



SCAN

The South Carolina Association of Naturalists

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Dear SCAN members,

It was so nice the day of the annual meeting that it was almost too nice to be inside. Almost, but not close when you experienced the day's presentations. SCAN owes a BIG thanks to Jeff Foltz, Clemson Professor of Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Wildlife. Not only did he present a very interesting overview of South Carolina native fishes (and some common non-natives), but also he did so while suffering from bronchitis. It is really "service above and beyond", and we appreciate it.

Our own Alex Ciegler gave two presentations: a brief discussion of the Biodiversity Program in the U.S. with emphasis on the species inventory of Great Smokey Mountains National Park and his own participation, followed after lunch by a presentation of bird photographs from his world travels. The biodiversity presentation made one aware how little we yet know about 'what's out there'. AS for the birds, pick your superlative...spectacular, awesome, just plain enjoyable all come to mind.

Last on the program menu was the review of last year's trips. Thanks to Gail Gandy, Virginia Winn, Alex Ciegler, Tommie Moody, and Lynn Greenlee for supplying the photographs that made the slide review a success.

The business meeting was conducted by vice-president Alex Ciegler as our president was unfortunate enough to have a business trip to Texas prevent her return to South Carolina in time for the meeting. Monies were approved to set up a more permanent home for the SCAN website [details as they unfold], elected the officers for the coming year [see the list on a separate page], and announced the field trips for the coming year [see the other side of the officers page]. On a sad note, Treasurer Bill Carter has developed serious medical problems, resulting in Robbie Allen kindly volunteering to serve as acting treasurer until Bill can assume his duties. Thank you Robbie. Our best wishes to Bill.

A special thank you is in order for Ken Boni. He not only served as secretary which meant taking memberships and registration as people entered then taking minutes during the business meeting, but also served as master of ceremonies for the 'fun' part of the day in place of our absent president.

We hope to see you all at Huntington Beach State Park. This park seems to always provide fascinating finds. And by then we will all be ready to get out and get some fresh air!

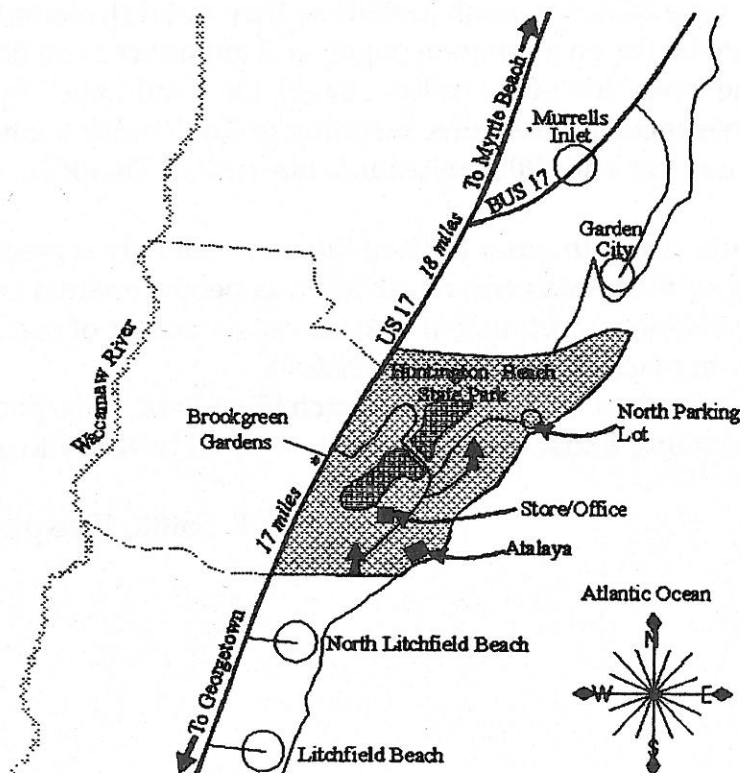
Lynn B. Smith, Vice-president

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.
Huntington Beach State Park, Georgetown County

"The best single birding destination in South Carolina is probably Huntington Beach State Park," according to Robin Carter in "Finding Birds in South Carolina". Come with us on Saturday, February 24, to see what shorebirds, raptors, and smaller birds we can spot. Spring plants should be popping up, spring peepers peeping, and perhaps a possible 'possum peeking. The marsh promises both crabs and gators, and a bald eagle often soars overhead. A great time to be out!

We'll meet at the usual 10:30 time in the parking lot by the Office/Store across the road from Atalaya and the main parking lot. Rest facilities are available. If you wish to walk the beach to the north jetty and back, (best birding, about 2 miles), be prepared to carry lunch; if you prefer shorter trails or more botany, you may eat at one of the picnic grounds and have no need to carry anything. As usual, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, raingear, lunch, and water; additional water and a coke machine are available in the park.

Directions: From Georgetown go north on US-17 toward Myrtle Beach for about 17 miles, passing Pawleys Island and North Litchfield Beach. The entrance to the park has been relocated a few hundred feet north of the Brookgreen Gardens entrance. There is now an admission fee for those not senior citizens. Once you have entered the park, the road leads across the causeway with water on each side then forks. Take the right fork, go past the Causeway Parking Lot on the left, and turn right into the parking lot just before the high building on stilts. NOTE: this is not the main parking lot on the left, by the swimming beach.



2001 SCAN Dates

February 24: Huntington Beach State Park - Georgetown Co. (Jan Ciegler)

Coastal park with excellent winter birding and typical coastal plants.

March 24: Wannamaker Nature Preserve - Calhoun County (John Hollis)

Typical inner coastal plain, mostly wooded area with good migratory birds.

April 7: Flat Creek Heritage Preserve (President's Special) Lancaster Co.

Includes Forty Acre Rock granite outcrop, waterfall, beaver pond, small and large streams and several forest types. A unique area! Solution pools and their endemic plants should be at their peak.

April 28 and 29: DuPont State Forest, Transylvania Co., NC and Jones Gap SP, Greenville Co., SC (the Rupperts)

This new state area is on the North Carolina side of the Blue Ridge that forms the NC-SC line in this area. Several spectacular waterfalls are included. Jones Gap is the state park on the SC side of the ridge. Classic montane-like habitats.

May 26: Kalmia Gardens, Hartsville, Darlington Co. (Jan Ciegler)

This site includes both garden and natural areas starting in the gardens and the upland pines, then down a 60 foot bluff to a bridge across Black Creek to the edge of the Segars-McKinnon HP on the creek flood plain. Birding, butterflying and botanizing.

June 9: Black River Swamp Canoe Trip (President's Special) Georgetown Co.

This is a classic black river swamp area, with a rare species of killifish.

June 23: Guignard Brick trail (Congaree Creek HP), Lexington Co. (John Hollis)

New trail near Congaree Creek south of Cayce.

July 28: Peters Creek HP, Spartanburg Co. (Jim Green)

Small site just NE of Spartanburg. Includes creeks and millpond. Protects rare plants.

August 25: Warwoman Dell Recreation Area, Chattahoochee NF, Rabun Co., GA (Ed Ruppert & Jennifer Frick)

Immediate area has rare ferns, plus access to nearby Bartram Trail.

September 22 and 23: Naval Weapons Station and Francis Marion NF, Berkeley & Chas. Co. (Roger Springs)

Classic outer coastal plain wooded areas and river floodplain areas. Insects and migratory birds should be prevalent.

October 27: Great Falls Railroad Trail, Chester Co. (Jim Green)

Level 8-mile trail along Fishing Cr. and the Catawba R., alongside granite rock outcrops.

November 17: Peachtree Rock HP, Lexington Co. (John Hollis)

Sandy soils, sandstone, a waterfall, and rare plants!

December 15: Santee Coastal Reserve, Charleston Co. (Roger Springs)

Birds, fresh water ponds, old rice paddies.

January 26, 2002: Annual Meeting

NOTICE: The South Carolina Association of Naturalists assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, that may incur while attending Association sponsored events and will not be held liable for any such injuries. Attend at your own risk. Notification cannot be given for trips affected by severe weather such as a hurricane. Common sense should prevail!

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Chester	Bamberg	Anderson	Darlington	Calhoun
Chesterfield	Barnwell	Edgefield	Dillon	Lee
Fairfield	Beaufort	Greenville	Florence	Lexington
Kershaw	Berkeley	Greenwood	Georgetown	Newberry
Lancaster	Charleston	Laurens	Horry	Orangeburg
Spartanburg	Colleton	McCormick	Marion	Richland
Union	Dorchester	Oconee	Marlboro	Saluda
York	Hampton	Pickens	Williamsburg	Sumter
	Jasper			