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Noah Strycker and Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd to speak at Fourth Annual Atlanta Bird Fest

(Atlanta, Ga,) February 5, 2019—Mark your calendars and make plans to attend Atlanta Audubon’s **4th Annual Atlanta Bird Fest**, which will run from **April 13 through May 19, 2019**. The Southeast’s largest bird and nature festival, Atlanta Bird Fest features a full month of activities, including field trips to Georgia’s best birding hotspots, nature-based workshops, and guest speakers. Events are tailored to all levels of bird, nature, and outdoor enthusiasts—there’s something for everyone!

The 2019 Atlanta Bird Fest will kick off with an event featuring **Noah Strycker**. In 2015, Strycker set a worldwide record for his Big Year of Birding, spotting 6,042 of the world’s estimated 10,400 bird species in a continuous journey spanning all seven continents from January 1 to December 31. Strycker will be in town the weekend of April 13 and 14 leading birding trips and giving the keynote address at the **Atlanta Bird Fest Opening Celebration** on **Sunday, April 14**, at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center.

Over the subsequent four weekend, there will be a variety of events for bird and nature enthusiasts ranging from a bird walk and luncheon at Serenbe, a Wine and Warblers Trip to north Georgia, a bird walk followed by a coffee and chocolate tasting on the Atlanta BeltLine, a field trip to see Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, a Shorebird Trip to the Georgia coast, and more.

The month-long event will end with a **Closing Celebration** at Sweetwater Brewery on **Sunday, May 19**, featuring **Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd**, professor at the University of Georgia’s Department of Geography, the director of the UGA’s Atmospheric Sciences program, and past-president of the American Meteorological Society. Dr. Shepherd is a leading international expert in weather and climate. His TedX Talk on “Slaying the Climate Zombies” is still one of the most-watched lectures about climate change on YouTube.

Early registration will begin on March 1, 2019, for Atlanta Audubon Society members and will open to the general public on March 8, 2019. For a complete listing of events or to register, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/atlanta-bird-fest.

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