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Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2011

When/Where: 7:15 PM/refreshments; 7:30/Meeting
The lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner
of Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Dr., behind
University Mall, Chapel Hill.

Who: Dr. Rob Bierregaard
 from the
 Biology Department of UNC Charlotte,

will be speaking about

What: Sex (And Barred Owls, and
 Mice)
 And the City:

Barred Owls in Rural and Suburban Habitats

This had been our scheduled program for March, but Dr Bierregaard had a last-minute conflict and had to reschedule the program for this month. Folks who heard Dr. Bierregaard's talk last year about "**Satellite Telemetry Studies of Osprey Migration and Ecology**" know what a great speaker he is. To see further information about this fascinating program, see the posting of last month's Bulletin at
<http://chbc.carolinanature.com/b1103.pdf>

Norm Budnitz Saves the Day

When we had to adjust at the last minute, Norm Budnitz, our scheduled speaker for April, was able to present his wonderful talk on Madagascar early at our March meeting.

Norm, the President of New Hope Audubon Society, recently revisited Madagascar, the site of his research on lemurs forty years ago. He gave us a wonderful view of the country, its geography, flora, fauna (and birds), and its gracious people.

If you missed this program, I hope Norm will be presenting the talk in the area in the future. Norm has our thanks for his flexibility and his ability to come to our last-minute rescue.

Spring Bird Counts Start

The Spring Counts are an important part of the information we gather on the birds in our area. Help is much appreciated!

Here's Will Cook's note to CHBC birders.

“Our annual Spring Bird Count is set for Saturday, **May 7th**. Please let me know if you're interested in helping count some birds this year.

Beginners are welcome and will be paired with more experienced counters if possible. It great fun and a great way to learn your birds better! Backyard counters are welcome, too.

Just send me an email if you can help out and please let me know if you have a preferred area.

More information about the count:
<http://chbc.carolinanature.com/>

Thanks!
 Will “

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the area and our birds!

Saturday Field Trips

The next to the last Field Trip of the year was on April 16, and, in Doug’s absence, was led by Bruce Young. The **last field trip** of the season will be a trip on the morning of April 23rd. Doug Shadwick will lead. Here’s a recent e-mail from Doug:

“My weekend continues to evolve. I will be here on Saturday (the 21st) and we can go on another field trip. I plan to be out longer this weekend - at least until the early afternoon.

We will revisit some locations we have gone to in the spring (Old

HopeValley Farm Road, Stagecoach Road, Big Woods Road) and some different

sites (New Hope Waterfowl Impoundment for example). Almost all of our breeding birds should be in place and this is usually a good weekend for transient birds.

I plan to start at 6AM at the gate on Old Hope Valley Farm Road for night birds (Whip-poor-wills, owls) and meet the group at Glen Lennox at 7:30 AM as usual. Depending on weather, etc., I may end the day on Dairyland Road to look for Bobolinks, Grasshopper Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, etc.

Come if you have a chance.

Doug”

Field Trips will resume at the end of August or the beginning of September. For further details, check the website <http://chbc.carolinanature.com>, or call Doug Shadwick at 942-0479.

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