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### SEPTEMBER 7 PROGRAM- PRESERVING CYPRESS CREEK

The Cypress Creek Watershed is comprised of 135,360 acres within the Tennessee River Basin. It supplies up to 16 million gallons of water per day for Florence and Lauderdale County. It has important recreational uses, and is habitat for upland game and numerous bird and bat species.

To protect this resource a partnership has been formed by the Florence Water Department, agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, area farmers and landowners, the University of North Alabama, Shoal Creek Water Watch and the Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District.

James Vance of the Florence Water Department has a power point presentation on the project, and Renee Dyer, District Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) will have photographs.

Meetings continue to be at 7:00 p.m. at Mullen Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church, Florence, Alabama.

### SEPTEMBER 9 FIELD TRIP-

Dee Patterson (757-9126) will lead our field trip to Rock Springs Nature Trail on the Natchez Trace (Stop 10 on the North Alabama Birding Trail) and Colbert Park. We should see many Ruby Throated Hummingbirds and other fall migrants. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the UNA parking lot north of Norton Auditorium.

### BIRDING THE TVA WETLANDS TRAILS WITH DAMIEN

It's nearing fall, so Damien Simbeck will begin his weekly walks on the TVA wetland trails Friday Sept. 1 at 6:00 a.m. Beginning time will gradually be later as the days grow shorter. Walks generally end about 8:00



a.m. depending on weather, bird activity, etc. Birding these trails with Damien is fun. See many different fall migrants and learn a lot about birding. Highly recommended.

### WHAT DO YOU DO WITH INJURED OR ORPHANED BIRDS?

When people know that you are interested in birds you may receive calls asking what to do with injured or orphaned birds. If you do receive such a request, you can refer the caller to the web site of the Alabama Wildlife Center in Oak Mountain State Park, [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org). This Center is Alabama's oldest and largest rehabilitation facility. The web site contains wildlife emergency care instructions for birds of prey, water birds, song birds and mammals. Also, the Center maintains a wildlife hotline at (205)621-3333 that you can furnish to inquirers. We understand that the Center needs volunteers to help transport injured wildlife to Moulton or Cullman where someone else will take the injured bird or animal on to Oak Mountain. If you would like to find out more, call Faye Lacefield 381-6301.

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