



COMMUNITY FEATURE

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WAKE COUNTY PARKS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL GREATBACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Wake County residents and visitors are invited to take part in the 18th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) **Friday, February 13, through Monday, February 16, 2015**. Six Wake County parks are taking part in this national event: American Tobacco Trail, Blue Jay Point County Park, Crowder District Park, Harris Lake County Park, Lake Crabtree County Park and Historic Yates Mill County Park.

The free, four-day event engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. Last year, North Carolina participants counted more than 322,000 birds, identifying 177 species. Participants will report their results online to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. For more information or to locate the online checklist, visit the [GBBC website](#).

[Wake County Parks](#) encourages you to participate by attending a [Great Backyard Birdcount program](#) at one of our parks. GBBC programs are free and for all ages unless otherwise noted. Registration is required for most programs.

[American Tobacco Trail](#) to register, call 919-387-4342

Date	Program
Sunday, February 15, 9-11 a.m.	Public Bird Walk (meet at the White Oak Parking Area)
Monday, February 16, 3-5 p.m	Public Bird Walk (meet at the New Hill Parking Area)

[Blue Jay Point County Park](#) to register, call 919-870-4330

Date	Program
Monday, February 16, 10-11 a.m	Counting is for the Birds

[Crowder District Park](#) to register, call 919-662-2850

Date	Program
Friday, February 13, 9-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast with the Birds
Saturday, February 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Happy Valentine's Day (\$5/family)
Sunday, February 15, 1-2 p.m.	Afternoon Backyard Bird County

[Harris Lake County Park](#) to register, call 919-387-4342

Date	Program
Friday, February 13, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Walk (meet at the Restroom Pavilion)
Friday, February 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Intro to Bird Watching and the GBBC
Saturday, February 14, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Walk (meet at the Restroom Pavilion)
Saturday, February 14, 1-4 p.m.	Birdapalooza
Saturday, February 14, 6-7 p.m.	Owl Prowl
Sunday, February 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Public Bird Walk (meet at the Restroom Pavilion)
Monday, February 16, 9-11 a.m.	Public Bird Walk (meet at the Restroom Pavilion)
Monday, February 16, 2-4 p.m.	Waterfowl Hike along the Shoreline

[Historic Yates Mill County Park](#) to register, call 919-856-6675

Date	Program
Saturday, February 14, 2-3:30 p.m.	Love Birds
Monday, February 16, 9-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast with the Birds
Monday, February 16, 11a.m. – 12 p.m.	National Birds (\$5/family)

[Lake Crabtree County Park](#) to register, call 919-460-3390

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Friday, February 13, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Count Walk (meet at the Waterwise Garden)
Saturday, February 14, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Count Walk (meet at the Waterwise Garden)
Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Love Birds?
Sunday, February 15, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Count Walk (meet at the Waterwise Garden)
Sunday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.	Lifestyles of the Winged and Feathered
Monday, February 16, 8:30-10 a.m.	Public Bird Count Walk (meet at the Waterwise Garden)
Monday, February 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Junior Birder Patch Program (\$10/child)

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