

**GOS WINTER 2008 MEETING
FIELD TRIPS
BAINBRIDGE, GA**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

THE BRADLEY UNIT OF EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (STEWART COUNTY)

Leader: Bill Lotz

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Meet the field trip leader at the check station gate, about ¼ mile from the GA 39 entrance to the refuge, (there is a small parking area) for a 3-4 hour walking field trip around the Bradley Unit (the only part of the Eufaula NWR that is in Georgia). We will be looking for western flycatchers, ducks, geese, sparrows and other wintering birds. Bring water, snacks and wear comfortable walking shoes/boots. Reservations not required but please call Bill at 404-261-1906 or email blotz@mindspring.com to let him know you are coming.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

ST MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (WAKULLA COUNTY, FL)

Leader: Rick West

6:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tallahassee birder and GOS member Rick West will lead this field trip from The Charter House Inn parking lot to one of the premier birding sites in the U.S. Ducks, geese and sparrows are the main targets, but many rare birds have been found here in the past. The drive to St Marks is about 1 hour each way so car-pooling is a good idea. Bring water, snacks and a sack lunch. Oysters and beer at Ouzts in Newport is a possibility!

SPECIAL RESOURCE NOTE: The use of tape recordings for attracting birds is prohibited while at any national refuge.

Participant Limit: 40 people.

TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH STATION (GRADY COUNTY, GA AND LEON COUNTY, FL)

Leader: Jim Cox

6:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Car-pooling from The Charter House Inn parking lot the group will meet Jim in Thomasville, proceeding to Pebble Hill where we will try to net and band Henslow's Sparrows and watch for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and other pineland species. Then we mosey down to Tall Timbers (in Florida) for a walk along the trail and have lunch afterwards. Bring water and a sack lunch. There is likely to be dew on the ground, so wet feet and pants are a given unless appropriate clothing and boots are worn.

Participant limit: 20 people.

BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER (GRADY COUNTY)

Leader: Chris Bittle

7:00 - 11:00 AM

We will caravan from The Charter House Inn parking lot arriving at 8:00 AM to meet our leader, Birdsong's Naturalist. Bachman's Sparrow is the special target bird here, but there could be several other species of sparrows, along with raptors, flocks of Cedar Waxwings and other wintering passerines. Bring water and snacks and comfortable clothes suitable for walking mowed trails. There will also be the opportunity to check out one of the best "bird windows" anywhere. <http://www.birdsongnaturecenter.org>

Participant limit: 12 people. Entrance fee: \$5.00

LAKE SEMINOLE AND WESTSIDE PARK (SEMINOLE COUNTY)

Leader: Oscar Dewberry

7:15 AM - 1:30 PM

Lake Seminole is the best site in Georgia to see Canvasback! Local birder Oscar Dewberry will lead a caravan from the Charter House Inn parking lot to explore the various sites on the western side of Lake Seminole. Please bring water and snacks.

Participant Limit: 15 people; 5 vehicles.

LAKE SEMINOLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (DECATUR COUNTY)

Leader: Malcolm Hodges

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

LAKE WALTER F. GEORGE (CLAY COUNTY, GA AND HENRY COUNTY, AL)

Leader: Bill Lotz

6:30 AM - 3:00 PM

A Western Grebe spent most of last winter at this under-birded reservoir on the Georgia border with Alabama. En route we will roadside bird in Miller and Early Counties and our leader will explain what CLAGGING is! Bring a scope, water and snacks and wear warm clothes as the best viewing point of the lake is from the dam and it can be very windy and cold. We will eat lunch in Ft. Gaines before heading back to Bainbridge.

Participant limit: None, but car-pooling is strongly suggested.

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MONDAY, APRIL 21

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CHICKASAWHATCHEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (DOUGHERTY AND CALHOUN COUNTIES)

Leader: Alan Ashley

7:15 AM - 1:00 PM

On your way back to Macon, Savannah, Atlanta or points in between visit this WMA with Albany birder Alan Ashley. If there are any wintering rarities (especially hummingbirds) in the area we will try for those as well. The group will caravan from The Charter House Inn and meet Alan southwest of Albany at a place where coffee and snacks will be available for purchase.

Participant limit: None.

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RESERVATION FORM

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PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:

BILL LOTZ
4140 N BROADLAND RD NW
ATLANTA GA 30342-3610