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# Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter  
October 2021



## Call for entries: Annual Photography Contest

Each year, Ogeechee Riverkeeper solicits the best photographs from the watershed. Judges look for images that highlight what makes the Ogeechee and Canoochee Rivers, and the surrounding areas, special.

Photographers can enter in multiple categories: Landscape, portrait, wildlife, plant life, underwater, aerial, black and white, and funny wildlife. Since this will be an annual event each December, ORK

requests that any images submitted be taken within the same calendar year. ORK hopes to see entries from across the 22 counties encompassing the watershed.

Submissions are due by **November 5, 2021**. Winners will be announced early December 2021.

[Complete rules and submission guidelines](#)

The above image is the 2020 funny wildlife winner from Wesley Hendley.

## Clean Halloween

During the month of October, you are challenged to participate a different kind of trick-or-treating. Put together a team of no more than 10 people and compete to collect the most trash by October 31! ORK will provide a prize to the team who collects the most trash (by weight).



[Learn how to participate](#)



[Register](#)

## Birds and Bins

Ogeechee Audubon & Ogeechee Riverkeeper co-leaders will help locate and identify birds, educate us about the southern part of the watershed while we clean up a local nature trail in our basin.

We will search for wading birds, raptors, woodpeckers and other early winter resident birds. Loaner binoculars and litter collection supplies will be available.

## Our quarry victory in Bitter Southerner

Read how grassroots efforts and members of the community coalesced to defeat a proposed gravel quarry that would have threatened the health of the river, the rural way of life, and more.

It's a story of environmental justice being fought for and won.



[Read the story](#)



## Fauna: *Perimyotis subflavus*

Tricolored bats are very small, weighing about the same as a U.S. quarter, though its wingspan can reach up to 10 inches across. Their fur is a mix of black, brown, and light brown, giving them their name.

View all of the [Creature Feature animals](#).

About the tricolored bat

## Sign for Don't Litter Lotts

Check out our new sign at the intersection of Zetterower Avenue and Fair Road in Statesboro, overlooking the current location of the litter booms. Thanks a million to the City of Statesboro and Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful.

L to R: Melanie Sparrow (ORK), Marcos Trejo (City of Statesboro), Amanda Clements (KSBB)



[About the project](#)



## New in store!

No more single use plastic! Show your love for ORK with this bright turquoise water bottle. This water bottle is perfect for hiking, paddle trips, or anything else you want to do outdoors. The bottle is leak-proof, odorless, and durable. Made from BPA/BPS-free durable Tritan plastic. Dishwasher-safe. Made 100% in the USA.

[Visit the store](#)

## Image album: Members-only paddle

Check out the images from our members-only paddle on October 23, 2021. The group explored the mill pond and cypress swamp of George L. Smith State Park, led by Mill Pond Kayak.

Make sure you [are a member](#) so you can join ORK for our members-only events!



[View the images](#)

**There are many ways you can help the Ogeechee Riverkeeper protect, preserve and improve the waterways within our basin.**

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