



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## North Carolina

Asheville Warbler Weekend

29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (4 days)



Hooded Warbler by George L. Armistead

*The North Carolina Mountains are home to around 25 species of breeding wood warblers and several more that migrate through. Early to mid-May is the best time to view peak diversity of warblers in the habitat rich region of Western North Carolina. Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful family of birds with our Warbler Weekend.*

*During our two full day warbler weekend we will explore a multitude of habitats including marshes, hardwood forest, and the high elevation spruce fir forest. The lower elevations on the edge of the Blue Ridge Escarpments have been good for Swainson's, Kentucky and Prothonotary Warblers. Moving up the escarpment into the hard wood forest we will search for numerous more species including Black-throated Green, American Redstart and Hooded Warblers. Ascending into the highest elevations in the East we will search out Canada, Black-throated Blue and Chestnut-sided Warblers.*

*Western North Carolina is also extremely fortunate to have a small population of Cerulean and Golden-winged Warblers in the area. These two species will be main targets for the weekend. We will encounter more than just warblers on our weekend. It is prime time for shorebird migration, and we will check out the local sod fields to see if anything has turned up. The high elevations are home to several species of flycatchers such as Alder and Least.*

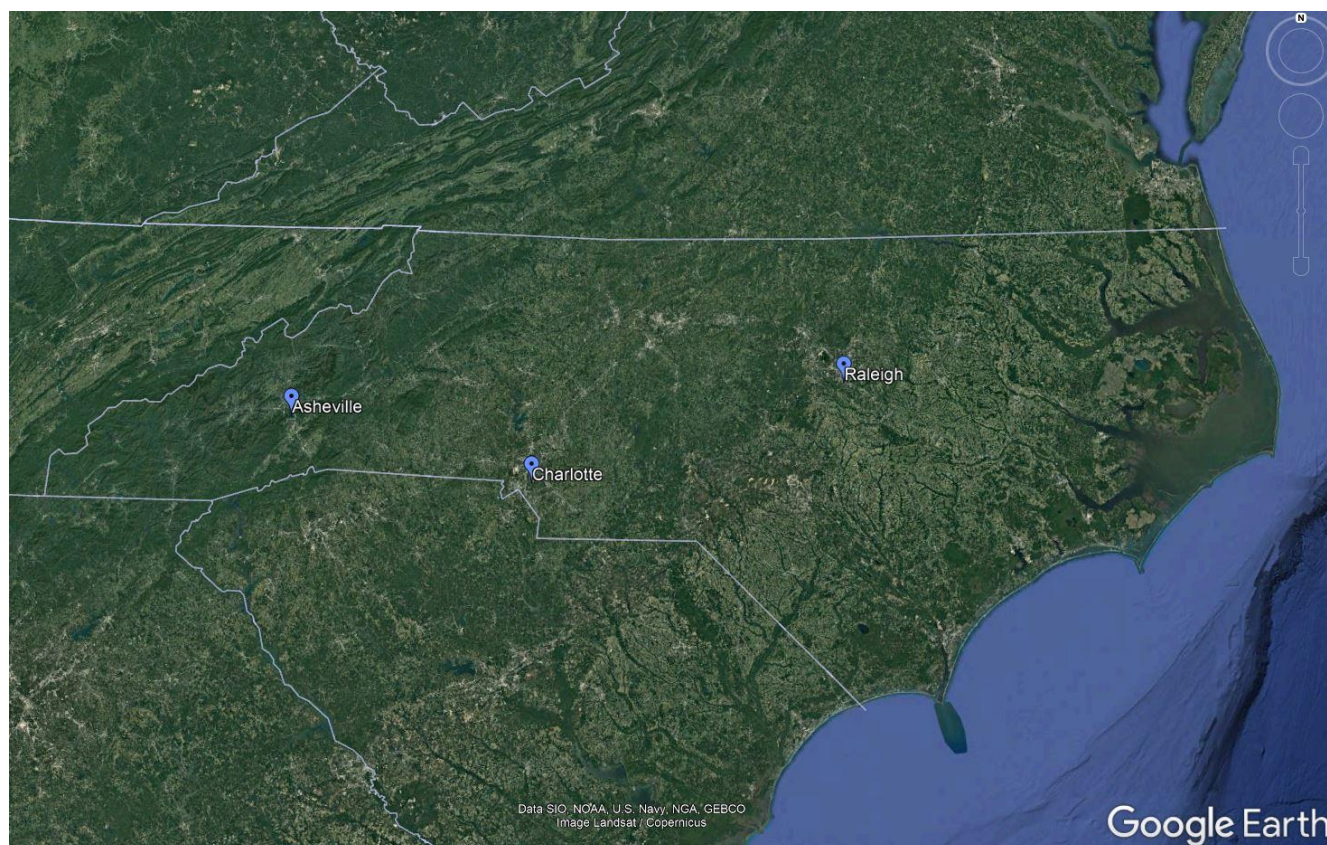
*We will likely see and hear over 120 species for the weekend. This is a great way to study this beautiful family of birds in a gorgeous mountain setting. We hope to see you here in the mountains for an awesome warbler packed weekend!*

**THE TOUR AT A GLANCE...**

**ITINERARY**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Arrive in Ashville</b>
<b>Days 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Ashville Warbler Weekend birding</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Ashville and depart</b>

**TOUR MAP**



### THE TOUR IN DETAIL...

**Day 1: Arrive in Asheville.** Today is set aside for arrivals into Asheville, where we plan to meet up over dinner. Early arrivals can enjoy the local Audubon sanctuary for a leisurely bird walk.

**Days 2 & 3: Asheville Warbler Weekend birding.** We have two full days to search for as many warbler as we can.

On our first morning, we will head down the Green River Cove Road to search for Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's, Kentucky and Prothonotary Warblers among so many other species. In the afternoon we will

head back up the mountain to Hooper Lane. This is a large Sod operation in Mills River that has been great for migrating shorebirds and open land species. We will be looking for Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Grey Plover, Least Sandpiper and more. Time and pandemic allowing, we will head to a local brewery for dinner and beer.



**Cerulean Warbler by George L. Armistead**



**Swainson's Warbler by Dušan Brinkhuizen**

Our second day will be all about the higher elevations of the Blue Ridge. We will start out early in the Black Balsam area searching for Canada, Chestnut-sided and Black-throated Blue Warblers. This is also a great area for Least and Alder Flycatchers. We will next head north to look for Golden-winged and Cerulean Warblers. This will be a day of great views, cool temperatures, and great birds. We will end up back in Asheville for the night.

**Day 4: Asheville and depart.** This morning we will chase any species we may have missed over the weekend. If we have satisfied our warbler cravings, we will visit a few local parks, or chase any rarities that may have been seen in the area.



**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Tour dates, prices, single supplement rates, approximate flight costs and spaces available for these tours are displayed on our website. Please see under **IMPORTANT NOTES** below.

The tour price includes:

- All meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 4;
- All accommodations;
- Ground transportation;
- All reserve entrance fees;
- All leader and guiding services.



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...and excludes:

- Any airfares, taxes and visa costs;
- Any beverages;
- Special gratuities; and
- Telephone calls, laundry and items of a personal nature.

**Single Supplement:** The single supplement cost for this tour will be charged if you wish to have single accommodation. If RBL cannot provide you with a rooming partner for these nights although you choose to share, the single supplement will become applicable. We will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a rooming partner is found if you do wish to share.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

a) **Due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, we quote our tours in 4 currencies. The tour price is however fixed only in the currency printed in bold, and the actual cost in the other currencies listed will be adjusted according to prevailing exchange rates at the time of final invoicing (usually 4 months before the tour.) The same applies to approximate flight and single supplement rates, which are also quoted in the respective fixed currency.**

b) **Rates are based upon group tariffs; if the tour does not have sufficient registration a small party supplement will have to be charged.**

c) **Furthermore, these costs are subject to unforeseen increases in tour related costs and may have to be adjusted as a result.**

d) **Lastly, we may be forced to change or alter the itinerary and / or the designated tour leader at short or no notice due to unforeseen circumstances; please be aware that we will attempt to adhere as close to the original program as possible.**

**Tippling:** As noted above, gratuities (drivers, hotel staff, porters and restaurants) are NOT included on this tour. If you feel that your leader has given you excellent service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DETAILS**

This tour **does not** include ANY international airfares. The tour will commence with dinner on day 1 at our Ashville lodgings. The tour will conclude in Asheville at around lunchtime on day 4.



The above information in respect of arrivals and departures is a guide only. Precise arrival and departure information will be sent to you in your **Tour Confirmation** package once the tour has been officially confirmed. If you wish to arrive early and/or depart late and would like assistance in this regard, kindly contact the Rockjumper office.

**FLIGHTS**

Asheville Regional Airport (IATA: AVL) is the main port of entry and exit for this tour. It is most easily reached with connections via Chicago O’Hare, Washington Dulles, Atlanta and Charlotte. **Please DO NOT book your international or internal flights until you have consulted the Rockjumper office for confirmation on the status of the tour.**

