Curriculum Objectives
In this workshop, students learn about birds local to South Carolina and which species are beneficial and harmful to have around a garden. Students will learn ways to attract birds to an area, including what colors can be used in the garden to draw in different species of birds. Students will be exposed to different types of birdhouses and will be taught where birdhouses should be hung around the garden. Students will also learn about gourds, including where gourds originated and what they can be used for.

Details
Location: School or location of choice
Lesson: Indoors or outdoors
Activity: Indoors or outdoors
Time of year: Typically Spring (after gourds have been prepped)
Partners: Boy Scouts of America
Age: Elementary - Middle school

Activity
For this activity, students will have the opportunity to create birdhouses out of gourds. Gourds grown at Stono Preserve will be picked and dried. A hole will be cut in the center of the gourd to clean the inside of the gourd and to act as an entrance for birds. Students will use their newfound knowledge on which colors are attractive to birds as a guide to designing their birdhouses. Using paint, students will decorate the outside of their gourds. After the paint is dry, the gourds can be hung outside and used as birdhouses.

Materials
- Gourds (dried, cleaned, and with a hole cut in the center)
- Paint
- Paint brushes
Additional Resources
• Common Winter Backyard Birds of South Carolina (video)

Source: Amazon