



Our March Program Meeting Is Coming Up!

Bo Howes and Jin Bai—Habitat Management and Bird Population at Brumley North

When: Monday, March 24, 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 FEBRUARY PROGRAM. Brumley Forest Nature Preserve is a popular local birding hotspot in the Triangle, managed by the Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC). TLC has been working on land management activities aimed at improving the quality of habitat at Brumley North, including prescribed burns, removing invasive plants, planting native seeds and plugs, and doing bird-centered outreach events. Since the Fall of 2022, TLC and New Hope Bird Alliance have conducted bird surveys to evaluate the effects of these habitat management activities on the bird population at Brumley N. Bo Howes and Jin Bai will co-present a talk presenting information on the management activities at Brumley N with Jin presenting bird population level and trends at Brumley N using data collected and compiled from the bird survey. In addition, Jin will also talk about the warbler index, which gives some unique insights into the birding hotspots with the highest number of warbler species seen during each migration season in the Triangle.

Bo Howes started as Conservation Project Manager for TLC in October 2008 and currently holds the position of Director of Land Protection and

Stewardship West. With deep roots in the local community, Bo has successfully identified, initiated, and closed scores of land projects. He is a past president of the New Hope Audubon Society and a former member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation. He remains on the Botanical Garden Foundation



Bo Howes



Jin Bai

Conservation Committee and is president of the Chapel Hill Bird Club.

Jin Bai received his Ph.D. in 2024 in the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology program at NCSU and studies the drivers of urban bird diversity. He has extensive experience designing, coordinating, and assisting citizen science projects in the Triangle area, including organizing the Triangle Bird Count and bird-window collision monitoring. Jin is the Community Science Committee Chair and a board member of New Hope Bird Alliance.

Find the lineup of future speakers on our [here](#).

Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet?



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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

Field Trips

The Chapel Hill Bird Club is leading bird outings/field trips during the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month through April. Our field trips are open to all. Details of field trips are emailed to all members via the CHBC listserv, posted on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#). Thank you to the New Hope Bird Alliance for posting our outings on [their calendar](#), too! Contact [Jim Capel](#) with questions about our field trips or to volunteer to lead a future outing for the Club.



Outing at Sandy Creek Park, March 1, 2025
Photo courtesy of Jim Capel

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.
