

FOS/GOS JOINT SPRING 2007 MEETING

Brunswick, GA

April 20-22, 2007

The Spring 2007 Joint Meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society and the Florida Ornithological Society will be held in Brunswick, Georgia, from Friday, April 20, through Sunday, April 22, 2007. Our headquarters hotel is the Park Inn Brunswick (see details below). The registration desk will open in the lobby of that hotel at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 20, 2007.

On Friday there will be a field trip at the Glennville Water Treatment Facility in Glennville, GA from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, led by Bill Lotz. Please meet Bill at the Glennville site. [Directions: Follow US 301/73 south from I-16 to Glennville. In Glennville, go south on US 301 from the intersection of US 301 & GA 144 (Main St.), turn left (east) on Pecan Rd., turn left into facility.] You do not need to sign up in advance for this field trip, but please notify Bill at blotz@mindspring.com if you will be participating. There will also be a field trip to Little St. Simons Island on Friday, led by Gene Keferl. Please see the separate field trip reservation form that is with this registration packet.

Dinner on Friday is on your own. The Friday night program will begin at 7:30 PM and will be presented by Rick Wright, Editor of "Winging It", the Newsletter of the American Birding Association. Rick's talk is entitled "RTP's RBI: How Roger Tory Peterson Founded American Birding, Twice". The talk is about how the 1980 "new Peterson" changed birding's social aspect even more than the 1934 edition. (By the way, 2006 was the 10th anniversary of Peterson's death, and 2008 will be the 100th anniversary of his birth.)

Field trip destinations on Saturday and Sunday include Okefenokee NP, Jekyll Island SP, Little St. Simons Island, Sapelo Island, Paulk's Pasture WMA, Altamaha WMA, St. Catherines Island and, of course, the Brunswick area. We are trying a new procedure for this meeting; there is a reservation form included in the registration packet and field trips should be reserved in advance. You will need to send your field trip request to Bill Lotz, GOS 1st VP, NOT with your meeting registration. Bill will fill the field trips in the order reservations are received. You will find out which field trips you are confirmed on for Saturday and Sunday at the Friday evening program.

The Social Hour will begin Saturday night at 6:00 PM and the banquet will start at 7:00 PM. Our featured speaker is Alan Tennant, who will talk about his book "On the Wing: To the Edge of the Earth with the Peregrine Falcon", National Best Seller, New York Times Best Seller, Washington Post's "50 Best Books of 2004", New York Times' "Notable Book, 2004", New York Public Library Award and Finalist, Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

Meeting Registration: Register for this meeting by mailing the enclosed registration form to the GOS Treasurer, Jeanne Wright (her address is on the form). The deadline for receipt of meeting registration is April 10, 2007.

Please make your own arrangements for lodging. Our official hotel is the Park Inn Brunswick, 5252 New Jesup Highway, Brunswick, GA 31523, (912) 264-4033. The group room rate is \$59.99 per night plus taxes. (A block of rooms is being held under Georgia Ornithological Society/Florida Ornithological Society until 3:00 PM on April 1, 2007). To ensure a room at the group rate, reservations should be made by this date. When making your reservation, identify yourself as a member of the GOS or FOS group party.

For additional information regarding programs or field trips, contact Bill Lotz (404) 261-1906, or email blotz@mindspring.com . For more information concerning registration or lodging, contact Anne Mursch at (678) 445-5106, or email rturnstone@mindspring.com .