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**GEORGIA AUDUBON WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR**

**(Atlanta, Ga.) July 26, 2021** – Georgia Audubon recently added Dr. Clark Rushing, assistant professor at the University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, as an organizational Advisor. Dr. Rushing is the newly hired assistant professor at the University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resource, filling the position vacated by Dr. Robert Cooper, who retired earlier this year. Dr. Cooper, who formerly served as a Georgia Audubon Advisor, was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors and will chair the Georgia Audubon conservation committee.

“We are excited to welcome Clark to our distinguished group of advisors,” says Linda DiSantis, board chair. “He brings a wealth of talents and experiences to Georgia Audubon that will help the organization fulfill its mission of building places where birds and people thrive.”

Dr. Clark Rushing recently moved to the University of Georgia from Utah, where he served as an assistant professor in the Department of Wildland Resources and the Ecology Center at Utah State University. Dr. Rushing is a population ecologist with an emphasis on quantifying demographic processes and their influences on individuals, populations, and species. His research focuses primarily on the ecology and conservation of migratory birds. Rushing holds a B.A. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in behavior, ecology, evolution, and systematics, from the University of Maryland.

Georgia Audubon Advisors are committed to the mission of the organization and bring unique skill sets, perspectives, and demonstrable leadership, knowledge, or interest in the fields of conservation and ornithology. Dr. Rushing joins the following Georgia Audubon Advisors: Marcia Bansley, founder of Trees Atlanta; Giff Beaton, author of *Birding Georgia*; Mark Berry, vice president of environmental and natural resources at Georgia Power; Raphael Bostic, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta;

Stacia Hendricks, naturalist manager at Little St. Simons Island; Pierre Howard, former Lt. Governor of Georgia and president of The Georgia Conservancy; Dr. J. Drew Lanham, award-winning author, poet, and professor of wildlife at Clemson University; and John Pruitt, retired anchor, WSB TV.

For more information on Georgia Audubon, visit [www.GeorgiaAudubon.org](http://www.GeorgiaAudubon.org).

***About Georgia Audubon:*** *Georgia Audubon is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and community engagement.*

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