

Chapel Hill Bird Club Announcements



Come to our January Program Meeting!

David Anderson and Joe Donahue—Finding Birds in Panama

When: Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:15pm (light refreshments served at 7:15, program to start at 7:30)

Where: Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or on [Zoom](#)



RSVP: Let us know you are coming by responding to our [Facebook event](#). To attend by Zoom, register to get the Zoom link [here](#).

ABOUT THE JANUARY PROGRAM. Joe Donahue, David Anderson and Vern Bothwell spent 8 days in March 2024 at the Canopy Lodge in Panama. Daily field trips and observations at the Lodge tallied over 200 species. Feeding platforms at the Lodge made for some exciting sightings and expert guides found a wonderful variety of birds in the surrounding regions.

David Anderson spent almost 40 years in the animal and conservation profession. Beginning as supervisor and interim director of the Duke Lemur Center, then general curator and associate director of the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, executive director of the San Francisco Zoo, director of Florida Audubon, strategic program director of the Bay Institute in San Francisco, and finally retiring to North Carolina, where he is chair of the Field Trips committee for New Hope Bird Alliance, and a drummer in a rock and roll band!

Joe Donahue is an avid birder. After getting a biology degree at Oklahoma State, he spent 20 years in the Army flying helicopters and airplanes "managing not to kill myself or anyone else." He then spent 2 years teaching high school in Tulsa, where he again "did not kill anyone but had serious thoughts on the subject." He returned to the aviation logistics field for the rest of his working days.

Come early at 7:15 for light refreshments and to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a set of wildlife photography note cards (all bird images, of course!) by local

[wildlife photographer Kelly Mieszkalski](#). Raffle tickets are \$3 each, or 2 for \$5 (cash or check accepted). 100% of the raffle proceeds go to the Club to support costs for us to design a new logo! Additional donations for this important cause are appreciated.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!



You are invited to renew your membership or join the Chapel Hill Bird Club for calendar year 2025! Dues are now \$25 per calendar year for individuals and families (and you can pay for two years at a time), and are still just \$10 for students. Dues received during any part of the year will only be credited for that calendar year—so **renew/join now [here](#)**. You can pay by Paypal, Venmo or check.

The purpose of the Chapel Hill Bird Club is to provide engagement and educational opportunities for area birders of all experience levels. We offer interesting educational programs, local birding field trips, Christmas and spring bird counts, and connection to other members via a Facebook group. Members have access to like-minded people including experts who can answer your questions. Whether you watch birds in your yard or travel to the ends of the earth to chase rarities, our club offers something for you. We are a friendly group and welcome all to join us, especially new birders! Our members are mostly from the Research Triangle area of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Cary, Pittsboro, and surrounding towns. Click [here](#) for our current issue of the Chapel Hill Bird Club Bulletin!

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