

Brian Bockhahn

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Professional Experience

2011–present

Regional Education Specialist

Division of Parks and Recreation, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC

- Interpretation and education training state-wide
- Ranger and Seasonal Staff training and development
- Natural Resources Management

1997–2011

Park Ranger II

Falls Lake State Recreation Area, Wake Forest, NC

Division of Parks and Recreation, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

- Interpretation and education of Falls Lake's Natural and Cultural History
- Natural Resources Management
- Commissioned Special Police Officer, Certified First Responder, Wild land Fire Responder, and Search and Rescue Responder
- Daily park operations

1996–1997

Assistant Park Ranger

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, Apex, NC

Division of Parks and Recreation, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- Daily park operations
- Supervising volunteers, community service workers, and prison work crews

Research and Publications

Co-author with Donald Zepp, [Arachnids of North Carolina database](#), 2015-present
North Carolina Biodiversity Project

Field Research Contributor of an undescribed species of *Maevia* (Jumping Spiders), Dr. G.B. Edwards, Curator Emeritus, Arachnida & Myriapoda, Florida State Collection of Arthropods, 2024

Article: “[First Record for North Carolina of *Rionaeschna multicolor* \(Blue-eyed Darner\)](#)” in *ARGIA*, Dragonfly Society of the Americas, 2022.

Article: Co-author with Kyle Kittelberger, “[Novel Behavioral Observations from North Carolina of the Poorly-known *Neurocordulia alabamensis* \(Alabama Shadowdragon\)](#),” in *ARGIA*, Dragonfly Society of the Americas, 2020.

Associate Project Manager with Kyle Kittelberger and Tom Howard, [Hoppers of North Carolina database](#), 2013-present
North Carolina Biodiversity Project

Contributor, Butterflies, Moths, Dragonflies, Beetles, Hymenoptera, Amphibian and Mammal databases, 1997-present
Natural Resources Inventory Database and North Carolina Biodiversity Project

Education

A.S. 1995 SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, New York State Ranger School, Wanakena, NY
Associate of Science in Forest Technology

Certifications

Certified Interpretive Trainer, National Association of Interpretation, 2017
Certified Interpretive Guide, National Association of Interpretation, 2016
Advanced Interpretive Training Level 6, North Carolina State Parks, 2016
Workshop Facilitator, Frogwatch USA, 2014
Trainer and State Parks Liaison, Box Turtle Connection, 2012
Program Facilitator, Calling Amphibian Survey, 2006
Certified Environmental Educator, State of North Carolina, 1999
Program Facilitator, Monarch Larva Monitoring, 1999
Certified Interpreter, North Carolina State Parks, 1999

Projects

Spruce Fir Moss Spider Surveys (permit), US Fish and Wildlife Service, 2018-present
Foothills Bog Spider Survey, Plant Conservation Program, 2024
White Pines Preserve Survey Project, North Carolina Biodiversity Project, 2024-2025
New Hope Bottomlands Survey Project, North Carolina Biodiversity Project, 2021-2022
Taxon Expert, North Carolina State Parks Bioblitzes, 2010-present
Founder and Leader, Christmas Bird Count, Falls Lake State Recreation Area, 1998-present
Coordinator, Christmas Bird Counts: Cumberland County, Rocky Mount, Haw River, Mayo River, Pilot Mountain, and Kerr Lake), various dates-present
Coordinator, Butterfly Counts, North American Butterfly Association, 2012-present

Lectures and Talks

Spider Workshops presented at Durant Nature Park (2009), Morrow Mountain State Park (2010), and many others across the state to present day.

Lectures and talks presented to North Carolina Environmental Education Conference, New Hope Audubon Society, Wake Audubon Society, Chapel Hill Bird Club, Carolina Bird Club, Carolina Butterfly Society, Wings Over Water Birding Festival, and additional organizations and clubs across North Carolina.

Awards

Special Achievement Award, North Carolina State Parks, 2019
Special Achievement Award, North Carolina State Parks, 2016
Environmental Leadership Award, Piedmont Wildlife Center, 2016
Outstanding Educator Award, North Carolina Entomological Society, 2015
Distinguished Service Award, North Carolina Park Ranger Training Institute, 2012
Public Service Award, Army Corps of Engineers, 2002