



AVIAN INTERACTIONS WITH POWER LINES WORKSHOP

April 21-22, 2026

30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd NW.

HOSTED BY:

Southern Company and Georgia Power

AGENDA

Overview:

- Tuesday, April 21st – APLIC Short Course
- Wednesday, April 22nd – APLIC Short Course and Open Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

APLIC Short Course

8:00 -8:20	Welcome
8:20 -8:40	Introduction (<i>Diana Leiker and Cristina Frank</i>)
8:40 –9:15	Electrical Utility Regulatory Overview (<i>Diana Leiker and Lesly Swanson</i>): Utility missions, structures, and compliance
9:15 –10:10	Laws and Permits (<i>Charles Quick, USFWS OLE</i>) : An overview of laws protecting avian species and applicable permits
10:10 – 10:25	<u>Break</u>
10:25 – 11:15	Electricity 101 (<i>Georgia Power</i>): An introduction to electrical systems
11:15 – 11:45	Birds 101 (<i>Samantha Rogers</i>): An overview of avian ecology
11:45- 1:00	<u>Lunch</u>

1:00 – 3:00	Basics of Avian Electrocutions and Electrocutation Solutions (<i>Kara Donohue and Sherry Ligouri</i>): An overview of factors influencing electrocution risk. Electrocution Solutions: Avian safe structure designs for new construction and retrofitting of poles and substation.
3:00 – 3:15	<u>Break</u>
3:15 – 3:55	Bird Nests on Utility Poles (<i>Cristina Frank and Mike Warwick</i>): Species that nest on power poles, reliability impacts, and nest management
3:55 – 5:00	Basics of Avian Collisions (<i>Eric Johnson and Haley Olson</i>): Causes of avian collisions with power lines Collision Solutions: Methods for reducing avian collisions
5:00 – 5:15	Conclusion and Wrap-up for Day 1

Wednesday, April 22, 2023

APLIC Short Course (continued)

8:00 – 8:10	Welcome (<i>Diana Leiker and Cristina Frank</i>)
8:10 – 8:50	Project Planning and Mitigation: Minimizing avian impacts associated with new power line projects
8:50 – 9:20	Vegetation Management (<i>Diana Leiker and Mike Warwick</i>)
9:20 – 9:50	Avian Protection Plan Guidelines (<i>Cristina Frank and Natalie Turley</i>)
9:50 – 10:05	Q&A Session and Course Wrap-Up
9:50 – 10:10	<u>Break</u>
10:10 – 11:00	Alabama Power Avian Protection Plan (<i>Colin Dinken and Toby Chu</i>)
11:00 – 11:30	Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Perspectives on Relative Avian Issues (<i>Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study/SCWDS</i>)
11:30 – 11:40	Q&A Session and Course Wrap-Up
11:40 – 1:30	<u>Lunch/Vendor Meet and Greet/Networking</u>

APLIC Open Business Meeting

- 1:30 –2:15 **USFWS Updates** (*Jennifer Miller*)
- 2:15 –3:15 **USDA Wildlife Services- Update** (*Marnie Pepper*)
- 3:15- 3:35 **Potential APLIC Guidance for Handling Birds with HPAI**
- *Samantha Rogers -Black Vultures at Power Stations*
 - *Diana Leiker -Geese at Headquarters*
- 3:35- 3:55 **Break/Vendor Meet and Greet**
- 3:55– 4:15 **Bureau of Land Management Updates** (*Brad Jost*)
- 4:15 – 4:35 **Idaho National Labs Presentation-Substations**
- 4:35-4:45 **Questions/Comments**
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