

Birding the Triangle and beyond for over half a century

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Next Meeting:
Monday, 21 May 2012

Tom & Barbara Driscoll will share stories and photos of their recent trip to Australia

Wonder what those parrots are? The Driscolls will tell us. They visited New South Wales (Sydney), the Northern Territory (Alice Springs and Ayers Rock), and Western Australia (Perth). Special birds include Major Mitchell's Cockatoos, emu-wrens, fairy-wrens and many raptors. Whether or not you've ever visited Down Under, this will be a fascinating talk. Emu-wrens?! Tom and Barbara are environmental scientists at the EPA.

When/Where: 7:15 pm for refreshments; 7:30 the meeting starts in the lounge, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, corner of Hwy. 15-501 bypass and Willow Drive, behind University Mall, Chapel Hill. And a reminder that many of us gather at the K&W restaurant near Binkley starting about 6.30 pm for dinner before the meeting. Do join us. This will be our last meeting until September.

Saturday Field Trips Trips are led by Doug Shadwick and depart from Glen Lennox Shopping Center parking lot off HWY 54 promptly at 7:30 Saturday mornings. All skills are welcome. Trips are usually over by noon. Dress for the weather and for walking. Details? call Doug at 942-0479. Trips run from September through April. Next one: September 1st 2012.

Chapel Hill Bird Club Membership

Welcome new members **Judith Collins** and **Margaret Lowman** (Canopy Meg, last month's speaker). The club now has 93 (paid up) members from throughout the Triangle, not limited to Chapel Hill.

Becoming a Birder – Wow! Birds

I'd been a passive birder all my life, always wanting to know what I was seeing, and my parents obliged by telling me – they always knew! But I never went looking for birds. But, in 1987, Carol (Williamson) Chellette and I went to Kenya on business. On our first morning we went down to breakfast – the restaurant was open air as most are there – and sitting on a chair back opposite us was a Superb Starling. Wow! Then and there we were hooked. Then we discovered that there are gazillions of them, all superb. A half day trip to the Nairobi Game Park reinforced the new addiction – when you see a giraffe, of course you know it's a giraffe, but what is that flashy purple bird that poses for photographers? A Lilac-breasted Roller – and another Wow!

Did you become a birder because of a Wow Bird? If so, what was it? Or did you take an alternate path to birding? Send me a paragraph or two on the origin of your birding addiction, e-mail it to me and we'll run it in the Bulletin. You've got all summer to think about it.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be
September 24th 2012. The speaker
and topic will be announced in the
September CHBC Bulletin.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be
in September.