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The purpose of the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation is to assist in the acquisition, management and protection of wildlife habitat within the state of North Carolina and to promote conservation education for the benefit of future generations.

For more information about NCWHF, call (336) 375-4994 or visit ncwhf.org.

You can also find the foundation on Facebook at facebook.com.



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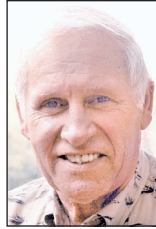
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"Quail Call," by Gerald W. Putt, can also be found in the 2011 North Carolina Wildlife Calendar published by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The calendar is now available for purchase for \$7 from the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation. Proceeds benefit the commission and the NCWHF. To purchase a calendar, call Eddie Bridges at (336) 375-4994.

Partnerships key to how NCWHF survives, thrives

Charitable organizations that have great partnerships are more likely to survive during times of economic stagnation, and the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation is a very good example of that.



EDDIE BRIDGES

Some of the most dedicated major donors listed on our membership roster are Richard Childress Racing, Budweiser/R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., Johnny Morris and Bass Pro Shops, Bob Timberlake Gallery, Remington Arms Co., Camp Younts Foundation, Duke Energy Foundation, the Dickson Foundation and several other foundations that wish to remain anonymous. Having such an impressive group of partners who equally share the passion of the NCWHF to preserve our state's wildlife habitat helps keep our organization stable.

Very few, if any, wildlife conservation organizations can boast having every major wildlife group in their state as sponsors. We are not in competition with any of these groups. Instead, we are compatible with them all. We have partnered with the N.C. Wild Turkey Federation, N.C. Bass Federation, Trout Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, N.C. Bowhunters Association, Duke Energy, N.C. State University, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, N.C. Field Trial Association, and numerous other groups to provide funding for several wildlife habitat projects. To date, we have invested more than \$1 million in the projects listed in this publication. All of these partners have helped us achieve a considerable amount of success with them.

Speaking of partnerships, we are still interested in new partners for our Adopt-An-Acre program, which offers three-for-one matching grants to purchase land for the North Carolina Game Lands program. So far we have purchased tracts in Caswell, Bladen and Richmond counties, which will offer hunting opportunities for many generations to come. A \$50,000 grant from Budweiser/R.H. Barringer Distributing Co. and a

\$100,000 grant from the Natural Heritage Foundation have provided matching funds for some high-priority acquisitions. Our special license plate program could generate thousands more dollars to add to this effort.

Even with so many great partners, we continue to look for innovative ways to increase our revenue so we can fund more conservation projects. To that end, we recently held the inaugural Hunting and Fishing Gear Yard Sale in Greensboro. Partners and friends provided a tremendous amount of hunting and fishing gear for the sale, a public event we held Sept. 25, which was also National Hunting and Fishing Day. (See page 4.) The response was very good. We raised \$3,423, which we will add to our endowment fund. We also learned a lot about organizing this type of an event and plan to hold another one on National Hunting and Fishing Day in 2011.

As far as our membership, we currently have about 2,000 names on the roster, but we know that there are more than 1 million outdoors enthusiasts in North Carolina who have not yet added their names to the list. They may be family members of yours, and they are great prospects to join hands with us in our quest. Also ask your friends or hunting or fishing partners to think about becoming a Life Sponsor of the NCWHF. You can direct them to our website at www.ncwhf.org to find out more about our organization. Remember, their children and grandchildren will be the beneficiaries of our efforts.

We hope your hunting seasons will be productive this fall and winter. And while you are waiting for the spring fishing seasons to begin, we hope you will consider attending our 15th annual N.C. Wildlife Extravaganza, which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011. For more information, call (336) 375-4994. You can be certain that NCWHF vice chairman Teena Koury, who also is chairman for the annual event, will have a lavish evening planned, and that your board of directors and all our volunteers will work hard on another fundraising effort to exemplify our motto: "Don't Let the Dream Die."

Eddie Bridges is executive director of the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.

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Hunting and Fishing Gear Yard Sale

Scenes from the Sept. 25 fundraiser in Greensboro



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The North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation held a Hunting and Fishing Gear Yard Sale on Sept. 25 at 1601 Westover Terrace in Greensboro. Volunteers, pictured from left, are: (first row) Will Stewart, Greg Harrell and Teena Koury; (second row) Pam Harrell and Eddie Bridges; and (third row) John C. Hagan, Jimmy Davis and Kelly Harrill.



Ronald Polite and his son, Ronald Jr., of Greensboro take a look at gear for sale.



Above: Terry Miner of Raleigh tries out binoculars. Below: Jimmy Davis sells bird houses that he built himself. The yard sale raised more than \$3,000 for NCWHF's endowment fund, which supports current and future conservation projects.



A hunting seat for sale at the yard sale.



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Cost: Free, adults

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• **Nature Photography**

2-4 p.m. Nov. 14

Cost: \$2, all ages

Learn to observe while being unobserved, the best times for taking pictures and the basic equipment you will need.

• **Wildlife Weirdos**

10-11 a.m. Nov. 21

Cost: Free, all ages

Nature is full of the unusual and North Carolina is no exception. Discover some of the world's more exotic specimens, including several in your own backyard.

• **Reptiles**

6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3

Cost: \$2, all ages

From lizards to crocodiles, learn all about our scaly neighbors.

• **Growing Up WILD**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 4

Cost: Free, adults

This program designed for early childhood educators provides a program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills.

Source: Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. For a full list of fall and winter classes at the Frank A. Sharpe Jr. Wildlife Education Center, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Parks/Facilities/regionalparks/burmil/educationcenter.

Vote for great moment in state's sports history

The NCWHF would like to thank the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame for its efforts to pay tribute to the state's rich sports history.

In particular, the organization has begun a new program, "Great Moments in North Carolina Sports History," which highlights special accomplishments by both teams and individuals.

The public is invited to select the winner from five nominees, which include North Carolina's NCAA basketball national championship win over Kansas in triple overtime in 1957, and N.C. State's upset of Houston for the championship title in 1983.

Visit the Hall of Fame's website at ncshof.org to cast your vote. The winner will be announced at the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Gala on May 11, 2011, on the third floor of the North Carolina Museum of History at 5 E. Edenton St. in Raleigh.



Longtime NCWHF supporter retires

The North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation board of directors would like to congratulate Harlan Hall upon his retirement as supervising wildlife biologist for districts 3, 5 and 6 for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.



Hall

The NCWHF is very grateful to Hall for his 36 years of service to the commission and to the sportsmen of our state.

Hall also is a longtime, dedicated Benefactor member of the NCWHF. He has provided leadership for several wildlife conservation projects to which we have allocated tens of thousands of dollars.

We wish him well and hope we may continue to benefit from his wildlife management expertise.

NCWHF PROJECTS FUNDED

The following projects have received funding from the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation:

NCWHF-Bur-Mil Park, Frank A. Sharpe Jr. Wildlife Education Center.....	\$300,000
Adopt-an-Acre.....	\$200,000
Black bear exhibit, Natural Science Center	\$50,000
Fish-Friendly Piers (NCWHF, Duke Power Co., N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, N.C. State).....	\$50,000
Sandhills Quail habitat projects.....	\$43,000
Jordan Lake bass habitat project	\$25,000
Wildlife seed distribution project	\$22,000
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, Willow Pond restoration	\$18,000
Caswell County marsh project, waterfowl impoundment (NCWHF, NCWRC, Ducks Unlimited)	\$16,500
Trout stream restoration, Peak Creek	\$7,000
Cataloochee wildlife enhancement project (controlled burn at Cataloochee Valley)	\$5,000
Black bear study, Tim Langer, N.C. State.....	\$5,000
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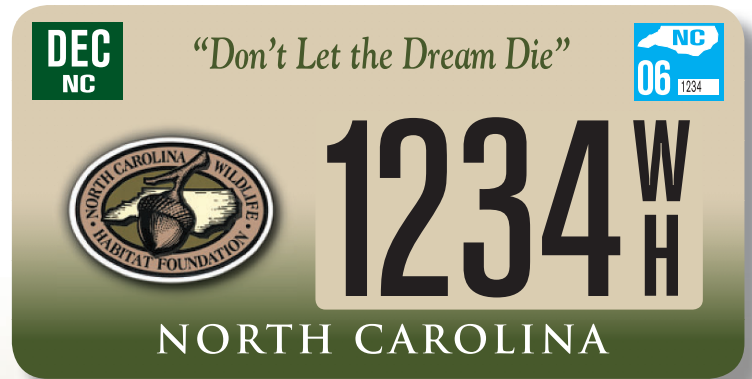
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Safety tips for waterfowl hunters

For the many waterfowl hunters who use a boat, here's a reminder from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission that “Home from the Hunt” begins with safety on the water.

“Statistics show more hunters die from hypothermia and drowning than gunshot wounds,” says Capt. Chris Huebner, the state's hunting and boating safety coordinator. “Home from the Hunt,” a statewide safety campaign, encourages everyone to enjoy their time outdoors, be prepared and take the proper precautions, and come home safely.”

Hypothermia is the loss of body heat and, left untreated, can prove fatal. Exposure to extreme cold, such as being in cold water or wearing wet clothes in cold conditions, can increase the chance of hypothermia. Huebner recommends the following:

- Always wear a life vest.
- Don't overload the boat, especially with too many passengers.
- Keep hunting dogs prone in the center of the boat.
- Never move about the boat with a loaded firearm.
- In the event of capsizing or swamping, stay with the boat. It will still provide some flotation and will be the initial focus of a rescue attempt.

Huebner advises all hunters to be prepared by:



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For 2010-2011 waterfowl hunting season dates, see page 11

- Wearing protective clothing.
- Carrying a cell phone, programmed with an emergency number, in a ziplock bag.
- Filing a float plan; letting someone know your destination and expected return time.

— Courtesy of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Find out more at ncwildlife.org.

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Crossbow hunting now legal for all

Here's what hunters need to know

Courtesy of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

In August, new hunting and trapping laws went into effect that included across-the-board legalization of crossbow hunting any time a bow and arrow is permitted as a method of take. Previously, crossbows could be used only by hunters with certain limitations.

Those considering crossbow hunting should be aware of the regulations involved. State law requires anyone buying a crossbow in North Carolina to first obtain a pistol permit from the sheriff's office in their county of residence or hold a valid concealed handgun permit.

Other important points:

- Any properly licensed hunter or licensed-exempt hunter, regardless of disability, can hunt with a crossbow.
- A crossbow can be used anytime a bow and arrow is a legal method of take. That includes any open deer season, or any game bird, game animal or non-game animal for which there is a season.
- Crossbows may **not** be used to harvest migratory game birds on Sundays.
- Crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 150 pounds. Only arrows with a fixed minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inch or a mechanically opening broadhead with a minimum width of 7/8 inch in the open position may be used for taking bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey. Blunt-type arrows may be used in taking small animals and birds including rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse and pheasants.
- Poisonous, drugged, barged or explosive arrows may **not** be used for taking game.
- State law requires that anyone buying or receiving a crossbow first obtain a pistol permit from the sheriff's office in their county of residence, or hold a valid concealed handgun permit.
- Those who owned a crossbow before the new law took effect do not need to apply for a new permit. The law only applies to anyone buying or otherwise receiving a crossbow.
- Those who purchased a crossbow in another state do not need a permit to bring the crossbow into North Carolina. The law only applies to anyone buying or otherwise receiving a crossbow.



- It is legal to borrow a crossbow while hunting as long as the transfer is temporary and the borrower is a properly licensed hunter.

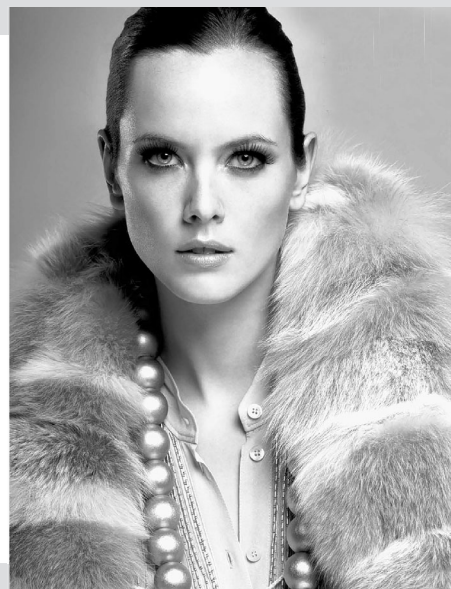
- All questions about acquiring a pistol permit should be directed to an individual's county sheriff's office, **not** the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The commission does not regulate the sale or purchase of firearms or crossbows.

- Crossbow hunters should also heed these safety precautions:
 - Never carry a crossbow cocked and loaded with an arrow.
 - Keep fingers and thumb below the rail at all times.
 - When cocking, be sure that your foot is firmly planted in the cocking stirrup.
 - Never dry-fire a crossbow (firing without an arrow can cause sudden breakage).
 - While using a tree stand, all hunters should maintain three points of contact when climbing up or down; wear a full-body safety harness; and check belts, chains and attachment cords before use.
 - With a crossbow in a tree stand:
 - Cock the crossbow on the ground before climbing.
 - Load the crossbow only when in hunting position.
 - Always use a haul line to raise or lower an unloaded crossbow.
 - Keep the haul line away from the trigger mechanism — haul stock-first.
 - Clear away any tree branches before taking a shot.

NCWHF FINANCIAL STATEMENT (as of Sept. 1, 2010)

Wachovia investment account	\$782,590.54
BB&T investment account	\$359,958.84
Wells Fargo securities, stocks	\$39,955.16
MidCarolina checking.....	\$206,929.33
MidCarolina money market.....	\$424,310.21
Hillsborough property.....	\$47,000
Wildlife art.....	\$126,675
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There will be drawings for many door prizes and raffle items. Every ticket holder will receive valuable door prizes and more.

The top raffle item will be a four-wheel drive vehicle. Other raffle items and door prizes will include a boat, motor and trailer, a Polaris ATV, hunting and fishing trips, and special wildlife art.

Tickets are \$1,000 each (admits two) and those who purchase tickets before January 1, 2011, will be eligible for an early bird drawing for a \$1,000 cash prize.

For more information, write to
NCWHF, P.O. Box 29187, Greensboro, NC 27429-9187
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Late 2010, early 2011 hunting season dates

Courtesy of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. For more information about hunting seasons, visit their website at www.ncwildlife.org.

Waterfowl seasons

Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. For bag limits and other information, call the Migratory Season Date Information Line at (800) 675-0263.

■ Ducks, mergansers and coots

Oct. 6-9; Nov. 13-Dec. 4; and Dec. 18, 2010-Jan. 29, 2011 (Black and mottled ducks are off-limits until Dec. 1.)

■ Sea ducks (in special sea duck areas only)

Oct. 1, 2010-Jan. 31, 2011

■ Dark geese, which include Canadian (pictured above) and white-fronted geese

• Resident Population Hunt Zone

Oct. 6-16; Nov. 13-Dec. 4, 2010; and Dec. 18, 2010-Feb. 5, 2011

• Southern James Bay Hunt Zone

Oct. 6-Nov. 6 and Nov. 13-Dec. 31, 2010

• Northeast Hunt Zone

Jan. 22-29, 2011 (by permit only)

To view a map of geese hunt zones, refer to the Regulations Digest or visit www.ncwildlife.org.



■ Brant

Nov. 20-Dec. 4, 2010 and Dec. 18, 2010-Jan. 29, 2011

■ Tundra swan

Nov. 13, 2010-Jan. 31, 2011

(one per season by permit only)

■ Youth Waterfowl Day (includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans)

Feb. 5, 2011

Youths must be 15 or younger and be accompanied by a properly licensed adult. Adults cannot hunt for ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open. Youths must have a valid permit to harvest a tundra swan or a Canadian goose.

Extended falconry seasons for migratory game birds



■ Doves (pictured at right)

Oct. 16 to Nov. 20, 2010

■ King, clapper, sora and Virginia rails

Nov. 20 to Dec. 25, 2010

■ Gallinules and moorhens

Nov. 20 to Dec. 25, 2010

■ Woodcocks

Nov. 13 to Dec. 30, 2010, and Jan. 31 to Feb. 26, 2011

■ Ducks, mergansers and coots

(Taking of harlequin ducks is prohibited.)

Oct. 25 to Nov. 6, 2010, and Jan. 31 to Feb. 19, 2011

■ Rules:

• Falconers may also hunt during applicable gun seasons. Daily bag limit is three and possession limit is six while hunting during applicable gun or falconry seasons. Limits are for all species, singly or in the aggregate. For example, if the applicable seasons are open, a daily bag may consist of three doves, or one dove, one duck and one woodcock, for a total of three migratory game birds.

• Falconry hours for all species are from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.

• Falconry is not allowed on Sundays.

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