



# News Release

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**Re: Airlie Gardens to Host Bird Fest**

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County's Airlie Gardens plays host to the Cape Fear Audubon Society annual Bird Fest on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 2pm. Bird Fest, now in its second year, is an annual event celebrating the Society's accomplishments and membership.

Enjoy a day full of fun for the whole family and gain a new understanding and appreciation for our local natural resources. Mini-workshops on bird banding, nature photography, dragonflies and butterflies are only a few of the activities. Discover the diverse interests of Cape Fear Audubon, which focuses not only on bird conservation but also provides monthly educational programs, nature hikes, and presentations by area professionals. Enter to win door prizes by providing your contact information at the Cape Fear Audubon Membership Table.

Admission to Airlie Gardens is **FREE!!!** Please remember there is no food service available at Airlie Gardens and picnicking is encouraged. Also, remember to bring binoculars, sun protection, hiking shoes, and a water bottle.

The Cape Fear Audubon Society is a newly reformed chapter of National Audubon Society, serving Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and Onslow Counties. The mission of the local chapter is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems within our region, focusing on birds and other wildlife for the benefit of humanity and North Carolina's biological diversity. More information regarding Bird Fest and the Cape Fear Audubon Society may be found at <http://www.capefearaudubon.org/>.

Airlie Gardens is a 67-acre public garden owned and operated by New Hanover County and is a NC Carolina Birding Trail site. The mission of Airlie Gardens is to be a historic public garden with cultural and environmental education programs that serve the residents and visitors of New Hanover County. Additional information about Airlie Gardens may be found at <http://www.airliegardens.org>.

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