



# Town of Blowing Rock

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## A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2011 AS BIRDING MONTH IN BLOWING ROCK

WHEREAS, the wide range of environmental habitats found in Blowing Rock and the surrounding Blue Ridge mountains hosts over a two hundred and forty species of birds throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is one of the best times of the year to view various bird species along their migration route or as they set up summer residence in the High Country; and

WHEREAS, the two largest bird-watching organizations in North Carolina, the Carolina Bird Club and Audubon North Carolina, will convene in Blowing Rock for their annual statewide meetings during May; and

WHEREAS, expert ornithologists from The Nature Conservancy and Grandfather Mountain will be on hand for a special birding weekend and explore some of the best and most diverse birding areas in the Southeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, other groups including the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science, T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, Lower Neuse River Bird Club, and other individual birders will be visiting in May as well, and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Bird Club spring meeting will be held at Meadowbrook Inn on May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, Chetola Resort will host the Nature Conservancy Birding Weekend on May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Audubon Society of NC with the help of the High Country Audubon Society will hold its annual meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Blowing Rock Conference Center; and

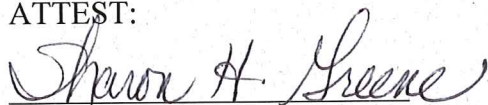
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Birding Trail has certified the Town of Blowing Rock as a "Birder Friendly Community".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J.B. Lawrence, Mayor of the Town of Blowing Rock, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as Birding Month in Blowing Rock.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

By:   
J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sharon H. Greene, Town Clerk