



The Bulletin

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Winter is Coming...

I heard today of the first of the season Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Golden-crowned Kinglets, and White-throated Sparrows but don't despair, our winter birds are welcome old friends and Fall Migration is far from finished. Lincoln's Sparrows have appeared, and our confusing fall warblers are still flitting away in the upper reaches of our trees. It truly is a glorious time to be a birder.

That even goes without mentioning the spectacle that is fall Chimney Swift



migration. Such delightful urban birds who put on a show every night right on time. These birds are a great introduction for novice and seasoned birders alike. Who can turn away from a gigantic swirl of hundreds if not thousands of birds. Coupled with a guest appearance of a Coopers Hawk this is birding for the masses.

Photo courtesy of nc.audubon.org

We had a nice start to our monthly meetings last month where we learned about the birds of Jamaica with Schuyler Smith. This month we will hop across the Atlantic and hear about the birds of Angola from David and Judy Smith.

Our bird walks continue on the first and third weekends of the month for a walk to

a local birding site. These walks are a great opportunity to bird with experienced birders and work on our identification of our migrants and winter species. Details are on the field trips page of our [website](#).

Cheers,
Bo Howes

OCTOBER PROGRAM

DAVID AND JUDY SMITH -- BIRDING IN ANGOLA

When: Monday, October 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 [here](#).

ABOUT THE OCTOBER PROGRAM.



Bare-cheeked Babbler

Have you been to Angola? Most people, even those who enjoy travel to Africa, have not. Located on the southwest coast of Africa, the nation has a troubled history, but it also has some spectacular scenery and some great birds that are found nowhere else. Join our members David and Judy Smith, who visited Angola in the summer



Monteiro's Hornbill



of this year, for some photographic highlights of their trip.

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



SAVE THE DATES!

The dates for the local Christmas Bird Counts have been set. See below for dates and details about how to find out more information for each event. Reach out to the designated contact below to participate!

12/14/2025 - Durham Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

Contacts: [Bob Lewis](#)

Web: [Durham Christmas and Spring Bird Counts](#)

12/20/2025 - Raleigh CBC

Contact: [Brian O'Shea](#)

12/21/2025 - Chapel Hill CBC

Contact: [Will Cook](#)

Web: [Chapel Hill count circle map](#) | [Procedures](#) | [Tips](#)

1/2/2026 - Falls Lake CBC

Contact: [Brian Bockhahn](#)

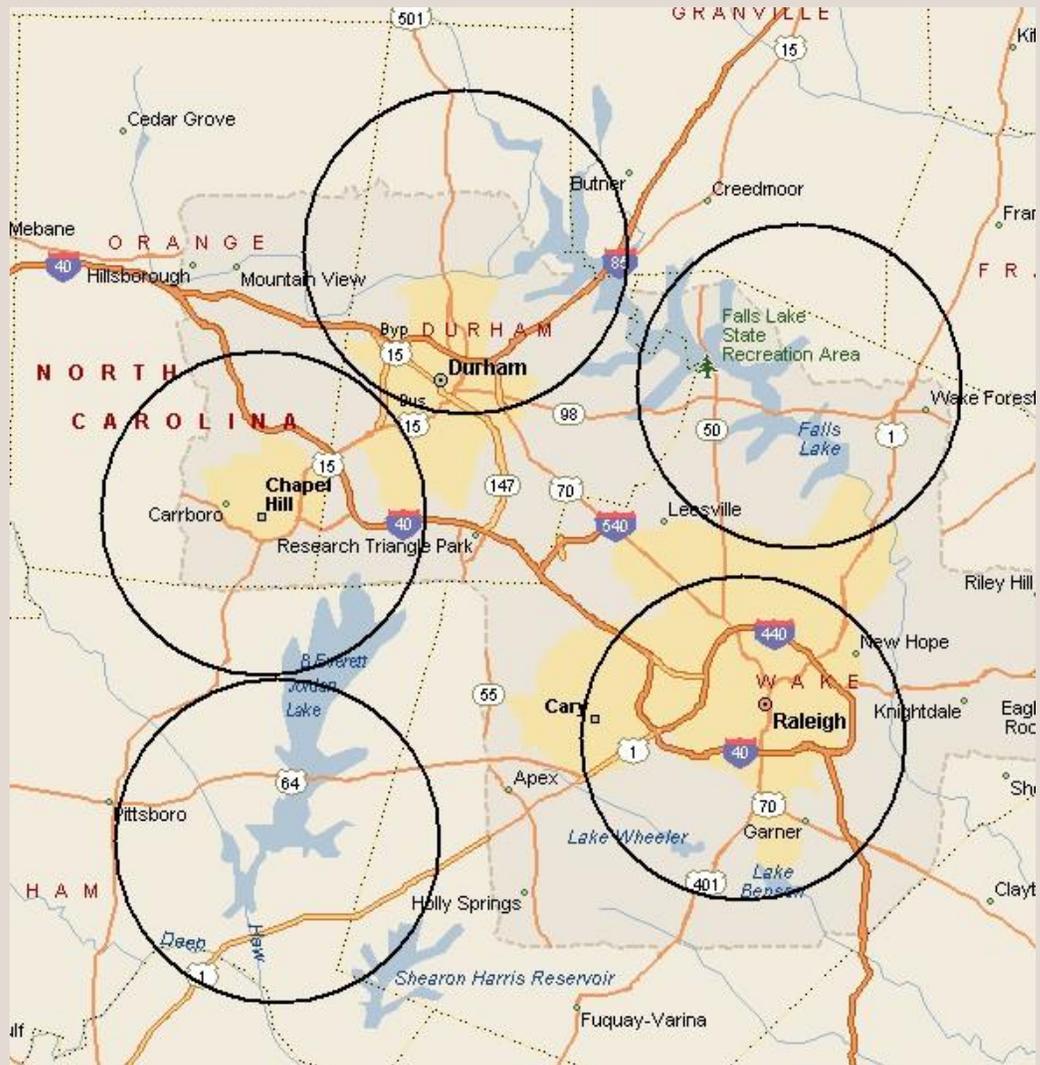
1/4/2026 - Jordan Lake CBC

Contact: [Tom Driscoll](#)

Web: [New Hope Audubon Society Bird Counts](#)

1/5/2026 - Kerr Lake CBC

Contact: [Brian Bockhahn](#)



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.



Birding crew from 10/4 outing at Rollingview of the Falls Lake State Recreation Area in Durham County. Photo courtesy of Jim Capel.

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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.
