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## News Release

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Birders flocking to the coast for the fall migration

The 11th annual Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival offers dozens of reasons to join other nature enthusiasts on the Outer Banks of North Carolina Nov. 6-11, which includes Veterans' Day weekend. Birders who prefer to use their binoculars and scopes will be offered more opportunities than they can possibly take advantage of during the six-day event. Birding trips are planned for locations throughout the northeastern part of the state including but not limited to Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge in Currituck, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, Ocracoke Island and Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, both in Hyde County, Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge on mainland Dare County, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Pettigrew State Park, and Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

The long list of different birding trips offer a wide assortment of viewing possibilities including shorebirds, songbirds, waterfowl and even Red Cockaded Woodpeckers. Some of the sightings reported during recent Wings Over Water Wildlife Festivals include Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Fork-Tailed Flycatcher and the Magnificent Frigatebird.

Just can't seem to get close enough to get that perfect shot at a pintail? Both hunters and photographers can get up close and personal to waterfowl by learning how to use decoys and calls on the Pea Island "Duck Hunt." Participants in this three-to-four hour class will sit in a duck blind while learning how to bring the waterfowl into range. Cameras welcomed; guns are not.

Nature photographers who want to improve their skills can join Mark Buckler, program director of the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education in Corolla, for a wildlife photography class. Buckler, also a professional photographer, will show participants how to catch the morning light while exploring for wading birds, fall migrant songbirds, waterfowl and shorebirds.

The Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival is sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, Carolina

Bird Club, the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society, Roanoke Island Festival Park and the Outer Banks Sentinel. To learn more, visit [www.wingsoverwater.org](http://www.wingsoverwater.org) or call the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce at 252-441-8144 to order a program book complete with map and registration forms.