

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN TO ATTEND

The Georgia Ornithological Society's

## *Spring 2010 Conference*

April 16-18, 2010  
The Georgia Center  
Athens, Georgia

"Of a Feather: A Brief History of American Birding"

*From the moment Europeans arrived in North America, they were awestruck by a continent awash with birds - great flocks of wild pigeons, woodlands alive with brilliantly colored songbirds...*

Please join naturalist and author, Scott Weidensaul, as he traces the unpredictable history of bird study in America, from frontier ornithologists (one of whom barely escaped pursuing Apaches with a precious hawk egg hidden in his mouth) to society matrons who organized the first effective conservation movement; from luminaries like Alexander Wilson (a convicted blackmailer) and Audubon (an accomplished liar) to modern geniuses like Roger Tory Peterson.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind*, about bird migration, *Return to Wild America: A Yearlong Search for the Continent's Natural Soul*, and his newest book, *Of a Feather: A Brief History of American Birding*. Scott writes for such publications as *Audubon*, *The Nature Conservancy* and *National Wildlife*; he lives in the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania, where he studies the migration of hawks, owls and hummingbirds.

### **Conference Highlights**

Field Trips led by the area's top birders to outstanding locales such as: Whitehall Forest, Dyar's Pasture, Sandy Creek Nature Center, and State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

Scientific paper and poster sessions presented by Georgia ornithologists.

#### Graduate Student Research Presentations

"Comparing Loggerhead Shrike territories and habitats between two landscapes"  
Jonathan Gray

"King and Clapper Rails of the Combahee River, South Carolina"  
Cathy Ricketts

**A book signing by Scott Weidensaul will be held during the Social Hour on Saturday night. Bring your books or purchase them at the meeting.**

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday Evening, April 16, 2010**

5:00-7:00pm

Registration and Dinner on Your Own

7:00-9:00pm

Opening Session

Graduate Student Research Presentations

Saturday Field Trips Discussion and Sign-ups

### **Saturday, April 17, 2010**

Breakfast on Your Own - The Courtyard Café will open at 6:00am

6:30am

Field Trips Depart

3:00pm

Field Trips Return

3:30-5:30pm

Paper Presentations

5:30-7:00pm

Poster Session

6:00-7:00pm

Social Hour and Book Signing  
(w/ cash bar)

7:00-8:00pm

Banquet

8:00-10:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Scott Weidensaul

Announcements and Raffles

Sunday Field Trips Discussion and Sign-ups

Species Countdown

### **Sunday, April 18, 2010**

Breakfast on Your Own - The Courtyard Café will open at 6:00am

6:30am

Field Trips Depart

## Conference Details:

Registration Fee: Members - \$20, Non-members - \$30  
Banquet - \$35.00

The Georgia Center  
University of Georgia Campus  
1197 South Lumpkin Street  
Athens, GA 30602  
[www.georgiacenter.uga.edu](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu)

Room Rate: \$89 - single, \$99 - double

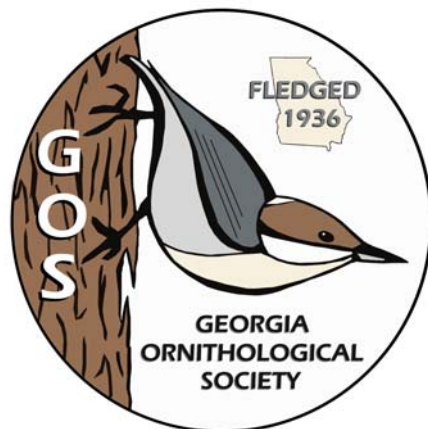
Cut-off date for GOS rate: March 19, 2010

Call for reservations: (800) 884-1381 Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm

### Parking:

The surface lots around the Georgia Center are free after 5pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The South Campus Parking Deck (covered) is conveniently located adjacent to the Georgia Center. Rates are \$10 per day with unlimited in and outs.



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NAME(S) (for nametags, print legibly please): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note: Children under 16 must be registered but are charged no registration fee.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Registration(s) @ \$20.00 per person\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Member rate includes member and immediate family members.

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Registration(s) @ \$30.00 per person (non-member) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservation(s) for banquet @ \$35.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ or non-vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: No portion of registration or banquet fee is tax deductible.**  
**Cut-off date for banquet reservations is April 12, 2010.**

**Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to:  
Jeannie Wright, 3851 Ashford Trail Atlanta, GA 30319-1894**

Registration and banquet cancellations received by April 12, 2010 will be refunded. If you should need to cancel, notify Jeannie at (770) 451-1518 or [Jeannie@mindspring.com](mailto:Jeannie@mindspring.com)

*GOS requires registration for participation in the meeting and fieldtrips, and also requires all registrants to sign the following release. If the participant is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign this release.*

**RELEASE**

Each registrant named both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society (GOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the GOS and its officers, committee members and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrant's participation in this meeting.

NAME  
(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional names and signatures)