

New Hope Audubon Society Newsletter



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CONSERVATION CORNER Renewable Energy Bill Nears Passage

By Tom Outlaw

A controversial renewable energy bill is near passage by the N.C. State legislature. Senate Bill 3, or S3, was introduced in January as a legislative measure developed through a "stakeholder process:" a diverse set of interests including energy companies, environmental advocates, public interest groups, legislators, and state government agencies negotiated over what the bill would contain. Whether S3 is good or bad for North Carolina's environment and its citizens remains a matter of opinion.

Initially, the environmental community was strongly in favor of the bill, particularly the provisions promoting energy conservation and alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power, biomass, and even hog waste. These provisions aligned with the community's goal of reducing reliance on non-renewable and polluting energy sources, including coal and nuclear power.

S3 includes what is referred to as a *renewables portfolio standard*, or RPS. An RPS is a policy set by federal or state government requiring that a percentage of the power supplied by electric utilities come from renewable sources. Twenty-four states currently have an RPS in place, requiring that 10 to 20% of total generated electricity come from renewable sources over the next 10 to 15 years. With the passage of S3, North Carolina would become the first state in the Southeast to have an RPS. Today, less than 2 percent of North Carolina's electricity comes from renewables and efficiency programs. S3 would require that utilities such as Progress and Duke Energy increase that amount to 12.5 percent by 2021.

Despite early support for S3, some environmentalists protest that, unlike many state RPS bills, it contains no penalty for utilities that fail to meet the minimum requirements. Further, S3 caps how much utilities can spend on renewables and efficiency upgrades. Finally, and paradoxically, lobbyists for the power industry added provisions making it easier for utility companies to build new coal and nuclear plants — the technologies an RPS is designed to replace.

The environmental community is divided over whether S3 represents a setback for clean energy or a "baby step" forward based on political pragmatism. The N.C. Sierra Club, for example, strongly opposes several aspects of the bill, especially a provision allowing utilities to charge customers for the costs of building new coal and nuclear plants before those plants come online. This would overturn the existing ban on billing consumers for "construction work in progress" that emerged in the 1980s when consumers were forced to bear the costs of abandoned power plants projects. However, Environmental Defense has praised S3, arguing it is "critical" that the Carolina legislature pass a renewable energy standard this year in an effort to begin the process of making the transition to renewable energy sources. S3 will likely be presented to the Governor for his signature in August.

For more information, visit the following:

sierraclubnc.blogspot.com/

www.dsireusa.org

www.environmentaldefense.org

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S3v4.html>

Handy reminder to cut out and put on your refrigerator: Don't Forget!!

Pick Up your New Hope Audubon Society BIRD SEED and COFFEE

On SATURDAY, November 3, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the

WILD BIRD CENTER EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTER

Conservation Committee News

Great news! NHAS has just assembled a fine team of individuals to work on conservation for the chapter. Carol Ripple and Tom Outlaw, both new board members this year, will preside as co-chairs, and at least 4 other individuals will serve on the committee. The co-chairs will prepare information for our newsletters, and coordinate communication as needed for other members of the committee. The other members will focus on local conservation issues, including local political and other local events of significance; they will attend meetings, collaborate with other agencies or conservations groups as necessary, and disseminate information to the board and membership. Those volunteering in this capacity thus far are:

JD Wilson – Durham County

Shelley Theye – Chatham County

Stewart Pearce – Chatham County

Martha Girolami – Chatham County

Tom Outlaw – Orange County

If you have an interest in specializing in conservation issues in your county, please contact either Carol (ripple622@nc.rr.com) or Tom (tomoutlawdc@aol.com).

New Membership Chair Seeking Volunteers

Karen Olson has volunteered to take on the role of chair for the Membership Committee. It is great to have her competence and vitality return to the chapter, and we look forward to her organizing our recruitment, retention and general membership services effort. After many years with no one coordinating this vital function, I am sure that everyone will greatly appreciate attention to welcoming new members, informing current members of available opportunities within the chapter, and more effectively publicizing NHAS activities within the community. If you would like to join Karen in working on membership, please contact her at karenolson@earthlink.net.

New Field Trip Chair

Linda Gaines has taken on the daunting task of coordinating field trips for New Hope Audubon this year. While she has been provided with some contact names and possibilities for outings, please contact Linda if you have any ideas for field trips. Also, if you are qualified to lead hikes- bird, plant, butterflies, dragonflies, etc.- please let her know by email (lggaines.95@alum.mines.edu).



REI Awards New Hope Audubon \$5,000 in Grant Funds for Eagle Observation Platform Reconstruction at Jordan Lake

by Marsha Stephens

As you may remember from our last newsletter, the Wildlife Observation Platform (also commonly referred to as the Eagle Observation Platform) was destroyed in late April because of a combination of high winds and waves on the lake. Just about simultaneously with the platform collapse, REI actually invited New Hope Audubon to submit a grant for community project work. So, it made perfect sense to write a proposal to ask for funds for reconstructing the platform, upgrading the trail, and revising the trail guide. We will be working with REI, REI members, our membership, as well as any other volunteers within the community to undertake the task of rebuilding.

We also will work cooperatively with relevant agencies as necessary, including the Army Corps of Engineers, NC Wildlife Resources Commission and Parks & Recreation. As you may already know, the site off NC Highway 751 has been closed recently; the NC Wildlife Resources Commission had scheduled a logging project to thin the trees in an area that cuts through the trail. We are awaiting word on the end of this project, so we can get in to make the final assessment and determination for the replacement structure. I hope that we might be able to begin deconstruction and removal of the old platform in mid-September, and then begin building shortly thereafter. An Eagle Scout Project which will consist of building benches along the trail is also planned, with the final date to be determined. We'll have lots of opportunities for you to pitch in and help, so keep tuned to our website — www.newhopeaudubon.org — for more details. There will not be another newsletter out in order to determine exact dates, but you may also contact me at 732-4014 or stephens@mail.fpg.unc.edu. Also, we will publicize dates and times through local radio, television and newspapers. We will need many able-bodied people, as well as vehicles, to assist in this undertaking.

Many thanks to REI for supporting the work to restore our greatly valued Eagle Observation Platform!!!

New Hope Audubon Supports NC Botanical Garden Visitor Center

by Marsha Stephens

NHAS is proud to announce our support for the construction of the new North Carolina Botanical Garden Visitor Education Center. This building will be a sustainable, green building and, upon completion, they will request a LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating, a voluntary Green Building Council Rating System; this will be one of the first LEED Platinum buildings in North Carolina. New Hope Audubon's gift of \$10,000 over a four year period is made in memory of Dr. John K. Terres (1905-2006), former editor of Audubon magazine and author of many works about birds and natural history. Some of our members knew Dr. Terres well, and everyone in our organization appreciates the importance of his book, *From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog: Walking Adventures of a Naturalist*, especially at times when Mason Farm has been in jeopardy. John was a friend of the NC Botanical Garden and a champion of Mason Farm and all of its inhabitants. He delighted in teaching in a way that helped everyone understand and appreciate birds and other wildlife, and the habitats in which they live. We feel it is very appropriate to honor him through this gift. NHAS has had a long history of advocacy for the Garden's lands. Specifically, over the years we have given more than \$30,000 to support the Mason Farm Biological Reserve through our Wildathon fundraiser; this has allowed the Garden to build an endowment that will generate funds for the future. Additionally, for many years NHAS has held their monthly Thursday program meetings at the Botanical Garden's Totten Center. We look forward to convening in the new Visitor Education Center upon its completion.

If you value our long-standing relationship with the North Carolina Botanical Garden and would like to support the chapter's pledge, please send in a contribution to: NHAS, PO Box 2693, Chapel Hill, NC 27515. Make check payable to NHAS. We will pass along these funds to the Botanical Gardens in a consolidated annual payment. Thank you for helping us to support this building effort that will positively impact environmental education and appreciation of nature for not only those of us who live locally, but also those from other parts of North Carolina.

We need to hear from you, please!!! In an effort to keep you more up-to-date, we have several more ways to get out information in addition to the newsletter. Please visit our website (<http://www.newhopeaudubon.org>) which has the most recent information concerning chapter activities. Also, consider joining our Yahoo group, (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/newhopeaudubon>); this is a listserv which provides news via email and which also has a current calendar listing of chapter events. Please let us know if you are interested in joining a listserv that sends out weekly, bi-weekly or monthly reminders, as well as last minutes news of activities. If you are, please send an email to info@newhopeaudubon.org with your preferences for how often you would like to receive emails. Thanks...



Ospreys

By Doug Wakeman, Chatham County

If you like big birds, there's no better place than the waters of Jordan Lake, green though they may be. There are plenty of fish these days (in part because of the overly-abundant nutrients in stormwater & wastewater), and the eagles, herons, egrets, and other fish-eaters are doing well. My favorites are the ever-present ospreys that fill the shoreline trees and the skies. Their piercing cries echo off the hills — I usually hear them before I see them.

But although the overall *Pandion* numbers are good, 2007 seems to be a poor year for osprey reproduction. Careful observation suggests that few nests have succeeded this year. In the central part of the Lake there are about 15 osprey nests that are easily observed from a small boat, and in a typical Spring most of these nests will have chicks either visible or (for the highest nests) audible. This year's observations have yielded positive chick sightings on only 2 of these nests, with a 'probable' sighting on a third. Most days, the other nests have been vacant, or else occupied by a single bird of uncertain gender. Why have the nests failed? With an ample food supply, speculation turns to weather. Bad weather along the migration route can upset the gender balance (the males return first). And, March and April this year made nesting difficult for these tree-top dwellers. Recall that bad storms in March killed eaglets at the Carolina Raptor Center. Then there was the dreadful cold spell around Easter, followed by several weeks of nest-destroying high winds, all of which make it mighty hard to raise a feathered family. The true cause may never be known, but let's hope that it was meteorological flukes, rather than some new systemic threat in the ecosystem. Time will tell.

Robbed in Peru

by Tom Driscoll

This article is a brief account of our robbery in Peru, what we learned that would have helped us, steps you can take to avoid robberies, and steps you take to ease the after effects of the robbery.



In May 2007, we went to Peru for birdwatching and sightseeing. We set up our trip with Kolibri Expeditions (a primarily bird tour company based in Peru). On the second day, we were birding at Pantanos de Villa which is a swamp in a southern section of Lima called Callao, near the airport. When we were putting our stuff in the car with Barbara and the guide already in the car, a car pulled up with two gunmen. They jumped out of the car and stuck a gun to my head and demanded all our money and cameras. They ended up getting all of our optics, passports, money, credit cards, etc. Although we were in a swampy area, there were many cars on the road, onlookers walking by, and apartments behind the swamp. We were very lucky though. When grabbing for our luggage, Barbara yelled "La policia" and she looked down the road acting as if the police were coming. The robbers looked up and took off.

We spent the next two hours on the internet and the phone, looking up phone numbers for banks and credit card companies. We had to cancel all of our accounts. Next time, we travel, we will have all of our credit card, bank and cell phone company international numbers on a sheet of paper and email that information to ourselves. You can access the internet pretty much anywhere even in the jungles of Peru where you can't use credit cards. We did have copies of our passports in our luggage which proved very helpful for the rest of the trip and for obtaining new passports at the US Embassy in Lima. Next time, in addition to copies of our passports, we will email pdf files to of our passport to ourselves in case everything is stolen.

Don't keep all your money in one place. Normally we spread it around, but this time we had not done that. The thieves patted me down and looked through all my pockets for money, etc.. However, they didn't look in my shoes or my belt. They even took my wedding ring and a cheap ring Barbara wears when out of the country. I will probably buy a money belt; although they anticipated that when they patted us down. Moneybelts are more helpful in avoiding pick pockets. I would not hide all of my money because, I am worried what might have happened if we didn't have any money for them. Our credit card company got us a new credit card in 5 days, and wired us cash. Make sure your credit card company provides this service. We decided that Barbara would carry the credit card because the thieves didn't bother her much during the robbery. Maybe, it is because women don't carry much money in Peru.

We spent two hours at the police department getting a police report. We recommend that if you don't speak the language, bring an interpreter. I speak Spanish fairly well, but I could not describe the event in Spanish. Although we don't expect to get any of our optics back, we did need the police report for our insurance company and to get new passports. We have a personal articles rider on our homeowners policy with no deductible for all of our optics. This rider served us well and we would recommend insuring your optics, as homeowners insurance doesn't cover most of this. In fact, if you have several computers at home, nice pieces of jewelry or antiques, you may want to look into a similar type of policy. They are fairly cheap around \$200/year depending on how much you have. Normally, we purchase trip insurance, and this time we just didn't. That would have also helped with emergency cash, and if everything had been stolen covering expenses for getting home. This is also relatively cheap compared to what you spend on most vacations.

We learned from our guide and later from other guides from different birding companies that this area is considered very dangerous and most don't bring clients to birdwatch at this site anymore. We also learned that Kolibri Expeditions had had some clients robbed there before, and because they didn't inform us the place was dangerous and some other reasons we would not recommend them. Next time, we will ask birding companies about the more dangerous areas, and we will demand that we avoid them.

We may go back to Peru, but we will be more careful. The rest of the trip was very nice and uneventful; although the robbery definitely put a damper on the vacation. This is the type of thing that can happen in any large city anywhere in the world, and certainly in the US.

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Feeder Watch

It's the middle of August now and some birds are harder to see. You may have noticed that bird activity has decreased at your feeders and the birds seem most active very early or late in the day, when the temperatures are cooler. Except for finches and catbirds, birds are generally singing less too. Although the temperatures are hot and the birds are less active, they are still eating a lot of sunflower seeds and suet at our house. The regulars, such as chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, House Finches, and woodpeckers are still eating a lot here. We are adding suet to three feeders every three days. Because our regular brand of suet easily melts, we are using a "no melt" kind that appears to be just as tasty to the birds. Also, we started putting a suet feeder on a tree because it is easier for some birds to access. Because squirrels can get to this feeder, we began using pepper-laced suet that deters squirrels and not birds. It works well. In addition, our hummingbirds are still here and defending the feeders. Are they still feeding at your house?

Another reason that bird activity has decreased is that some of the birds have finished raising their broods and have forced their offspring to leave. Except for our House Wrens, all the bird houses are empty. However, some babies are still being fed and we can hear them whining for food. Have you noticed how different they look, compared to their parents? The juveniles are usually duller and they look somewhat like females (in some species). Juveniles of most species don't obtain adult plumage until their second year, although some hawks and eagles take four years to grow into adult plumage. Also, now and in the next two months, some of our backyard birds will be molting. That is, they will be shedding their old feathers and growing in new feathers. In some cases, the birds look unhealthy, and even bald, but they can still fly and forage for food.

Migration is starting for some warblers and other birds. Be on the look out! Some of our birds will be migrating south in September, so look for them in your yard. However, most of the migrants are not feeder birds. If you want to report interesting bird observations or have questions, please contact me at bttdriscoll@bellsouth.net and I will answer your question in this column. Keep birding!

Adopt a Highway

by Phil Johnson

Hay grand and always helpful GANG!!!!!!! Next pickemupper scheduled for the 15th of September. I pray that most of you rascals can make it !!!

Saturday, June, 16 a very reasonable [weatherwise] day!!! Attending = JD Wilson, Martha and Roy Girolami, Patsy Bailey, John Suhrbier and our one and only, Ole workhorse, Tom Driscoll!!!!!!! Fourteen bags collected in two hours. I am so very much appreciative.....

A Triangle Naturalist's Almanac

Patrick Coin

Thread-Waisted Wasps—Delicate Hunters

Most wasps have thin "wasp waists", but one group carries this to such an extreme that it is given the name "thread-waisted". Though they appear delicate, they are efficient predators of caterpillars much larger than themselves. Humans encounter them most frequently, however, as they take nectar from early fall flowers.



The thread-waisted wasps, are a family (Sphecidae) in the order Hymenoptera, which includes bees, wasps, and ants. This essay is restricted to the genus *Ammophila* and its close relatives in the Sphecidae. These are delicate, slender wasps with mostly black bodies and an extremely long and thin "wasp waist", called a *petiole*. The several members of genus *Ammophila* are recognizable by the abdomen patterned distinctly in orange and black. *Ammophila* means "sand-loving", and these wasps are found nesting in bare soil. Even more common is the related *Eremnophila aureonotata*, the sole North American representative of its genus. This species is black with attractive silver/gold highlights on its body. *Eremnophila* is from Greek *eremnos*, meaning dark, referring to the coloration. The species name, *aureonotata*, means "marked with gold". Though *Ammophila* and its relatives can sting, like most solitary wasps they are not aggressive unless molested.

Both *Ammophila* and *Eremnophila* may be found taking nectar on flowers, where mating also occurs. After mating, females dig a burrow in bare soil. This is then sealed with a pebble and dirt, and the female flies off in search of prey. She returns to the same nest site up to several days later with a caterpillar. (An orientation behavior on leaving ensures that she remembers the site.) The burrow is unsealed, the paralyzed prey placed inside, and an egg laid on or near it. She then closes the nest, never to return. Sometimes the female uses a pebble to tamp down the soil covering the nest entrance. This behavior has been termed tool use, though it is stereotyped and inflexible, unlike tool use in vertebrates.

Look for thread-waisted wasps taking nectar on summer and fall flowers in old fields and gardens. Watch areas of bare soil near woodlands as well, where one will sometimes see the females running rapidly over the ground. At dusk on cool evenings in fall, examine tall garden vegetation for "sleeping" wasps. In this odd behavior, the wasp perches near the top of a stem and clasps it tightly with its mandibles, then remains motionless for the night. I have found both *Ammophila* and *Eremnophila* sleeping through the night on goldenrods in my garden.

For further information on thread-waisted wasps, see: Evans, *Wasp Farm*; and bugguide.net.



Festifall 2007. New Hope Audubon will once again have a booth at Festifall, October 7, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. on West Franklin Street in Downtown Chapel Hill. If you would like to assist with set up/break down of our canopy and displays, or in providing conservation and environmental education materials, please contact Marsha Stephens at 732-4014 or stephens@mail.fpg.unc.edu. It's a lot of fun, and a great way to support Audubon.

New Hope Audubon Society Calendar of Activities

9/1/07 - Bird Walk to Local Hot Spot with Cynthia Fox, owner of Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center, Chapel Hill. Meet at the store at 7:55 a.m. and return to the store by 10:00 a.m. Carpools leave from the store.

9/6/07 - Potluck Membership Meeting – North Carolina Botanical Gardens – 6:30 p.m.

9/8/07 – Stream Watch – 8 a.m. Trip Leader: John Kent - 933-5650

9/15/07 – Adopt A Highway – Stagecoach Road. – Trip Leader Phil Johnson.

9/15/07 - Tom Driscoll will lead a **Bird Walk** to a to be determined destination in the Triangle. Meet at the Mardi Gras Bowling Alley parking lot at 7 a.m. and we will look for fall migrants. Bring hiking shoes and water, we should be out 3 hours or so. Beginners and non-members welcome!

9/22/07 - Bird Walk to Local Hot Spot with Cynthia Fox, owner of Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center, Chapel Hill. Meet at the store at 7:55 a.m. and return to the store by 10:00 a.m. Carpools leave from the store.

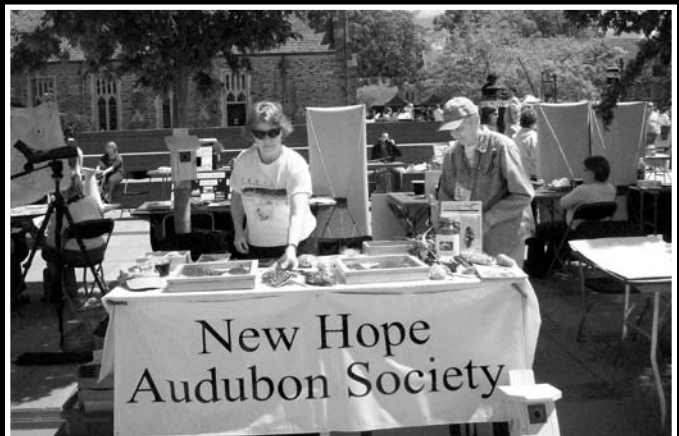
10/4/07 - Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Hummingbird Banding in Costa Rica – North Carolina Botanical Gardens

10/6/07 - Bugs and Botany. Patrick Coin will lead a trip to a local Triangle nature hot spot (to be determined at rendezvous) in search of fall butterflies, other insects, and wildflowers. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot adjacent to Mardi Gras Bowling, 6118 Farrington Road Chapel Hill (off of Highway 54 at the intersection with I-40). Bring water, binoculars, bug spray, and attire suitable for tromping through brushy trails. We should return at about 1:00 p.m.

10/6/07 - Stream Watch 9:00 a.m. - John Kent Leader - 933-5650

10/10/07 - Movies *Oil on Ice* and *French Fries to Go* – Chapel Hill Public Library – large meeting room.

PAST NHAS FIELD TRIPS AND FESTIVALS



2007-2008 Membership Programs

by Tom Driscoll

We have exciting programs set for the New Hope Audubon Society's 2007-2008 membership meetings. We will host talks on a variety of natural history and environmental topics from "Salamanders of North Carolina" to "Wildlife in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge". For more information on the topics and speakers, see the table below.

Remember, we meet at the North Carolina Botanical Gardens' Totten Center on the first Thursday of each month, September through May. The meetings start at 7 p.m. with refreshments and greetings followed by some Audubon chapter business. The speakers usually begin around 7:45 p.m. and last for an hour or so. Please note that the September meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a pot luck dinner and then followed by a slide show presented by attendees. For the dinner, please bring a dish or food to share with others. For the slide show please bring 10 or so of your favorite slides of the past year of nature or environmental pictures to present. We will have a slide projector and a laptop with a digital projector for your presentation. I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. All, including non or former Audubon members, are welcome!!

2007-08 New Hope Audubon Society Speakers

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September 6, 2007	Pot Luck Dinner and Slides	Membership	btdriscoll@bellsouth.net
October 4, 2007	Hummingbird Banding in Costa Rica	Lisabeth Curtis	granda.curtis@gmail.com
November 1, 2007	Ornitho-Arbiculture: Creating Niches while Caring for Urban Trees	Guy Meilleur	meilleur7045@earthlink.net
December 6, 2007	Galapagos – Wildlife Up Close	Linda Gaines	lggaines.95@alum.mines.edu
January 3, 2008	Geology of the Central NC Piedmont	Kenny Gay	Kenny.Gay@ncmail.net
February 7, 2008	Salamanders of NC	Jeff Beane	jeff.beane@ncmail.net
March 6, 2008	Insects of Central North Carolina	Patrick Coin	nature@cotinis.com
April 3, 2008	Stream Bugs: NC Benthic Macroinvertebrates	Trish Finn MacPherson, NCDWQ	trish.macpherson@ncmail.net
May 1, 2008	Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	Taldi Walter, Alaska Field Coordinator National Audubon Society	twalter@audubon.org

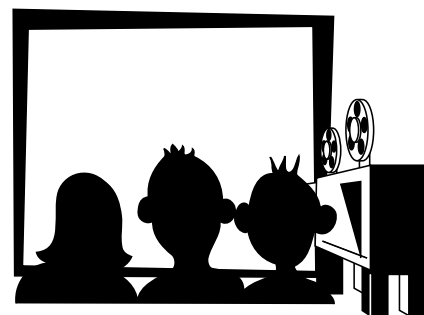
Films Sponsored by the Sierra Club and NHAS

The New Hope Audubon Society and the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club Group are working collaboratively to offer their memberships the opportunity to view two energy-related films to increase public awareness of energy issues within our country. NHAS and OCG are jointly sponsoring this free viewing of two great films on Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive (off Estes Drive). The meeting is open to all members, as well as the public. We will gather in the large meeting room downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for a few refreshments, watch the films, and then have time for discussion following. The two selections are:

Oil On Ice – A story of the Gwich'in people taking on global energy interests to prevent invasive oil operations in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's fragile caribou calving grounds. (50 minutes)

French Fries to Go – A funny short film that documents the origins of Telluride, Colorado's Biodiesel project. (15 minutes)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marsha Stephens at 732-4014 (stephens@mail.fpg.unc.edu).



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Bird Seed Sale!

Bird Friendly Coffee!



It's time for the annual New Hope Audubon Society Bird Seed Sale. We are again offering bird-friendly Sanctuary Coffee™ from the folks at Counter Culture Coffee for those who can only lift their binoculars after they've hoisted a cup of caffeine.

First the basics... Fill out the ORDER FORM on the other side of this page. Remember, the NHAS bird seed sale happens only once per year, so order enough seed to last through the entire winter. Remember, order enough coffee to help you face that snow with a smile on your face. Fill out the order form and send it WITH A CHECK FOR THE FULL AMOUNT to:

JUDY MURRAY
New Hope Audubon Society Bird Seed Sale
406 Holly Lane
Chapel Hill NC 27517

Please have those order forms and checks in by OCTOBER 15, 2007.

Next, cut out the handy reminder on page 1 of the newsletter and put it on your refrigerator, reminding you to come to the Wild Bird Center (Eastgate Shopping Center, Chapel Hill) on **Saturday, November 3, 2007 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to PICK UP YOUR ORDER.** A cadre of volunteers will be on hand to help you load your seed & coffee into your car.

If you live in Ferrington Village, Carolina Meadows or Carol Woods, a smiling NHAS volunteer will DELIVER your order to your door. We also deliver to any elderly or handicapped person – please draw a map to your house and include it with your order form.



