# Venture to the Carolina Sandhills Longleaf Pine Savannah May 31 – June 2, 2024

# **Itinerary**

## Friday, May 31 – Arrival and Weymouth Woods

We depart Raleigh early, arriving to the Sandhills early in the morning. Our first couple of hours birding in the area will give us a nice introduction to these special habitats and the birds that reside here. If we miss Red-cockaded Woodpecker this morning, we'll have other chances in the evening and in the next 2 days. *Night in Southern Pines* 

#### **Saturday, June 1**– Sandhills Game Lands

We will try early for the Red-cockaded WPs before then heading further south into the Sandhills Game Lands. Not only will we visit more longleaf pine forest, but we will visit McKinney Lake to notch some wetland species. We will also drive through nearby agricultural lands where we hope to find, among other things, Mississippi Kites. *Night in Southern Pines* 

### Sunday, June 2— Clean Up Day

Our morning will be spent 'cleaning up' – looking for any targets we may have missed so far, and in addition to visiting some new areas, we'll probably revisit a few as well. After lunch, we'll enjoy an afternoon nature program at Weymouth Park before heading back to Raleigh.