

**GOS WINTER 2010 MEETING
FIELD TRIPS
TYBEE ISLAND, GA**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

PELAGIC

Leader: Dan Vickers 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Minimum/Maximum 10 people. Cost \$135.00 per person.

Bring a small cooler with water, snacks and lunch; a hat and rain and cold weather gear. Target species: Manx Shearwater, sea ducks, loons, gulls and terns. Strenuous.

FORT STEWART

Leader: Larry Carlile 6:15 AM – 1:30 PM Maximum 20 people; 5 SUV-type vehicles.

Bring water and snacks. Target species: Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Moderate.

SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER COUNTY, SC)

Leader: Bob Sargent 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 20 people.

Bring water, snacks, scope and comfortable hiking boots. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and waders. Moderate.

SKIDAWAY ISLAND

Leader: Russ Wigh 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM Maximum 12 people; 3 vehicles.

Explore The Landings with a resident of this gated community on Skidaway Island. Bring water and snacks. Easy.

SAVANNAH HOT SPOTS

Leader: Steve Wagner 7:15 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 12 people.

Bird some of the best sites around Savannah with a local birder. Possible locations that we will visit include the Savannah Airport Ponds, the Solomon Tract of the Savannah NWR (Chatham County, GA), and Lake Mayer. Bring water, snacks and your marsh boots. Moderate.

TYBEE ISLAND

Leader: Diana Churchill 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 12 people.

Explore Tybee Island with a local birder. Bring water, snacks and comfortable shoes for walking the beach. Easy to Moderate.

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt and Deb Barreiro 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Minimum/Maximum 5. Cost \$60.00 per person.

Join Captain Rene on a boat tour of the marshes and in-shore waters out to Little Tybee Island, an uninhabited State Natural Heritage Preserve barrier island with lots of wintering shorebirds, gulls and terns. We should also see marsh sparrows, loons, gannets, grebes and ducks. HIGH TIDE TRIP. Bring raingear, layers of warm clothing, hat, water and snacks. Easy.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

PELAGIC

Leader: Bill Lotz 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Minimum/Maximum 10 people. Cost \$135.00 per person.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 (cont'd.)

HARRIS NECK NWR

Leader: Bob Sargent 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 20 people.

Bring water, snacks, scope and comfortable hiking boots. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and waders. Moderate.

SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER COUNTY, SC)

Leader: Dot Bambach 6:45 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 20 people.

Bring water, snacks, scope and comfortable hiking boots. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and waders. Moderate.

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FORT PULASKI AND TYBEE ISLAND NORTH BEACH

Leader: Ken Blankenship 7:15 AM – 1:00 PM

This field trip will start at Fort Pulaski as the tide rises, to search for Seaside, Nelson's and Saltmarsh Sparrow and other special birds of Georgia's marshes. Wear waterproof shoes and/or bring a pair of muck boots. We will then explore Tybee Island including the North Beach and jetty for shorebirds (including Purple Sandpiper) and do some sea watching for divers, waterfowl, gannets and more. Moderate.

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18

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Leader: Bill Lotz 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18 (cont'd.)

GLENNVILLE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Leaders: Gene Wilkinson and Bob Sargent 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM No Maximum.

Meet Glennville resident Gene Wilkinson at the facility at 8:00 AM for a two mile or so hike around the impoundments at wonderful birding site. Targets are ducks, raptors and sparrows. This trip is designed to be on your way home from the meeting. Bring water, snacks and comfortable hiking shoes. Easy to Moderate.

SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER COUNTY, SC)

Leader: Steve Claver 6:45 AM – 1:00 PM Maximum 20 people.

Bring water, snacks, scope and comfortable hiking boots. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and waders. Moderate

TYBEE ISLAND

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FIELD TRIPS THAT REQUIRE ADVANCED RESERVATIONS

PELAGIC TRIPS

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 16, 17 and 18, 2010

In order to reserve you must contact Bill Lotz blotz@mindspring.com or (404) 261-1906. The cost is \$135.00 per person. This includes a tip for the mate. YOU MAY ONLY RESERVE ONE DAY AT THIS TIME. IF WE DO NOT FILL UP THE TRIPS BY JANUARY 1, WE WILL OPEN THE TRIPS TO MULTIPLE-DAY BOOKINGS. It is important to note that the trip leaders are paying the same rate that everyone else is paying. If the boat does not fill up on a certain day that trip will be cancelled and your money will be refunded. If the boat cannot go out due to weather, your payment will be refunded in full. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY WEATHER DAYS; if you are signed up for Sunday and the boat goes out on Saturday and Monday but cannot go out on Sunday because of high wind, that is bad luck; you get a refund, but no trip. If you cancel and we are unable to fill your seat, you forfeit your payment.

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Captain Renee needs to fill her boat to make these trips economically viable. For more information about her company and Little Tybee Island please visit her web site: <http://www.sundialcharters.net/>