

## STAY PLUGGED IN TO NCWF CHAPTER EVENTS

Wondering where to purchase native plants or drop off unused pesticides and herbicides? Want to learn more about crop loss and damage or deer meat processing? Perhaps you're looking for volunteer opportunities or want to find out how to certify a wildlife habitat? All of this—and much more—is available with just a couple of key strokes or a click of a button.

Communication is key to the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's mission, and each of our 15 chapters offers an array of ways for wildlife enthusiasts to stay easily connected to their local community and get people thinking and talking about issues affecting North Carolina wildlife. Online tools, including chapter websites, e-newsletters and social media, are used to share successes, events, advice, photos, and awards, and keep locals up to date with state and national wildlife news. They also have an effective impact on the Federation's offline activities because they help supporters unite, collaborate, and take action in their own communities.

On the Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards (PAWS) website, for example, you can learn about current wildlife improvement initiatives or check out photos of the wood duck, one of the most beautiful water birds in the region. Over on the South Wake Conservationists website is information on the annual Turtle Fest and ways to help combat hunger through hunting. Other chapter websites spotlight meetings, field trips, and other wildlife initiatives.

Meanwhile, NCWF continues to grow its online presence. More than 35,000 people are connected to our online communities and our Facebook posts reach far and wide. Some posts are fun and engaging, while others bring much-needed attention to important wildlife issues across the state. Our post on the expiration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund reached more than 117,000 people.

Whether you're an angler, backpacker, birder, hunter, photographer, hiker, or general wildlife enthusiast, everything you need or want to know about North Carolina's wildlife is available in just a few clicks. Visit [www.ncwf.org](http://www.ncwf.org) to find ways you can stay plugged in. We encourage you to explore NCWF chapter websites, sign up for e-newsletters and connect on social media. (Instagrammers: Be sure to tag your wildlife photos and videos with #ncwildlifed.)

Not only will you help North Carolina Wildlife Federation continue to grow its online presence, but you can impress your friends with your vast wildlife knowledge: *Did you know that great-spangled fritillaries love butterfly weed, and that the ground skink is North Carolina's smallest reptile, and there is such a thing as an insect hotel?*

For more information on NCWF chapters, contact Chris North at [chris@ncwf.org](mailto:chris@ncwf.org)



Our newest chapter, the Community Alliance for Wildlife, is forming in the northwest Charlotte area!

We'll have more details on the group's organization and offering coming up in the next *NCWF Journal*, but for now we want to extend a big welcome to our newest NCWF family members!

## CHECK OUT OUR CHAPTERS!

For more information on how you can participate, contact Christopher North at [chris@ncwf.org](mailto:chris@ncwf.org).



Capital Chapter



Concord Wildlife Alliance



CROWN (Charlotte Reconnecting Ourselves With Nature)



PAWS (Gaston County Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards)



HAWK (Habitat and Wildlife Keepers)



Lake James Area Wildlife and Nature Society



Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists



Mountain Island Lake Wildlife Stewards



Mountain WILD



PACT (Protecting, Advocating and Conserving)



PAWC (Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists)



River Hawks (Wake Forest)



South Wake Conservationists



The Albemarle Conservation and Wildlife Chapter