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White Oak River Birding Cruises Set for Sept., Fall

OCEAN – This is the time of year to see migratory birds flying along the N.C. coast. Join local birding expert Joanne Powell and the N.C. Coastal Federation on Sept. 8, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 for a birding cruise on the White Oak River in Swansboro.

The group will slowly cruise on a covered ferry boat through the estuaries in and around the White Oak River and Bogue Sound, including Bear Island, looking for resident birds and fall migrants that might include warblers, raptors and waterfowl. Federation staff will also be on the cruise to answer questions about water quality, habitat and restoration projects. Birds are most common in and around our coastal estuaries, looking for food, water and shelter.

Participants will meet at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro and are asked to bring their own binoculars, water and a snack and to dress appropriately for the weather. The program fee is \$20 a person. All ages are welcome, though the program is geared toward adults and older children. Registration is required, and the cruises are likely to fill up fast.