

Lower Neuse Bird Club

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Fall Migrants Show at Glenburnie Quarry

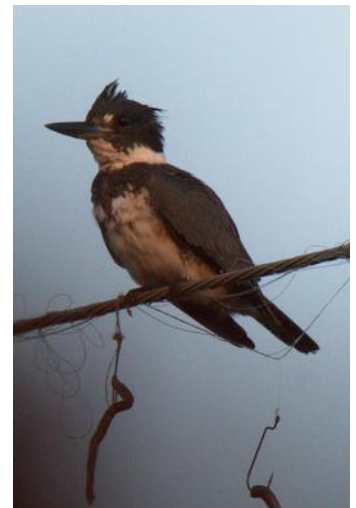
by Michael Cheves

Fall migration is underway, and if you're up for the 4-mile hike around the reservoir at Martin Marietta Park (AKA "The Quarry"), you'll see signs of it all around you as you hike the trails.

Club members identified a combined total of 65 different species during the walks on 9/21/19 and 9/28/19. Fall is one of the best times of the year to watch warblers, as they are in the midst of a feeding frenzy and some birds aren't quite as shy as they normally are. It is exciting to watch a Cape May Warbler feeding in a juniper tree, knowing that in a few weeks it will be hundreds of miles south from NC, if its flight is safely completed.

If you missed the past two weeks, there is one more opportunity to join the club at Marietta Park. The First Saturday bird walk for October will be **Saturday, October 5 at 7:15 AM**. Please be timely and meet at the gate. If you need directions, please email lowerneusebirdclub@gmail.com

See Page # in this issue for photos and the complete list of species from the past two Saturdays!



Belted Kingfisher near parking area at Marietta Park
by Michael Cheves 9/28/19

October Meeting – Tuesday, October 1

Please join us for our monthly meeting this Tuesday, October 1, in the Ministry Center of Garber United Methodist Church. Refreshments and socialization will be from 6:30-7:00 PM, and the meeting will be at 7:00 PM with Wade Fuller serving as chairperson for the evening. Our keynote speaker will be Hugo Cobos (rescheduled from September), wildlife biologist for the US Forest Service. Mr. Cobos will speak on the subject of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, and their relation with the Croatan National Forest where he has done much of his field work.

Refreshments will be provided by Sally Rowe

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Saturday Field Trips

Mark your calendars with the following dates for this season's bird walks. Most trips end by noon and do not require much walking. Remember to bring your binoculars, scopes, field guides, insect repellent, rain gear, snacks and water.



Unless otherwise announced, all trips depart from the parking lot of the Bridge Pointe Hotel in New Bern at 7 AM sharp. Carpools can be arranged as we meet up. The planned destination may be changed at the last minute if a special sighting or different location gives us a better opportunity for birding. Information will be updated with each newsletter.

- October 5: New Bern Quarry (Migratory warblers)
- November 2: Simmons Street Wetlands Project, New Bern
- November 12-13: Pea Island NWR*
- December 7: Pamlico County/Oriental
- January 4: New Bern ponds (ducks and winter birds)
- February 1: Lake Mattamuskeet
- March 7: Fort Macon SP
- April 4: Croatan National Forest (spring migrants/warblers)
- May 2: Beaufort County (Henslow's Sparrow)
- May 16: Camp Brinson (Black-throated Green/breeding warblers)*
- June 6: North River Wetlands Preserve (Dickcissel)

* = *bonus trip*

New Rare Bird Alert App

courtesy of Craig Watson/Carolina Bird Club

Birders in North & South Carolina have a new resource for discovering rare bird sightings in their region. The Carolina Bird Club is sponsoring a new Rare Bird Alert for South Carolina on the GroupMe mobile messaging platform. To join, follow this link:

https://groupme.com/join_group/52879351/5PT34NjX

This link will guide you through setting up a GroupMe account if you don't have one, and you may wish to download the app for your phone or device. Also, pay attention to the instruction to post at least one initial message, so you will be recognized as a member of the group and continue to receive alerts.

The link to join the North Carolina GroupMe Rare Bird Alert (*not* sponsored by CBC) is: https://groupme.com/join_group/44042177/tdYiPA

Communication in these groups is either via text message or through the app. To cut down on distractions, it is requested that you limit communications to sharing timely location and presence information on chaseable "good" or rare birds.

GroupMe is a mobile group messaging app first launched by Microsoft in 2010. It is available for iOS, Android, Windows Phone, and Windows 10.



LNBC Membership Dues

With the start of the new program year, it is time once again to pay your annual membership dues. Lower Neuse Bird Club dues are \$15 per person and cover the program year from September 2019 to May 2020.

Your dues provide for our room rental, monthly programs and field trips, our newsletter, our holiday party and any additional projects and donations undertaken by the club.

Dues may be paid at a monthly meeting, or you may send them directly to:

Christine Stoughton Root
LNBC Treasurer
651 Quail Road
Merritt, NC 28556



Checks should be payable to LNBC

Additional Birding Opportunities

The birding opportunities in the Carolinas are too many to list on a single page! In addition to the planned LNBC and CBC trips, here are some more dates to mark on your calendars:

- Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival: Oct. 15-20, 2019
Birding in six national wildlife refuges, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Jockey's Ridge State Park, and more!
Keynote speaker: Julie Zickefoose (writer & editor for Bird Watcher's Digest)
Visit <https://www.wingsoverwater.org/> for information & registration
- WOW Encore: Dec. 6-8, 2019
- Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for Morehead City: Dec. 15, 2019
- CBC for New Bern: Dec. 16, 2019
- CBC for Pamlico County: Dec. 17, 2019

New Members



The Lower Neuse Bird Club would like to welcome returning member Theresa Hill. Ms. Hill has also signed up her daughter Kimberly to be a member of LNBC. Both are residents of New Bern. A warm welcome to our newest members! Thank you to Ms. Hill and her daughter for their support!

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Quarry Checklist: 21st and 28th September, 2019

*denotes 21st only

**denotes 28th only

Canada Goose	Belted Kingfisher	House Finch**
Wood Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Towhee
Pied-billed Grebe	Downy Woodpecker	Bobolink*
Rock Pigeon	Northern Flicker	Eastern Meadowlark*
Mourning Dove	Merlin*	Orchard Oriole*
Chimney Swift*	White-eyed Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Red-eyed Vireo	Common Grackle
Dunlin*	Blue Jay	Brown-headed Cowbird*
Lesser Yellowlegs*	American Crow*	Black-and-white Warbler
Laughing Gull	Fish Crow	Tennessee Warbler
Ring-billed Gull*	Carolina Chickadee	Common Yellowthroat
Herring Gull*	Tufted Titmouse	American Redstart
Great Black-backed Gull*	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Cape May Warbler
Forster's Tern	House Wren*	Northern Parula
Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Wren	Magnolia Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Marsh Wren	Yellow Warbler
Great Egret*	European Starling	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Green Heron	Gray Catbird	Palm Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Brown Thrasher	Yellow-throated Warbler
Osprey	Northern Mockingbird	Prairie Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	Eastern Bluebird*	Northern Cardinal
Red-shouldered Hawk*	American Robin	--



Photos from Marietta Park/The Quarry

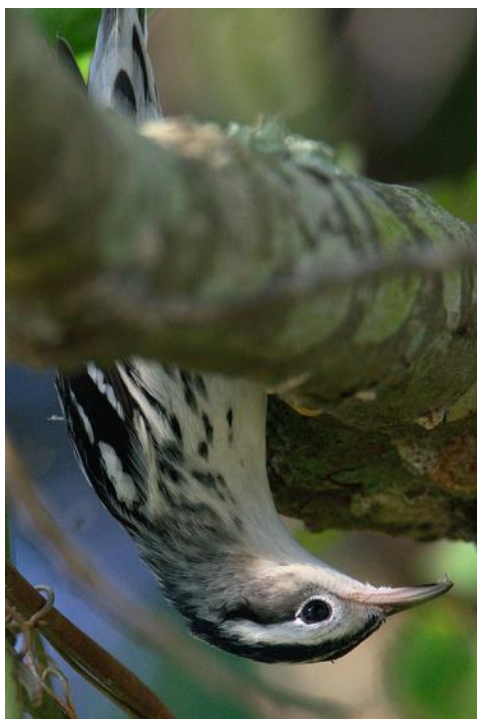
Great Horned Owl, by Michael Cheves



Magnolia Warbler (c) Michael Cheves



*Yellow Warbler (c) Ronnie Hewlette
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*Cape May Warbler (c) Michael Cheves, above
Black-and-white Warbler (c) Michael Cheves, left*