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Hummingbird program kicks off *Saving Our Birds* exhibit

Chapel Hill – The North Carolina Botanical Garden (NCBG) kicks off the *Saving Our Birds* exhibition and programs August 14 with *Flying Jewels in the Garden: The Science of Banding Hummingbirds*.

Naturalist Susan Campbell and her team will demonstrate the process of hummingbird banding, a critical component of hummingbird research. See local Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, North Carolina's only native hummingbird species, and learn about trapping and handling, as well as applying tiny bands and recording data.

Campbell will also discuss the activities of these birds in the wild, the importance of providing habitats in your yard, and how to landscape and select feeders with hummingbirds in mind. For more information and to register for this event, go to <http://go.unc.edu/Jz7k6>.

Saving Our Birds inspires awareness and understanding of North Carolina's native birds and encourages citizens to help conserve the habitats they need to thrive. The exhibition runs through December 16, and includes an informational exhibit and numerous programs for both novice and veteran birders, children and adults. Find out more at <http://ncbg.unc.edu/birds>.

Birds in Art will be on display in the DeBerry Gallery during September and October. This art exhibit features illustrations, sculptures and birdhouses by several local artists.

This display will be followed in November and December by images from the Garden's native bird photography contest. There is still time to enter the contest, and cash prizes will be awarded. Find out more about the contest at <http://ncbg.unc.edu/photocontest>.

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The NCBG, part of the University of North Carolina, is a 1,000-acre assemblage of display gardens and natural areas. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016, the Garden is nationally known as a center for the study, display, interpretation and conservation of plants. Through its educational, recreational, therapeutic horticulture and research programs, it extends opportunities for connection with nature to people of all abilities and backgrounds. The Garden is open seven days a week and admission is free. Information at <http://ncbg.unc.edu>.



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