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WELCOME BACK

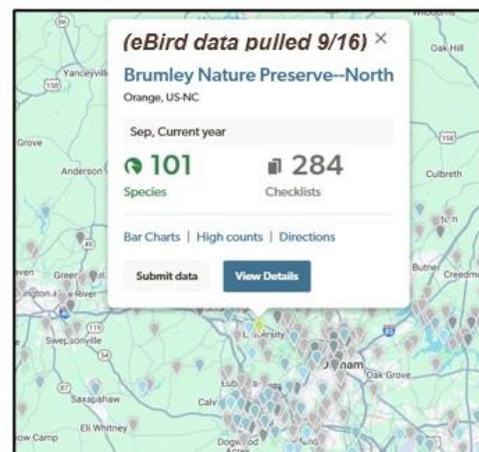
Fall Migration is upon us, full of confusing fall warblers and quiet birds skulking around the underbrush looking for a meal to fuel their southerly flight. All our regular hotspots are popping with birds we only see twice a year. The local listservs and group chats pinging away, drawing us from work to get a peek at that Blue-winged Warbler or an unexpected Golden Plover.

What is not confusing is that we are about to start a new year of monthly meetings. Our Co-Vice Presidents have put together a remarkable slate of speakers this year. Starting with Schuyler Smith who will regale us with the birds of Jamaica.

We have also cranked back up the bird walk machine and are offering two walks a month. Join us on the first and third weekends of the month for a walk to a local birding site. Details are on the field trips page of our website.

I hope to see you on one of our field trips or at the meeting in September.

Cheers,
Bo Howes



101 Species reported at Brumley North so far this month

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

SCHUYLER SMITH -- SHAKEN NOT STIRRED: A WEEK BIRDING IN JAMAICA



When: Monday, September 29, 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 SEPTEMBER PROGRAM.

In April of this year, Schuyler spent a week birding across eastern Jamaica with a small group and two guides. They had a well-defined goal: find all 28 of the island's endemic bird species, and along the way, bonuses for as many regional specialties as possible. Starting in Kingston, they traveled through a variety of habitats, from coastal scrub to cloud forest. In this talk, Schuyler



Orangequits are endemic to Jamaica

will share highlights from the trip, thoughts on guided birding travel, and reflections on the joys and quirks of international birding as a hobbyist.

Schuyler Smith grew up in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. His interest in birding stemmed from his grandmother, who was a passionate birder her whole life. Schuyler has spent time living in Massachusetts, Iowa, Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Illinois, and has called

North Carolina home since the beginning of 2024. Birding has become a hobby that has brought him opportunities to connect more with family, nature, and humanity around the world. His favorite bird is the cedar waxwing.

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

Field Trips

The Chapel Hill Bird Club is leading bird outings/field trips during the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. 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.



Bo Howes is looking a little ragged after one too many birding trips

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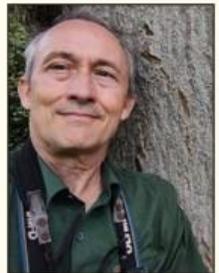
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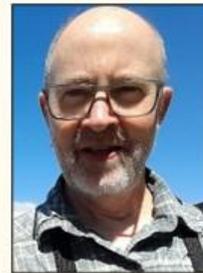
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The purpose of the Chapel Hill Bird Club is to provide engagement and educational opportunities for area birders of all experience levels. We offer interesting educational programs, local birding field trips, Christmas and spring bird counts, and connection 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.