and drive to the parking lot on the left. Shelter #1 is at the far end of that parking lot.

The potluck (covered dish) dinner will begin at 6:00. Bring whatever inspires you of the four main food groups: meats, vegetables, breads or desserts; we are trusting chance that we will get a good mix of food! The PBC will provide beverages - soft drinks, iced tea, water, and paper and plastic ware. Come by 5:30 for a bird walk.

So, bring some food, bring your binocu-lars, bring a hearty appetite and be prepared to have a good time!

Coordinator: Irene Ade 656-9974, e-mail: irenenjosephade@netzero.net



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**Saturday, July 1**

**Field Trip: Hiking in Rock Castle**

**Gorge, VA.** Our group will meet at Con-gregational United Church of Christ at 7:45 a.m. to carpool about 1.5 hours to the Blue Ridge Parkway near Tuggle's Gap and Floyd, VA. Be prepared for easy hiking in the mountains. Time permitting, we also will spend some time on the Parkway. Bring plenty to drink and a pic-nic lunch. Watch for details in the news-letter. Leaders: Julien McCarthy and Ju-dith Pate. . 656-4774, jmccarthy@demanda1.com

**Saturday, July 29**

**Field Trip: Birds and butterflies at**

**Hagan-Stone Park.** This will be a joint field trip with the Carolina Butterfly Soci-ety, which will be conducting a butterfly walk and count. (We'll look at some birds, too!) No butterflying experience is neces-sary. Bring a picnic lunch and \$3.50 count fee. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Dennis Burnette. 299-4342, DEBur-nette@triad.rr.com

**Saturday, August 5**

**Field Trip: Greensboro lakes for**

**shorebirds and Black Terns.** Depend-ing upon rainfall and manipulation of wa-ter levels by water authorities, this could be a good time to find shorebirds on mud flats around the Greensboro reservoirs and feeder creeks. We also will look for migrating Black Terns. Details of this trip will be announced via e-mail prior to the trip, or contact the trip leaders. Leaders: Lynn Moseley 226-4353, lmoseley@guilford.edu, and Henry Link. 273-4672, linkh@bellsouth.net



**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

**JUNE TGPAS FIELD TRIP – CASWELL GAME LANDS**

Saturday, June 17

*by Gregg Morris*

*T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon planned a June trip to South Mountain State Park and invited PBC members to join use. The trip has changed, but the invitation stands. We hope to see you then.*

The Caswell Game Lands in Caswell County consists of more than 20,000 acres of rolling hills with mixed woodlands and bottomland hardwood forest. It is also listed as an Important Bird Area. Because state game lands are managed for hunting, wildlife is often abundant. Deer and wild turkey are plentiful; there are also beaver ponds and waterfowl impoundments.

► Plan to meet Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 in the Sears parking lot in Friendly Center for carpooling for the one-hour trip.

► Wear sturdy footwear, and bring a lunch and something to drink.

► Contact Gregg Morris at 883-3270 or gregg.morris@highpointnc.gov if you plan to join us on this trip.

**TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA**

June 2 – 4

*by Julien McCarthy*

**Base Location:** the leaders' 10 acre prop-erty and house on the Bluestone River near Rock, West VA., 3.25 hours from Greens-boro.

**Habitats:** Mountains with mature hard and soft woods, bogs, rivers, streams, fallow fields, active fields, valleys, high altitude.

Activities include: **Pipestem Resort State Park,** and **Foster Falls State Park** on the New River at Poplar Branch in Virginia.

► **Please sign up before 5/15/6!** The first five people to sign up are welcome to stay in the house and will receive breakfast. We rise at 7:00 AM. Carpooling will be of paramount importance!! Bring lunch and drinks!

► There are motels and fabulous camping within 20 minutes of the house.

► Directions will be provided and our maps are very accurate and easy to use. Those leaving on Thursday are welcome to cara-van with us.

► There is a Ryan's restaurant in Princeton that is very reasonably priced and offers a varied menu buffet style. Those willing will assemble there both Friday and Saturday nights for a nice meal together.

► Bring some warm clothing, as tempera-tures will vary from cold evenings and mornings to warm days.

► For more details, contact the trip leaders. Julien McCarthy & Judith Pate 336-656-4774 jmccarthy@demanda1.com

## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Three articles of the Piedmont Bird Club Constitution were amended by unanimous vote of members present at the March meeting. The new provisions are as follows:

### Article III - Membership

**Section 4:** New Members pay full annual dues appropriate to each class of membership. Those who join between January 1 and May 31 will be considered paid through May 31 of the following year.

### Article III – Membership

**Section 6:** Members who have not paid their dues by July 15 shall be notified in writing by the Treasurer that their membership will terminate on August 15 if payment has not been received by that date.

### Article XI - Bylaws

**Section I:** Deleted (pertains to use of the club telescope which is no longer available.)

- Jean Murdick



## HIGH POINT, COLFAX BROCHURE STOCKERS NEEDED

The Membership Committee would be eternally grateful for some assistance stocking PBC brochures at locations in High Point and Colfax. Sites need to be visited at least once, and preferably twice, each year. Please contact Jean Murdick at: lonandjean@triad.rr.com or 852-3952 if you are willing to help.

High Point - Gibson Park -  
Piedmont Environmental Center -  
High Point City Lake Marina -  
Oak Hollow Lake Marina -  
Colfax - Triad Park

- Jean Murdick

## ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE MAY 31 NOTE: SHORTER "GRACE" PERIOD

Piedmont Bird Club Members, remember that EVERYONE'S dues for 2006-2007 are owed by May 31, the end of our fiscal year. Please fill out the Membership Renewal Form at the bottom of this page and either mail it to the Piedmont Bird Club or give it to our Treasurer at the Spring Picnic in May.

Note that according to the recently enacted Constitutional changes, the "grace" period for late dues has been shortened. ONE late notice will be sent to members who have not paid by July 15, and **MEMBERSHIP WILL TERMINATE ON AUGUST 15 IF PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THAT DATE.** This applies to new members, regardless of when they joined, and to old members, regardless of when they paid last year's dues.

**Please don't procrastinate.** Failure to pay dues on time will mean that your name will not appear in the yearbook, and you will no longer receive newsletters or e-mail news.

## Just A Thought

by Janet Morien

Birds and traffic just don't mix. An incident involving a pair of Mallards occurred recently within view of my home. The pair, who frequented the grassy areas in our community, planted themselves in the middle of Friendly Avenue, as the morning rush hour began. Some motorists attempted to scare them out of the road, or avoid them, but eventually the beautiful male was killed. Within two hours, his body was beyond recognition as a bird of any kind.

I thought about this and tried to come to terms with my own feelings, preparing myself to hear comments like "it was just a duck" or "just a Mallard." All birds can do a myriad of things that I, as a human, just can't do. Each and every bird (and every creature) is extraordinary and none of them deserves to be referred to in a sentence as "just a....."

At the KCE Library April 1st, members of our club made a special effort to interest children in birds and to deepen their knowledge by observing and learning about the birds in their environment. I'd like to suggest that we members of the PBC set a positive example, encourage respect and love for all birds and their habitat, and drop the phrase "just a...." from our vocabulary. It seems to me that it's harder to underscore the valuable role that birds play in our quality of life if we selectively de-value those that don't appeal to us for some reason. The birds deserve better!



### PIEDMONT BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

(If you received this Newsletter in the mail, your name and address are already on the label on the other side of this form – only write in information that needs changing, but please add phone and e-mail address, if you have one)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Due July 15)

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Our Fiscal year is from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mail payment to:

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## Calendar

**Reminder:** If you are interested in going on a field trip, always contact the Leader prior to the trip. That way you will be informed of last minute changes, or cancellations, or the Leader may need to modify plans according to the number of attendees.

### April 15 through May 15

**Migrating Spring Bird Watch:** Henry Link will be monitoring the migration of warblers and other birds at Starmount Forest/Hamilton Lakes Park nearly every morning between April 15 and May 15 starting at the intersection of Nutbush Rd. and Starmount Dr. at about 7:30 a.m. Members are invited to join him, but be sure to call him the night before to confirm. 273-4672, linkh@bellsouth.net

### Saturday, May 6

**Spring Bird Count.** Novices are welcome for all or part of the day to count within the designated 15-mile circle. Birding is mostly by car and short hikes. The tally is the next day at 2 p.m. at Herb Hendrickson's house. Compiler: Herb Hendrickson 288-0271, hhendrickson@triad.rr.com; Assignments Coordinator: Elizabeth Link. 273-4672, baddogi@yahoo.com

### Saturday, May 13

**Field Trip: Warblers and other spring migrants, Fisher Park and Starmount Forest/Hamilton Lakes Park;** We will begin the morning at Fisher Park at 7:30 a.m. This old-style city park in a residential area just north of the central business district of Greensboro traditionally has been one of our best spots for Neotropical migrants. Fisher Park Leaders: Carolyn & Don Allen. We will then continue the trip at Starmount Forest/Hamilton Lakes Park. This community-owned, heavily wooded park in a local residential section of Greensboro has become another top spot in the county for Neotropical migrants. Starmount Leaders: Henry & Elizabeth Link. 273-4672, baddogi@yahoo.com, linkh@bellsouth.net

### Saturday, May 20

**SPRING PICNIC, Greensboro Country Park, Shelter #1.** Bird walk, 5:30; dinner, 6:00. Bring a covered dish; beverages will be provided. Parking at the end of the Natural Science Center Parking Lot. More details page 4. Picnic Coordinator: Irene Ade. irenenjosephade@netzero.net

### Saturday, May 27

**Field Trip: Flycatchers in Ashe County and on the New River.** This is an all-day trip to look for Empidonax Flycatchers in the best area for these species near the Triad. Meet at 7:15 a.m. to car pool; contact the leader for the location. Leader: Herb Hendrickson. 288-0271, hhendrickson@triad.rr.com

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More details page 4