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Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail

Thirty-four Birding Sites in Nine Counties in East Central Alabama!

WHAT WE'VE DONE: We've had a busy couple of months: **April 23:** Another great event at Horse-shoe Bend National Military Park; We delivered several "Alabama Birding Trail" informational signs to various locations across the region. Confederate Memorial Park and Fort Toulouse will announce the installation/unveiling events very soon! New signs being ordered for several Tallapoosa County sites! We will keep you posted!

Photo Contest!!

The Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail

- Open to youth, age 15 and under, and any amateur photographer, with "amateur" defined as someone who does not earn a living from photography!
- Photos must have been taken during the calendar year 2016 and must have been taken at any of the thirty-four (34) official sites on the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail. We naturally accept photos of birds, but any artistic view of the official site as well. Your pictures must easily identify the site at which you are taking photos. A simple solution is to take a picture of the site signage before and after your subject photos. These will NOT be counted in your 5 picture submission guidelines.
- There is no charge for entering this contest. All photos should be at least 300 dpi and may be submitted on CD or flash drive in the jpg format, or via email to ppbirdingtrail@gmail.com. Each should be accompanied by your name, address, contact information and telephone, all in legible handwriting.
- Winning entries will be highlighted in the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail newsletter, official Facebook page and displayed on our Flickr page as well. By submitting entries, participants grant permission for the Alabama Birding Trails, the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail, along with any partner organization to publish any/all submissions on printed materials, official websites and to share on social media. The contest begins March 1st and the deadline is 5:00 pm October 31, 2016.
- Our contest has two classes: birds & artistic site shots. There are two levels of entry: youth (15 & under) & amateur. You may enter up to five (5) photos in each class.

Submit your photos at any time to either ppbirdingtrail@gmail.com or the Go! Postal office.



This contest is a project of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail, with thirty-four sites in the counties of Autauga, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Randolph and Tallapoosa. For details, contact Joanne at 256-786-0541 or via email at ppbirdingtrail@gmail.com.

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Our postal services are provided by the Alexander City location of Go! Postal 256-234-3737

WHAT WE'RE STILL WORKING ON: We've got several projects in the works, including paddle-birding events at Wind Creek State Park and Fox Creek; the Fall birding event at Ft. Toulouse; the Fall photo event at Confederate Memorial Park; Fall birding event at Lakepoint State Park Resort in Eufaula; three-day combination birding event at Lakepoint February 2017.

Come see us at these community events:

PPBT promotion at Roanoke's Summer on Main-June 4;
 PPBT promotion at Tallassee Now event, June 11;
 PPBT promotion at Chilton County Farm/Home/Wildlife event August 6;

The weather is perfect for getting out to any of our 34 official sites on the PPBT. Grab the kids and the camera and submit your photos to the annual region contest!!! Have questions? ppbirdingtrail@gmail.com or 256-786-0541.

Chambers County Update: We're excited to meet up with the new Chambers County contact, Ashley Crane! Newly installed on May 2, we are anxious to work with Ashley on birding events in the county.

UPDATED: Contact:

Autauga County: [Patty Vanderwal](#), 334-365-7392
 Chambers County: [Ashley Crane](#), 334-642-1409
 Chilton Co Extension: [Gay West](#), 205-280-6268
 Clay County: [Tiffany Young](#), 256-283-9418
 Coosa Co Extension: [Sharon Haynes](#), 256-377-4713
 Elmore County: [Tex Grier](#), 334-567-1328
 Lee County: [Cindy Pugh](#), 334-887-8747
 Randolph County: [Cotina Terry](#), 334-863-7243
 Tallapoosa County: [Joanne Ninesling](#), 256-786-0541

We welcome your input

May 24, 2016

The 115th Christmas Bird Count will be conducted from Sunday, December 14, 2014 through Monday, January 5, 2015.

Since the Christmas Bird count began over a century ago, it has relied on the dedication and commitment of volunteers like you. Please keep reading to learn more about the Christmas Bird Count.

When does the count happen?

All Christmas Bird Counts are conducted between December 14 to January 5 inclusive dates each season. Your local count will occur on one day between those dates. Participate in as many counts as you wish!

How does participation work?

There is a specific methodology to the CBC, and you must make arrangements to participate in advance with the circle compiler, but anyone can participate.

Each count takes place in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. If you are a beginning birder, you will be able to join a group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher. If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler. Check out the sign-up link above for information on how to contact the compiler.

Please contact the individuals below that are in your area to get further details. This information from Birmingham Audubon.

Alabama Christmas Bird Counts 2014-15

1. Waterloo – December 20, Paul Kittle (256-765-4395; pdkittle@una.edu)
2. Dauphin Island – December 20, Tom Siegwald (siegwald@shc.edu)
3. Montgomery – January 3, Larry Gardella (334-593-6502(H), 334-450-9790 (C); lgardellabirds@charter.net)
4. Wheeler NWR – December 20, Dwight Cooley (256-353-7243; dwight_cooley@fws.gov)
5. Birmingham – December 27, David George (205-477-5074 (H), 205-401-8111 (C); dpsageorge@bellsouth.net)
6. Pensacola, FL – December 20, Bill Bremser (Billbremser@gmail.com)
7. Auburn – December 14, Geoff Hill (334-332-4930; gill@auburn.edu)
8. Guntersville – December 26, Linda Reynolds (256-582-2970 (H), 256-298-1810; rreynolds@charter.net)
9. Gulf Shores – January 3, Howard Horne (hhorne@bvaenviro.com)
10. Eufaula – December 30, Mason Jarrett (706-992-8864; beltedkingfisher2000@yahoo.com)
11. Columbus, GA – January 3, Mason Jarrett (706-992-8864; beltedkingfisher2000@yahoo.com)
12. Tuscaloosa – December 20, Dexter Durin (205-393-0927)