



# Ecobon

The Hilton Head Island Audubon Society is a Chapter of National Audubon Society, Inc.

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM *by: Kathy Greider, Program Director*

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 3:00 pm - Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn, 70 Honey Horn Drive, Sea Island Room

**FREE** and open to the public without registration. **SNOWBIRDS WELCOME!**

### Deveaux

**Deveaux** is a reflection on the life of a South Carolina sea bird rookery, known as Deveaux Bank, at the mouth of the North Edisto River. The author and photographer, Dana Beach, has visited Deveaux regularly for twenty-five years. In his book, Beach chronicles the annual cycle of reproduction and renewal on this ephemeral sand bar, and the work of the scientists and conservationists who labor to understand and protect it. The book's stories and images provide a compelling call to action to save Deveaux and sites like it—wellsprings of the Lowcountry's natural beauty and diversity.

Dana Beach was born in Columbia, South Carolina. In 1989, he founded the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. Beach has served on a variety of boards, including the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, the American College of the Building Arts, the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy USA, Charleston Day School and the Butler Conservation Fund.

Beach is the recipient of the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, the James L. Dockery Southern Environmental Leadership Award, the EPA and Environmental Law Institute National Wetlands Award, and the S.C. Legislature's Environmental Awareness Award. He graduated magna cum laude from Davidson College in mathematics in 1977 and received an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is married to Virginia Christian Beach from Richmond, Virginia. They have two children, Nellie and Francis.

*Deveaux will be for sale at the meeting and Mr. Beach will be available to sign his book.*

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## Christmas Bird Count Update *by Kelly and Susan Murphy ~ Co-Chairs*

Please join us for the December Audubon meeting!

Date: Wednesday, December 10 Time: 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Presentation

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 540 William Hilton Parkway (Hwy 278, next to the Bargain Box).

Program: Robert Rommel presents "Christmas Birds"



Photo by Fran Baer

Robert will review some of the birds we are likely to see on Christmas Bird Count Day. He always shares valuable tips for identification! This will get us all started on brushing up for Count Day, which is on Monday, December 15.

We'll gather on December 10 for refreshments at 7:00 pm, then the presentation at 7:30 pm. Coffee will be provided, and we invite our generous members to bring cookies, cakes and other goodies!

This meeting is free and open to the public. Bring your friends! Donations are optional, but welcome, to help pay for our use of the wonderful space at the church. We look forward to seeing you there for this special evening.

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## RECENT AREA BIRD SIGHTINGS *by Jack Colcolough*

Our Fall migration has been very good in bird species sighted but the numbers of migrant birds seen are less than recent years. Migrating warblers and other migrants continue to move through our area but our Fall migration will be over by the time you read this report. Winter shorebirds, songbirds, raptors and waterfowl also continue to arrive.

Rare species reported in our area during the last month were: Blue-winged, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Bay-sided, Canada and Tennessee Warblers and Yellow-breasted Chat on HHI and in Bluffton, Scarlet Tanager at Savannah NWR, Rufous Hummingbird and Least Flycatcher on Skidaway Island, Roseate Spoonbill on HHI and in Beaufort, Virginia Rail on Hutchinson Island and Solitary Sandpiper on HHI.



Blackburnian Warbler



Blue winged Warbler

Uncommon species found included: Magnolia, Yellow, Prairie and Orange-crowned Warblers, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruddy Duck, American Bittern, Caspian Tern, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Wilson's Plover, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Merlin, House Wren, Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Yellow-throated Vireo.

Twenty-five species of warblers have been sighted during our Fall migration so far. Finds this month include the rare and uncommon species mentioned above plus Black-throated Blue, Yellow-throated, Black & White, Palm and Pine Warblers, American Redstart, Northern Parula and Common Yellowthroat.

Other FOTS fall arrivals reported included: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Phoebe, Northern Harrier, Blue-winged Teal, Tree Swallow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, Western Sandpiper and Bald Eagle. Other "good finds" reported were: Painted Bunting, Summer Tanager, American Oystercatcher, Pied-billed Grebe, Gray Catbird, Great-horned Owl, Wood Ducks and many Ruby-throated Hummingbirds plus common species.

Many thanks to all reporting their sightings: Robert Rommel, Carol Clemens, Fran/Denny Baer, Pauline Jones, Susan/Kelly Murphy, Cindy/Ken Groff, Dorothy Mosier, Diana Churchill, Mary Alice Cruise, Joanne McMemamin, Karen Marts, Deb Beam, Dottie Bass, Dick Phillips, Russ Wigh, Tom LeBoeuf, Mary Ann Lueckel, Buddy Campbell and several visitors.

To report a bird sighting that is Accidental, Rare, Uncommon, Out-Of-Season, First-Of-The-Year (FOTY) or First-Of-The-Season (FOTS) or a species that you consider to be a 'good find' e-mail: [BirdingFriends@yahoo.com](mailto:BirdingFriends@yahoo.com) or call 843-432-2661 (MUST dial the 843). Please state your name, the bird species sighted, date and location of your sighting and other pertinent information about your sighting.

Now is a great time to get out and bird during our pleasant Fall weather and find some of our arriving Winter birds!

### *It Doesn't Happen Without Communication*

The recent field trip of the Hilton Head Island Audubon Society (HHIAS) to Fish Haul Creek with Robert Rommel as leader and planned and organized by Cindy and Ken Groff (Field Trip Chairs), was very successful. More than twenty birders enjoyed the great weather and the information offered by the leader Robert Rommel. Grant Greider's (Education Chair) Introduction to Birding classes Saturday mornings at Honey Horn exceeded forty registrants, many of them becoming new members. Jack Greenshields' (Newhall Preserve Chair) Audubon Newhall Preserve walks attract an average of eight to ten people on Thursday of each week. Kelly and Susan Murphy (CBC Chairs) are organizing a Christmas Bird Count involving most of our members and evening presentation (December 10 at the First Presbyterian Church) on birds likely to be seen on the CBC. The Conservation Committee (chaired by Bill Nicol and Robert Rommel) has been active with town planning and development of the Shelter Cove area. None of this would have been possible without communication.

Sometimes newspaper advertising and notices are helpful, and our leaders frequently use press releases. However, email is the primary way we get out the word to make all these events successful. It was not too long ago that organizations depended on Postal Service mail or on calling trees that allowed telephone messages to be sent out with each member having to make only a few calls. Of course the length of time of the conversations and the integrity of each member's performance affected the efficiency of the communication. Now email is the favored way for organizations to communicate. It is efficient both as to cost and time. There is no dispute that email is essential to the functioning of any organization today.

Other than email, there are a variety of ways our members communicate. Jack Colcolough hosts a Yahoo group called Birding Friends. That site is primarily for bird sightings, although other information is shared. HHIAS has a FaceBook page ([www.facebook.com/hiltonheadaudubon](http://www.facebook.com/hiltonheadaudubon)), with postings and pictures from members and nonmembers. There is also a web page at [www.hiltonheadaudubon.org](http://www.hiltonheadaudubon.org). There the tabs are Home, About Us, Events, Publication, Birding, Sightings, Gallery, and Conservation. HHIAS also is on Twitter (@HHIAudubon). Various members have blog sites and nature photography sites.

Social media may be organized by the best use of the various media. Important notifications should be done by email. The HHIAS website is a reference point, a place to keep information that is constantly sought (membership and contact information). Bird sightings are communicated on Birding Friends (for the members of that group) and the FaceBook page (another group with a different constituency). There are many other birding sites including eBird ([ebird.org](http://ebird.org)), Carolina Birds (<https://lists.duke.edu/sympa/info/carolinabirds>) and Georgia Birders (<http://gos.org/gabo.html>). Many members have personal sites involving videos (YouTube), blogs (Wordpress or Blogger), or photography sites (Flickr, Picasa, and Photobucket). Some members use Instagram, which works with FaceBook.

Twitter is unique. A Twitter message is limited to 140 characters. Compared to email or FaceBook, a Twitter account is a delight, because there is nothing to maneuver. It is like email without in boxes and the need to delete. Links are often in the messages so that if the link is clicked you are moved to an Internet site for more information. Twitter brings the whole of social media to one place, where a post with links can say something like "I just posted on my blog" or "look at my latest pictures." Twitter works for notices as well, since it is enough to say something like "do not forget to attend the town hall meeting."

With all these options, social media can become social nonsense, and the benefit is lost. It is effective communication that will make us successful. My recommendation is to be open to the different types of social media, find out what works for you, and use it. Above all else, stay in touch.

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### **Membership Info for November Ecobon**

Welcome to the following new members who have joined since our October Ecobon was published.

Sherm and Carol Barker	Denise DeGorter	Marge Pangione	Ronnie Silett
Barbara Barrett	Elizabeth and Gary Gebhardt	Margaret Phillips	Joanne Voulelis
Deb and Gary Cook	Charles Hocevar	Joanne Revie	Caroll Williams
Tom and Margaret Cutter	Marsha Kaminski	Carol Rivers	Frances Worthy
Mark Davis	Robert and Emily Oetjen	Joan Shea	

We appreciate the support of our local members! We currently have roughly 185 paid local members. Thanks, too, to those who have renewed their dues. Remember, dues are paid yearly, based on the quarter in which you last paid. You will get an email reminder the quarter in which it is time for you to renew.

Have a membership question? Has your email address changed? Please be sure to contact us with questions or updates. Dues may also be paid and changes made at the meeting....just see Carol or Fran at the table outside the meeting area.

Your membership team: Carol Clemens: [clemens318@roadrunner.com](mailto:clemens318@roadrunner.com) and Fran Baer: [seatwo@roadrunner.com](mailto:seatwo@roadrunner.com)

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## 10 Things You Aren't Feeding Birds ...Yet

**Don't limit your birds to seed, suet and sugar water. Keep 'em coming back for more by feeding birds the best buffet on the block.** By Ken Keffer Reprint from *Birds in Bloom*.

Gray catbirds love oranges. Put one out in your yard to attract them! Johann Schumacher

When was the last time you added a new feeder to your backyard? Or put out a special treat for the birds? Even if you've been feeding backyard birds for years, there are probably a few things you haven't tried yet. And adding new things is the best way to attract a wider variety of species to your space. Give one of these fun food options a try and see what you can attract.

### Peanut Butter

I know many folks who have stopped buying suet cakes and now make their own, with peanut butter as the base. Others have made the switch from feeding peanuts, either in or out of the shell, to offering peanut butter instead. You can stuff the holes of a log feeder with peanut butter or even just smear it on tree bark.

Woodpeckers and blue jays relish peanut butter snacks. You can also put it out for species like nuthatches that will store caches of peanuts but would be hard-pressed to stock up on jars of peanut butter!

### Jelly

What goes better with peanut butter than jelly? Grape jelly is becoming a go-to offering for orioles. Gray catbirds and red-bellied woodpeckers are among the other species that can't resist the sweet, fruity stuff. You can buy a special jelly feeder, but any shallow container will also do the trick.

### Fruit

Many lodges in the tropics offer fruit to draw birds in for close viewing. Tanagers are keen on these fruit feeding stations, and some folks who live farther north have been fortunate enough to lure the brilliantly colored western, summer and scarlet tanagers to their own backyards. Orioles love orange halves; when they've eaten the fruit, fill the empty peels with jelly. Also try putting out berries or raisins, or experiment with any fruit you happen to have. You just might attract mockingbirds or robins.

Butterflies flock to fruit, too. I've used a window feeder to offer apples and bananas and had great success attracting these pretty fliers.

### Mealworms

Try adding some mealworms to your buffet. Some people have success with oven-roasted worms, while others swear by the live ones. I keep a container of the latter in my refrigerator door, and the only real maintenance is to toss in a carrot for them once in a while (they need to eat, too!). Mealworm feeders need to be a couple of inches deep so the worms won't crawl out. Although it might take the birds a while to find your mealworms, once they do, they'll be hooked. Mealworms are like candy to them. I offer a dozen or so at a time. The birds will quickly train you to feed them on a regular schedule by scolding you when you slack off.

Mealworms appeal to a wide range of birds, including some species that don't usually come to traditional feeders. Some of the most common are bluebirds and robins. John Gill American goldfinch on a sunflower.

### Roasted Seeds

Plenty of birds are seedeaters, but think beyond the usual sunflower and safflower varieties. Try roasting pumpkin or squash seeds; you can bake up a batch, share half with the birds, plain, and season the other half to your own liking. Then you'll be snacking right along with the birds that you're watching. Northern cardinals, sparrows and other seed specialists will especially enjoy the variety.

### Baked Eggshells

These provide calcium, which can be especially important for females during nesting season. But it's essential that you wash and bake the shells to kill off any potential pathogens. You wouldn't want to give your feathered guests food poisoning or something even worse. After you bake the shells, crush them and add them to your seed, or just sprinkle them on the ground. You can also offer them in a platform feeder.

### Compost

When I was growing up, my grandpa had the biggest compost pile ever. I remember hauling out the scraps in an old ice cream bucket and tossing them on the pile. I also remember that black-billed magpies were always eager to greet me at the pile. Just remember that your compost pile is fair game for other critters, too. I could always count on spotting a raccoon on my grandpa's after dark.

### Stale Nuts

It seems like there are always some leftover nuts around, especially during the holidays. If you've got unsalted nuts that are past their prime, put them out and see which birds will take a bite. Salted nuts are OK, too, but put them in a paper bag first and shake off some of the excess salt. A little salt won't hurt birds, but too much isn't good for them.

### Plants

This one might sound obvious, but its importance can't be overstated. One of the best ways to diversify your backyard feeding station is to garden for birds. (And not just for the hummingbirds.) Plant some native berries or fruit trees, or let your flowers go to seed, and you'll reap the avian rewards in all seasons.

## Suet Creations

Traditional suet is made of beef fat, but Birds & Blooms hears frequently from readers who rave about their home-made suet recipes. Some use lard, peanut butter, coconut, raisins, birdseed and much more to make suet cakes. So experiment with the foods mentioned above and see what tasty bird treat you can come up with!

## MORE BIRDS FEEDING FACTS FROM OUR EXPERT

Though it's been a tradition for decades, experts say you shouldn't feed bread to birds because it can lead to nutritional problems. Here are more tips to attracting birds to your backyard!

## THE LEAST PICKY EATERS

No matter what you're serving, these birds will eat it.

- Blue jays. They'll eat just about anything and are not bashful about it.
- Red-bellied woodpeckers. Known for munching on seed, suet, fruit, mealworms more other offerings.
- Grackles. They're not just less picky eaters, they're also some of the messiest.

## BIRDS THAT LIKE ORANGES

- Gray catbirds
- Red-bellied woodpeckers
- Northern mockingbirds
- Brown thrashers
- Orioles
- Tanagers
- Rose-breasted Grosbeaks



## WHAT NOT TO FEED THE BIRDS

- Chocolate
- Table scraps
- Potato chips
- Bread
- Other baked goods



Photos: Carol L. Edwards

Read more: <http://www.birdsandblooms.com/birding/attracting-birds/feeding-birds/10-things-arent-feeding-birds-yet/#ixzz3CsTVJUYv>

## BOOK REVIEW

The Homing Instinct: Meaning and Mystery in Animal Migration, by Bernd Heinrich surveys a selection of different migratory habits - as well as the various related forms of "home" to which they lead - from the animal and insect worlds. From the globe-spanning flights of bartailed godwits and Arctic terns to the meter-long distances traversed by young tent caterpillars, Heinrich's explanations of and reflections on each species presented bring the reader not only to a better understanding of its own particular habits, but also into a place from which he or she might begin to ponder the larger implications of such activities, not only in the natural world, but in the reader's own life, as well. Unlike many - perhaps even most - other books taking up the subject of animal migrations, "The Homing Instinct" also includes a number of diversions into the question of just what it means to a creature (including humans) to seek out, establish, leave, and return to a "home".

From a review by John E. Riutta, in Bird Watcher's Digest



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*Thank you for your consideration.*

Pauline

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## Education Committee *by Grant Greider*

Introduction to Birding - Birding 101 has been well received by the novice birders of the Island. There are 43 people currently registered. Topics covered: 1st week - backyard birds and tools of birding , 2nd week- hawks and wading birds, 3rd week – ducks, shore birds and other water birds and the 4th week will be a Birding Walk around the Coastal Museum of Discovery. All sessions start at 10 am on Saturdays from Oct. 11–Nov. 1. Members are welcome to join any of the sessions especially the Bird Walk on November 1. For all those attending the November 1st class there will be a Treat – it is the day after Halloween!

On April 7th HHIAS will present a program at the HHI Public Library for 3rd – 6th Graders to celebrate Earth Day. At that time we will stress how litter effects the life of birds and how much nicer our island looks without litter.



*Photos from Birding 101*

*Please join us!*

Saturday at 10:00 am  
Coastal Discovery Museum  
November 1st



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Please detach and mail or bring to the next meeting.

Local Membership: select either  1 year individual \$15 or  1 year family \$25

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For LOCAL residents, please indicate your plantation/neighborhood such as Sea Pines, Indigo Run, Bluffton, Sun City etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly!)

Can you help us with any of these activities on an as needed basis? Please check any of interest to you.  Audubon Newhall Preserve  Field Trips  Conservation  Education  Christmas Bird Count  Publicity/Programs  other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to: P.O. Box 6185 – Hilton Head Island, SC - 29938**

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## Update on Shelter Cove Pond *by Susan Murphy, Conservation Committee*

By the time this article is printed, the Hilton Head Island Town Council will have held a Public Hearing on the proposed increase in height and number of apartments planned at Shelter Cove Towne Centre. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 1 and voted 4-3 to recommend approval to Town Council. It was great to see so many Audubon members at the Public Hearing. It was also gratifying to hear so many people speak about preserving the environment!

Whether the proposal is approved or not, the disruption at the pond behind Kroger will be significant. Concerned about preserving the pond, last year Fran Baer and I volunteered to regularly survey the birds at the pond, recording the numbers, species, location and behaviors.

We now have a year of data, and in late September we presented our results to the developer, Town of Hilton Head Island staff, Shelter Cove Harbour Company and other stakeholders. For me, a highlight of the meeting was Robert Rommel's description of the activity of the birds on the pond. (The developer even referred to this at the Public Hearing!) Here is what Robert said:

“Birds utilize habitat in a variety of ways. Some habitat is used for nesting and the raising of chicks while other habitat is used for feeding. The Shelter Cove pond is used as a roosting site. Most of the species we see at the pond are ‘communal roosters.’ These birds may be scattered around the island during the day when they are feeding. Towards the end of the day the birds gather together for protection at sites where they can feel safe from potential predators or disturbance. The birds will then spend the night at the roosting site before dispersing in the morning to wherever they will feed. There are also seasonal patterns. In early spring these birds begin to start building nests at large communal rookeries. When they are raising their chicks, the birds must stay to protect their offspring and will not return to roosting sites. By mid to late summer, the offspring have fledged and are able to feed themselves. At this time the birds will depart from the rookeries and can return to their roosting sites. Observations made at the Shelter Cove pond are consistent with the site being used for roosting.”



Our Audubon team then made recommendations to protect the natural vegetation immediately around the pond, expand the perimeter planting zone, add signs and provide a viewing focal point so that people could enjoy the sight of hundreds of roosting birds, while minimizing further disruptions. Our recommendations were well received and we will continue to promote these enhancements. We recognize that the construction activity at the new park will continue for a few more months and then the apartments will be built on the site of the old park. While we wish we had gotten involved earlier in the project, our goal now is to do what we can to preserve this spectacular birding site!

# Green Turtle Nest Results

You may recall that our last nest of the season was laid by a Green Sea Turtle.

Here is her picture as she headed back to the ocean:

We were not sure if it would be a successful nest because it is very unusual for green turtles to show up in South Carolina (the last one we had was 12 or so years ago) – so we were all excited when there were signs that hatchlings had made it out of the nest on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. But when the nest was inventoried by our turtle team on the 5<sup>th</sup> – we were blown away!!! There were 99 empty shells – which means that 99 babies made it out!! Here is a picture of one of the hatchlings that did not quite fully develop so was still in the shell (note the nest hole in the background):



Photos provided by Andrea Siebold



The nest was about 4 feet deep – it is so amazing that those babies can break out of their shells, climb their way up 4 feet of sand, and scurry to the ocean for their long swim out to the Gulf Stream. Nature is awesome!

Thank you so much for your interest in the Sea Turtles!!

*Andrea*

Andrea B. Siebold  
Sea Turtle Nest Adoption Coordinator  
Hilton Head Island Sea Turtle Protection Project

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## LOCAL FIELD TRIPS! *by Cindy & Kenneth Groff*

Below is a listed of scheduled field trips.

### **Saturday, Nov. 1st ~ Widgeon Point Preserve**

We still have a few openings!

Time: 9:30 AM.

Leader: Jack Greenshields

Where: Widgeon Point Preserve

Directions: (a Beaufort County Land Trust property along Highway 170, just before the Broad River Bridge)

Call Cindy Groff at 843-682-3840 or email her at [smilingcin@yahoo.com](mailto:smilingcin@yahoo.com) to register.

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- Dec. 6th ~ Robert Rommel@Fish Haul Creek
  - Jan. 3rd ~ Paul Weatherhead @ SNWR
  - Feb. 7th ~ Paul Weatherhead @SNWR
  - March 7th ~ Kathy & Grant Greider @Fish Haul Creek
  - April 11th ~ Carol Clemens@Pinckney Island
  - May 2nd ~ No Leader







**Check out the  
HHIAS Homepage  
on Facebook!**

Members Natalie Hefter, Kathy Greider, Cindy & Ken Groff, and Paul Weatherhead have been posting a lot of great pictures and information on the HHIAS Facebook site. Recent pictures include our club's October field trip to Fish Haul Creek Park led by Robert Rommel. Other pictures include visits by individual members to the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge and the Veteran's Park at Long Cove.

Are you a member of Facebook but haven't visited the HHIAS home page yet? Simply type "Hilton Head Island Audubon Society" in the search line at the top of your Facebook page; and then press the "Like" button near the top of the HHIAS home page. That will result in new pictures and announcements automatically being sent to your Facebook homepage.

Note that the HHIAS homepage is open for anyone on Facebook to view the contents. We have already seen non-members "liking" our pictures; asking for help identifying local birds; and asking for good birding sites when they come to visit. When non-members "Like" our homepage, they will also automatically receive future HHIAS pictures and announcements.

Don't forget to share your pictures or descriptions of interesting sightings on the HHIAS Facebook site. You will be assured of having an appreciative audience!



The Hilton Head Audubon Society & others, as the League of Women Voters, urge you to **vote YES on Nov. 4th** in support of the Referendum to fund the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program.

Information can be found by clicking this link:  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/11/3252332/county-council-to-debate-referendum.html>

View the referendum question on your Sample Ballot at <http://www.SCVOTES.org>.

1. Visit [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org) and click on "Get My Sample Ballot" in the My scVOTES Section on the right side of the page.
2. Enter your county, name, and date of birth to access your voter registration record.
3. Click "View Sample Ballot."
4. Select a party (primaries only), then click the button to download your ballot.
5. Click "OK" to view a .pdf of your ballot.

***Please exercise your right to vote on all the candidates and issues on November 4th!***

**'TOASTED WOOD' FOR FEEDERS  
AND BIRD BOXES?'**

One of the more interesting possibilities for wooden bird feeders is pending with the advent of "thermal treatment" of common and relatively inexpensive woods such as birch, aspen, ash and pine. Previous sources have included long-lasting, but increasingly scarce woods such as redwood and cypress, as well as cedar. Now, exposure of more common wood to specified high temperatures in a vacuum-type environment can "toast" them to remove water, oils, and resins. The resulting wood takes on a pleasant, toasted brown or walnut look. It becomes harder than the original wood, and it resists rot.

*From Bird Watcher's Digest*



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## NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER 2014 Calendar

- Sat. Nov. 1 Field Trip .....
- Sat. Nov. 1 Intro to Birding at the Museum ..... 10:00 am
- Thurs. Nov. 6 Board Meeting ..... 10:00 am  
at the Country Club of Hilton Head
- Thurs. Nov. 6, 13 & 20 Newhall Walks ..... 10:00 am
- Thurs. Nov. 13 Monthly Meeting ..... 3:00 pm  
at Honey Horn

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- Thurs. Dec. 6 Field Trip at Fish Haul ..... am
- Thurs. Dec. 6 Newhall Walk ..... 10:00 am
- Weds. Dec. 10 Christmas Bird Count Program ..... 7:00 pm  
at the First Presbyterian Church
- Sat. Dec. 15 **Christmas Bird Count** ..... All Day

Monthly meetings of the Hilton Head Island Audubon Society are regularly scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Meetings are held at the Coastal Discovery Museum, 70 Honey Horn Drive. Members and guests welcome!



## BEQUESTS

If you wish to honor a family member or friend with a memorial gift, or remember the Audubon Newhall Preserve or the Hilton Head Island Audubon Society in your will, your gift may be in the form of securities, cash, life insurance, real estate, or other property.

Contact your own estate planner or our Audubon Chapter at P.O. Box 6185, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938.

Sharing your estate with Audubon not only reduces the taxes on your estate but will help protect birds, wildlife, and their habitat in the years to come.