GOS WINTER 2007 MEETING Tybee Island, GA January 12-15, 2007

The Winter 2007 Meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society will be held on Tybee Island on Friday, January 12, through Monday, January 15, 2007. Our headquarters hotel will be the Ocean Plaza Beach Resort (see details below). Please note that this is the M. L. King Holiday weekend. The registration desk will open in the lobby of that hotel at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 12, 2007.

On Friday there will be a field trip at the Glennville Water Treatment Facility in Glennville, GA from 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM, led by Dan Vickers. Please meet Dan 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 Dan at dvickers@mindspring.com if you will be participating.

Dinner on Friday is on your own. The Friday night program will begin at 7:30 PM presented by Renee Carleton, DVM and PhD student at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia. Renee is the recipient of one of our 2006 H. Branch Howe, Jr. Graduate Student Research Grants, and will present a program on her research project "Disease Ecology of Eastern Bluebirds in NW GA."

A list of the possible field trips on Saturday and Sunday is enclosed. There are several trips which require advance reservations and payment. As Monday, January 15, is the King Holiday, we may have some other informal field trips that morning before folks have to start traveling home. These will be discussed at the meeting.

The Social Hour will begin Saturday night at 6:00 PM and the banquet will start at 7:00 PM. Our featured speaker is Christopher Cokinos, author of "Hope is the Thing with Feathers," a book which details the demise of six bird species of North America, but is also filled with hope for the future.

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 January 5, 2007.

Please make your own arrangements for lodging. Our official hotel is the Ocean Plaza Beach Resort, 1401 Strand Ave., Tybee Island, GA 31328, (800) 215-6370. The group room rate is \$68.00 or \$78.00 (Oceanside) plus taxes. (A block of rooms is being held under Georgia Ornithological Society until December 13, 2006). 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 group party.

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