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Local Expert Publishes Guide to Low Country Birding

SAVANNAH, Ga. - - *December 1, 2011* - - Bird enthusiasts are watching more than the flight of migratory birds this month as local birding maven Diana Churchill's new book, *Birder's Eye View: Savannah & the Low Country*, makes its debut in Savannah-area bookstores.

Known for her twice-monthly column, "Birder's Eye View," that has appeared in the *Savannah Morning News* since 2001, Churchill has taken the advice of readers and assembled a group of these entertaining articles to give Low Country residents and visitors a personal tour of the area's avian delights.

The new birding guide includes 53 articles – "one-a-week for a year, with one to grow on," says Churchill, a Savannah native. "Readers continually ask questions such as 'When will the goldfinches get back?' or 'When do the hummingbirds leave?'; therefore, the articles are organized by season."

Birder's Eye View book includes an overview to each season with detailed lists of each season's specialty birds, followed by four articles per month. Articles feature a particular bird family that visits the Low Country during a given season, showcase celebrity birds, or provide information about seasonal bird events, such as nesting or migration.

Kenn Kaufman, well-known birder and author of the Kaufman guides, has written the foreword, providing a bit of history and his own perceptions of this special region of the country.

According to Churchill, the Low Country is particularly blessed when it comes to bird watching. "Taking into account year-round residents, winter visitors, and Neotropical migrants, some 250 species of birds can regularly be found in our local region. There are an abundance of birds to watch during every season of the year."

In addition to the columns and detailed narratives, *Birder's Eye View* contains almost 500 of Churchill's beautiful color photographs providing an intimate look at the region's unique habitats and its ever changing cast of feathered inhabitants.

The book was written with both the casual bird watcher and the dedicated enthusiast in mind. The "In Your Yard" section offers guidance for turning your yard into a welcoming bird habitat, and includes a quick reference guide to 96 of the area's common backyard birds while the "Top Locations" section provides a detailed list of thirty-four of the Low Country's top bird watching locations, ranging from Charleston, SC down to Cumberland Island, GA.

Birder's Eye View: Savannah & the Low Country is now available at Wild Birds Unlimited, Savannah, and at E. Shaver, Bookseller. The book can also be ordered on-line at www.dianachurchillbirds.com or by calling 912-786-5703. The price is \$21.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

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