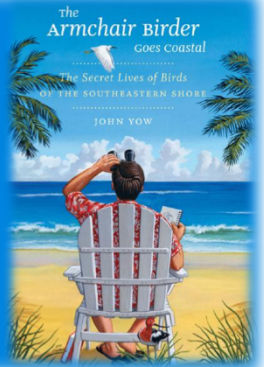


The Armchair Birder Comes to Asheville



- ANNUAL BIRD-A-THON PROGRAM & FUNDRAISER -

TUESDAY, MAY 17TH @ 7PM
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The presentation will be like the books—informal, anecdotal, and, we hope, entertaining, with audience participation encouraged. We will begin with a discussion of the concept that drives both books—what makes them both unique and of particular interest to the casual birder. Then we'll take a closer look at just how the books work by focusing on a few of the birds covered—with emphasis on the rich and wise (and often funny) insights I discovered in the work of great bird writers past and present. We'll conclude the program with the birder-busting Birdsong Identification Contest, with fabulous prizes! After the program, John will be selling and signing his two books—*cash and check only*. John has graciously offered to donate all book sale proceeds towards EMAS' Bird-a-Thon fundraiser!



With the exception of a decade spent in the book publishing business, John has been a career freelance writer. He's authored a wide range of books covering everything from the highway-building industry, to global economic trends, and even golf. Watching a red-bellied woodpecker cache sunflower seeds in a cherry tree outside his window convinced him to write about something of actual interest. The results were The Armchair Birder and The Armchair Birder Goes Coastal, both published by the University of North Carolina Press. He and his wife, Dede, live in the woods outside of Acworth, Georgia, just north of Atlanta.

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