The BULLETIN... Chapel Hill Bird Club

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Meeting: Monday, May 23, 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: David & Judy Smith

What: Birding and Animal Observation in Botswana

Our own Chapel Hill Bird Club members, (President and Vice President) David and Judy Smith, love to travel to exotic places for birdwatching, and they return with photos of the birds and animals they have seen. In September of 2010, they spent two weeks on a tour of Botswana in southern Africa, mostly camping in national parks. They will show bustards, hornbills, and rollers, as well as (of course) lions, leopards, and elephants. Join us on Monday, May 23, to hear about this wonderful place and about the bird and animal treasures it holds.

Saturday Field Trips

Field trips are over until the Fall. They will resume at the end of August or beginning of September, depending on conditions. Check the website at http://chbc.carolinanature.com/ or contact Doug Shadwick at 919-942-0479 or dougshadwick@nc.rr.com.



Leopard Photo by David Smith



Lilac-breasted Roller Photo by David Smith

A BIG Thank You to the Following Folks:

Speakers:

September – **Nathan Swick** - e-Bird and the future of Citizen Science

October – **Karen & Joe Bearden** – Birding and Sight-seeing in the West by Train and Rental Car November – **Rebecca Cope** – Yates Mill County Park

January – **John Connors** – Chimney Swifts and People: Past, Present, and Future

February – **Jessica Stocking & Tracy Borneman** – Current Research with Oystercatchers of the North Carolina Coast

March – **Norm Budnitz** – Madagascar, Flora and Fauna Forty Years Later (Norm also **Saved The Day**, by speaking on 3 hours notice!)

April – **Rob Bierregaard** – Sex (and Barred Owls and Mice) and the City: Barred Owls in Rural and Suburban Habitats

May- **David & Judy Smith** – Birding and Animal Watching in Botswana

Providers of Refreshments:

Karen Piplani, Karen Bearden, Laurie Kucharik, Julia Shields, Ruth Roberson, Tom Driscoll

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Vice President: Judy Smith Secretary: Ruth Roberson Treasurer: Patsy Bailey

Field Trip Coordinator: Doug Shadwick

WebMaster: Will Cook

BulletinEditor: Karen Piplani

Changes for Next Year

We will be losing two officers at the end of the month, as well as the newsletter editor. **Larry and Sue Wilson**, Vice Presidents, will be pursuing other activities, as will Secretary **Ruth Roberson**, and Bulletin Editor **Karen Piplani**. We have been fortunate to have them for several years, and are again fortunate to have **Edith Tatum** as our Secretary for next year, and **Thierry Besançon** as our other Vice
President. We are delighted to have them
join our group of Officers.

We have not yet found our new Bulletin Editor, and ask that any member who would like to help us with this contact President David Smith, davidjudysmith@frontier.com, or Editor Karen Piplani at (919)929-6553 or karen.piplani@gmail.com. Karen will be happy to show the ropes to anyone who would like to help the club with this, and will be available for questions as the need arises.



Saddle-billed Stork

Photo by David Smith

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