

HPAS – 2024 Event Schedule (as of 4/3/2024)

April 27 – Field trip to the Tessentee Bottomland Preserve near Otto with Melanie and Keith Vickers. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM to carpool or at the preserve trailhead at 8 AM.

May 1 – Field trip to the Buck Creek area near Standing Indian with Melanie Vickers. Meet at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:00 AM to carpool. The driving time is longer so the earlier meeting time.

May 7 – Field trip to Jones Gap and Bartram Trail with Brent Martin. Meet at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM to carpool.

May 11 – Field trip to Rich Gap Rd for the NC Bird Atlas survey of the Highlands SE priority block. Meet at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM to carpool. This is world migratory bird day.

May 18 – Field trip to Lonesome Valley near Cashiers with Richard Yow. Meet Richard at the real estate office just inside the front gate at 8 AM.

May 25 – field trip to Brushy Face Preserve near Highland with Dan Galik. Meet at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands at 7:30 AM to carpool or at the preserve at 8:00 AM.

September 18 – 24 Whiteside hawk watch period. Times and dates will be determined later based on weather and hawk migration movements in the area. We will walk the trail to the top of Whiteside Mountain and wait for the Hawks to pass by. Email Brock Hutchins at brockhutchins@bellsouth.net to register.

December 20- Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count starting at 7:30 at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands.