



## Membership

New Hope Audubon Society is a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. Members of the National Audubon Society who live in Chatham, Durham, or Orange Counties are automatically members of the New Hope Audubon Society. You can also join New Hope Audubon as a local member. Details on joining can be found on our website.

## Membership Meetings

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through May. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome, members and non-members alike. A short time for socializing and a brief chapter business meeting precede the program which begins at 7:30 p.m. Topics cover a broad range including birds, butterflies, botany, conservation and habitat preservation.

## How to Help

You can help support New Hope Audubon in a variety of ways including becoming a member, volunteering for committees or projects, making a donation, putting up nest boxes, or participating in bird-related citizen science projects. We sell nest boxes and have an annual Fall Bird Seed Sale for fund raising. All profits go toward fulfilling our mission to promote the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems.



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A local chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties in North Carolina.

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Visit our website for a calendar of current events, detailed information about our programs and how to get involved, links to resources, and interesting blog articles.



## Meeting Site

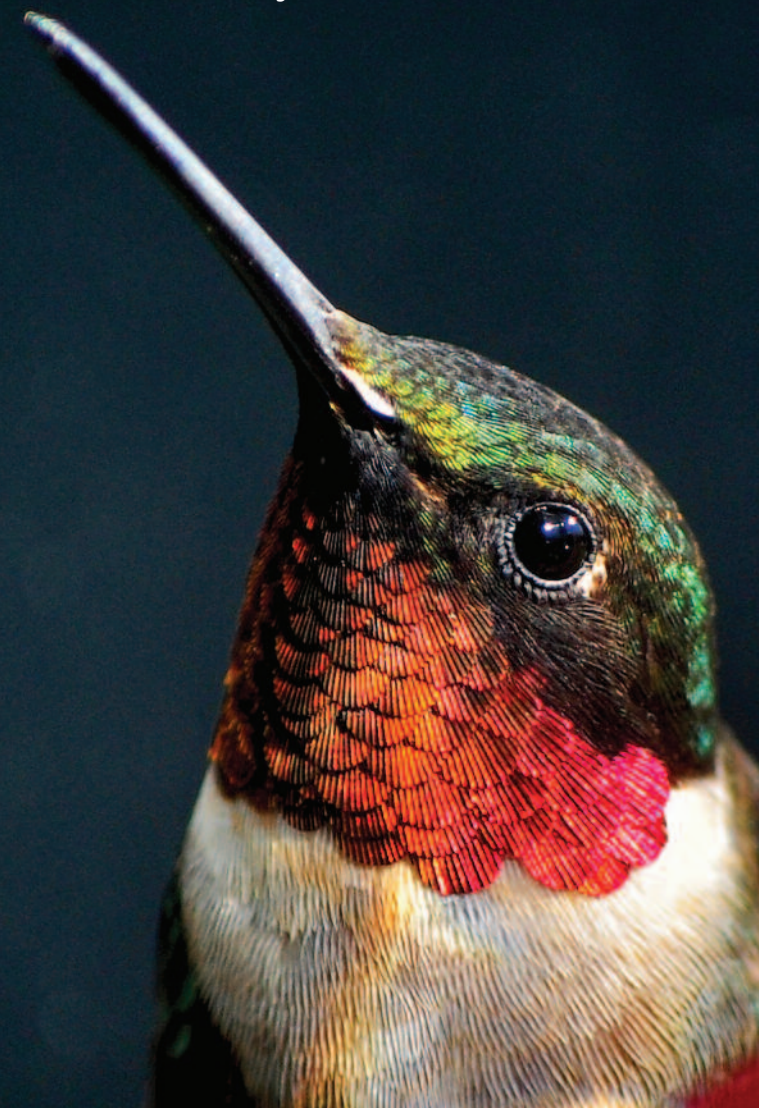
Visitor Education Center, North Carolina Botanical Garden,  
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Our mission is to promote the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and ecosystems, focusing on Chatham, Durham, and Orange counties in North Carolina.





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## Our History

The New Hope Audubon Society (NHAS) was established as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society in 1975. We are one of nine local chapters in North Carolina and have over 1,000 members.

## Conservation

New Hope Audubon implements conservation projects affecting our region of the Piedmont in North Carolina. We advocate for birds, habitat and resources and work to protect the Piedmont's rich biodiversity and landscapes. The Conservation Committee is open to and seeks new members to help our mission and promote new ideas and enthusiasm for our vulnerable wild places.



## Education

New Hope Audubon is committed to fostering passionate and informed stewardship of birds, other wildlife, and the environment. To that end, we offer educational activities throughout the year. Programs include family bird walks, learning stations for libraries and community centers, and other events that cover seasonal or special topics.



## Bird Walks and Field Trips

New Hope Audubon leads bird walks throughout the year, usually on weekends or Wednesdays. They are listed on our website calendar, Facebook page and social media. We welcome individuals, families, and anyone from beginning to advanced birders. The walks are fun, exciting, and both birding and social events. Periodically we also host field trips to sites such as the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lake Mattamuskeet and Outer Banks, and Huntington Beach State Park in South Carolina. These are announced in advance and posted on our web site and social media. Hope you will join us.

## Bird Counts



Bald Eagle counts occur on a quarterly basis at designated sites around Jordan Lake. Members also participate in local Spring and Christmas bird counts and in the Great Backyard Bird Count. NHAS co-sponsors annual Mini Breeding Bird Surveys in our chapter area with the Chapel Hill Bird Club.

## Stream watch

Volunteers conduct monthly monitoring surveys of water quality and aquatic life in our namesake - New Hope Creek.

## Bird Friendly Habitat Certification

The New Hope Audubon Society is helping restore native habitat and reducing the pressure from invasive plants through education and direct intervention. We are educating people about the benefits of using native plants, how to identify and remove invasive plants, and other steps they can take to make their property more bird-friendly. Our goal is to create Bird Friendly Communities, a goal we share with North Carolina and National Audubon. Sign up on our website to start the process to have your yard certified as a Bird-Friendly Habitat.



## Jordan Lake Wildlife Observation Platform

Bald Eagles were first observed nesting at Jordan Lake in 1985. They are now found on the lake all year, with nesting activity beginning in late winter. In cooperation with federal and state agencies, NHAS maintains a lakeside observation platform, from which Osprey, Bald Eagles, and a variety of other water birds can be observed. A wildlife trail has also been established which passes through a shady woodland area.

