



News from AAS' Education Desk!

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Our mission is to protect Georgia's birds through education, conservation and advocacy. It then seems that education is therefore paramount to all of our endeavors. Education is a human right that develops knowledge, skill and character in individuals. As we step into a new decade with AAS, we hope to inspire each of you to expand your minds and learn everything you can about the natural world. Be excited. Keep learning. Pass on the enthusiasm.

Stay tuned for more opportunities like monthly children's programs and "just for youth" workshops. They're coming your way!

All workshops, unless otherwise stated, are held at the AAS Education Office at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve, 4055 Roswell Rd., Atlanta, GA 30342

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

You may pay by credit card or by sending a check to the address above. Your payment confirms your reservation. To register or for more information contact Emily Toriani-Moura at 678.973.2437 or AtlantaAudubonEd@gmail.com

WORKSHOPS: BIRDS, NATURE, AND MORE

SHOREBIRD WORKSHOP March 14 & May 15-16

This exciting two-part workshop consists of a class session and a weekend field trip to the Georgia coast.

AAS's resident ornithologist, Georgann Schmalz will present the class session from 2:00-4:00 PM at the AAS Education Center.

The weekend field trip will be led by Brad Winn and Tim Keyes, wildlife biologists with the Department of Natural Resources, and Lydia Thompson, a coastal naturalist and artist.

Friends of AAS: \$145
NAS assigned: \$170
Non-members: \$195

WETLAND PLANTS April, Date & Time TBD

What to remove and what to plant when it comes to quality wetland plants for wildlife? These questions will be answered in this two-part workshop on invasive plants in the Georgia Piedmont.

The class session will be led by Henning von Schmelting, in the muck and in the greenhouse.

The field trip will be hands on training at Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve that will teach you how to safely remove invasive species and to manage for beneficial native plant species.

Please visit our website for more details.

WARBLER WORKSHOP Late March & May 22-23

This is a fun and informative two-part workshop consisting of a class session and a weekend field trip.

The 2 1/2 hour class session will be taught by our warbler authority, Giff Beaton, at the AAS Education Center, 3:00-5:30 PM.

The weekend field trip will be led by Theresa Hartz and Leslie Curran in the north Georgia Mountains, where it is possible to see more than 20 species of warblers!

Friends of AAS: \$135
NAS assigned: \$160
Non-members: \$185

TREE IDENTIFICATION May 27, 6:00-8:30 PM

Have you ever been with a group of fellow birders and missed the chance of a lifetime to see that rare bird perched on the limb of the...what kind of tree was that?

Tree identification requires the same skills as those used in pattern recognition in birding. Learning this will help you to find birds more easily and understand why they are where they are.

Chris Showalter, Fernbank Science Center's ornithologist, will lead this great class on tree identification. Come learn something new!

Please visit our website for more details.

AND FOR THE ARTIST IN YOU

EXPLORING NATURE THROUGH ART SATURDAY DRAWING WORKSHOP SERIES

With Atlanta Artist Carol Sutherland

2/13...3/20...4/10

Saturdays, 10 AM- 3 PM

Learn more about birds and the natural world by close observation and drawing during these basic black and white drawing workshops.

Drawing is a skill that everyone can learn and having a highly-skilled instructor like Carol can speed up the process.

Friends of AAS: \$85 per class
\$240 for all three

Non-members: \$95 per class
\$250 for all three

SCULPTING BIRDS FROM CONCEPT TO FINISH

With Wildlife Sculptor Chris Wilson

JUNE 19

Chris, a talented artist, has received inspiration for his works from his meditations on the work and travels of his ancestor William Bartram. Come learn about his creative thought process and create your own bird model to take home!

See website for more details.

Atlanta Audubon Speaker Series—January thru June

AAS holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Our meetings are a fun opportunity to meet others that share similar interests and to learn about a variety of topics and conservation issues. We begin with brief announcements, followed by a featured guest. After the speaker's presentation, there is always time to snack and chat. All meetings are free and open to the public. Free parking is available on site.

Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM

Location:

AAS Education Office at
Blue Heron Nature Preserve

TREES ATLANTA

FEBRUARY 18

The Atlanta Beltline
Arboretum: What's in
Store for 2010?

The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum is a unique collection of trees located on the 22 mile Atlanta Beltline. The Arboretum is distinctive in its linear expanse, neighborhood connectivity, and relationship to the proposed Beltline. It provides a living corridor for research, education and native wildlife. Join us this evening as **Robby Astrove**, Trees Atlanta Program Coordinator, talks about the BeltLine and Arboretum basics and how AAS and Trees Atlanta are partnering on bird-friendly projects including habitat restoration, environmental education, and community outreach. We guarantee that you will walk away with information about a unique project in this urban city!



MARCH—NO SPEAKER SERIES

Instead, we will be congratulating the winners of the **2010 Atlanta Audubon Society Photography Contest!**



APRIL 15

Georgia Ornithological
Society: An Overview



The Georgia Ornithological Society's (GOS) mission is to encourage the scientific study of birds by gathering and disseminating information on Georgia bird life. GOS actively promotes bird conservation by encouraging the preservation of habitats that are vital to the survival of resident and migratory birds. The GOS also gives scholarships, produces scientific publications, and provides fellowship among those interested in nature.

GOS is one of many bird conservation organizations working in the state of Georgia. How does it differ from other organizations and how can you benefit from and support its activities? Come hear what **Bob Sargent**, GOS President, has to say about the organization and its mission.

MAY 13

Conservation Planning for At-Risk Species

Chuck Hunter, USFWS

Ken Meyer, Avian Research & Conservation
Institute, University of Florida



Chuck and Ken have collaborated on conservation projects for many rare and at-risk species that lack the attention of listed species. These projects include studying the basic ecology and behavior of species such as Swallow-tailed Kites, Short-tailed Hawks, and White-crowned Pigeons. In doing so, the information that they have learned illuminated a threat or limiting factor. Come listen to how they address these risks through conservation planning.

JUNE 17

Life in the Dark:
Biodiversity in Odd Places



Life forms eek out a living in the darkest reaches of our planet's biosphere. Most folks do not realize how many habitable places there are on Earth with little or no light. **Danté Fenolio**, Amphibian Conservation Biologist at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, will share his new "coffee table" book covering all forms of wildlife that live most or all of their lives in the dark. There will be something for everyone in this talk, ranging from rare mammals to deep sea fish to insects found nearly 100 feet above the Madagascan forest floor!



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