



## Bird Outings and Field Trips

New Hope Audubon volunteers lead bird outings throughout the year, usually on weekends or Wednesdays. The outings are listed on our website home page and social media. We welcome individuals or families from beginning to advanced birders. The outings are fun, exciting, and educational and allow opportunities to meet others interested in connecting with nature. Periodically we host field trips to North Carolina sites such as the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lake Mattamuskeet and the Outer Banks, and out-of-state sites such as Huntington Beach State Park in South Carolina. These trips are announced in advance and posted on our web site and social media. We support the inclusion of all who are interested in birding by having some outings at local sites that are more accessible for people with physical challenges.

## How to Help

You can support New Hope Audubon in a variety of ways including becoming a member, volunteering for committees or projects, making a donation, or creating a bird friendly habitat. We sell nest boxes and have an annual Fall Bird Seed Sale for fund raising. All profits go toward fulfilling our mission to promote the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems. For more information, go to the How to Help menu on our website home page.

## Membership

New Hope Audubon Society is a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. Members of the National Audubon Society who live in Durham, Orange, or northern Chatham counties and parts of surrounding counties are automatically members of the New Hope Audubon Society. Join our group at: [www.newhopeaudubon.org/membership](http://www.newhopeaudubon.org/membership)

## Membership Meetings

Educational meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through May. All are welcome, members and non-members alike. A short time for socializing and a brief chapter business meeting precede the program which begins at 7:30 p.m. Topics cover a broad range including birds, butterflies, botany, conservation, and habitat preservation. Meeting topics and locations are announced on the home page of our website.



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Visit our website for a calendar of current events, detailed information about our programs and how to get involved, links to resources, and interesting blog articles.



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# New Hope Audubon Society

Our mission is to promote the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems, focusing on Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties in North Carolina.





# NEW HOPE AUDUBON

## About Us

New Hope Audubon is an independent chapter of the National Audubon Society, serving Durham, Orange, northern Chatham, and parts of surrounding counties in central North Carolina. New Hope Audubon strives to protect birds, wildlife, and their local habitats through conservation, advocacy, education, creating bird friendly habitat, community science, and outdoor enjoyment.

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Just as biodiversity strengthens natural systems, the diversity of human experience strengthens our conservation efforts for the benefit of nature and all human beings.

Respect, inclusion, and opportunity for people of all backgrounds, lifestyles, and perspectives will attract the best ideas and harness the greatest passion to shape a healthier, more vibrant future for all of us who share our planet. New Hope Audubon Society is committed to advancing the goals of equity, diversity, and inclusion within NHAS leadership, volunteers, and activities through building EDI knowledge and skills of chapter members; working to develop and strengthen relationships with diverse groups and partners; and helping to integrate EDI values in chapter culture and programs.



## Conservation

New Hope Audubon aims to be a strong conservation leader in our community. We seek to protect, conserve, and restore the Piedmont's rich biodiversity and natural landscapes. We combine our efforts with other local conservation organizations to protect the few remaining natural areas and save them from development. We help conserve and increase nesting habitat for threatened and endangered species such as Chimney Swifts, Eastern Bluebirds, Purple Martins, and Brown-headed Nuthatches.

## Advocacy

New Hope Audubon advocates for local environmental issues, and we join with Audubon NC and National Audubon to advocate for their action alerts and priorities. We promote and participate in Audubon NC's annual Advocacy Day where we meet with our state legislators.

## Education

New Hope Audubon is committed to fostering informed stewardship of birds, other wildlife, and the environment. We offer family bird outings and sponsor speakers throughout the year. We collaborate with local community organizations and libraries on national and seasonal programs such as FeederWatch and the Great Backyard Bird Count. Ongoing projects include developing curricula and programs for camps and schools and developing educational signage for local nature preserves.



## Bird Friendly Habitat

This special program of New Hope Audubon seeks to restore native plant habitat and reduce the pressure from invasive plants through education and direct intervention. We are educating people and communities about the benefits of using native plants, the necessity of removing invasive plants, and other steps they can take to make their towns and property more bird friendly. Our goal is to create Bird Friendly properties and communities, a goal we share with National Audubon and Audubon NC. Sign up on our website to start the process to have your property certified as a Bird-Friendly Habitat at: [newhopeaudubon.org/bird-friendly-habitat](http://newhopeaudubon.org/bird-friendly-habitat)

## Community Science

New Hope Audubon leads or participates in a number of community science projects including Feeder Watch, Climate Watch, Stream Watch, and several bird counts. Bird counts include quarterly Eagle Counts at Jordan Lake, local Christmas and Spring Bird Counts, and Mini-Breeding Bird Surveys. Members also participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count and with the Chapel Hill Library in Cornell Labs' Project Feeder Watch program. Climate Watch is a program organized by the National Audubon Society to collect data to document how birds are responding to climate change and shifting their ranges. It occurs twice a year.