

*The Georgia Ornithological Society  
Spring 2011 Conference*



May 13-15, 2011

The Ridges Resort and Club  
Lake Chatuge  
Hiawassee, Georgia

## Schedule at a Glance

### Friday, May 13, 2011

5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Registration and dinner on your own

7:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Dr. Jim Ferrari, Wesleyan College**  
“Vulture Seasonality and Flight Behavior:  
A Four-year Study”

8:00 – 8:30 pm  
Saturday field trips discussion

### Saturday, May 14, 2011

Breakfast at the hotel at 6:00 am

6:30 – 7:30 am  
Field trips depart

3:00 pm  
Field trips return

6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Poster session  
“Flocking” (with cash bar)

7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Banquet dinner

8:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Jim Ozier, GA DNR**  
“Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon  
Conservation Successes in Georgia”

9:00 – 9:30 pm  
Sunday field trips discussion  
Countdown

### Sunday, May 15, 2011

Breakfast at the hotel at 6:00 am

6:30 – 7:30 am  
Field trips depart

#### **Conference Hotel Details:**

The Ridges Resort and Club  
Lake Chatuge  
3495 U.S. Highway 76 West  
Hiawassee, GA 30546  
[www.TheRidgesResort.com](http://www.TheRidgesResort.com)

Room Rate: \$99 single or double

Rate includes: parking, wireless internet,  
and continental breakfast

Cut-off date for GOS rate: April 13, 2011

Call for reservations: (888) 834-4409

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NAME(S) (for name tags; print legibly, please): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Registration(s) @ \$25.00 per person (member\*)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Member rate includes member and immediate family members.

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Registration(s) @ \$35.00 per person (non-member)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservation(s) for banquet @ \$36.00 per person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No meal, Saturday presentation only @ \$15 per person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postmarked after May 9, 2011, or at the door @ \$10 late fee      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: No portion of registration or banquet fee is tax deductible.

Cut-off date for banquet reservations is May 9, 2011

**Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to:  
Dan Vickers, 5249 Beech Forest Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047**

Registration, field trip or banquet cancellations received AFTER May 9, 2011 will NOT be refunded. Should you need to cancel, notify Dan at (770) 235-7301 or [dvickers@mindspring.com](mailto:dvickers@mindspring.com)

**RELEASE**

*GOS requires registration for participation in the meeting and field trips, 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.*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Roster of Field Trips**

**Saturday, May 14**

**Hale Ridge and Overflow Creek Roads**

Leader: Dan Vickers

Depart time from hotel: 6:20 am

Return time to hotel: 2:30 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Least Flycatcher, Swainson's Warbler, Kentucky Warbler

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks

**Tray Mountain Wilderness**

Leader: Charlie Muise

Depart time from hotel: 6:25 am

Return time to hotel: 2:30 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Breeding warblers, tanagers, and vireos

Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

**Burrell's Ford Road**

Leader: Malcolm Hodges

Depart time from hotel: 6:30 am

Return time to hotel: 2:30 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Ruffed Grouse

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Water, snacks, box lunch

**Brawley Mountain**

Leader: Theresa Hartz

Depart time from hotel: 6:35 am

Return time to hotel: 3:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Golden-winged Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Kentucky Warbler

Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

**Ivy Log Gap and Gumlog Roads**

Leaders: Deb and Bob Zaremba

Depart time from hotel: 6:40 am

Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Cerulean Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Ruffed Grouse

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

## Roster of Field Trips (cont'd.)

### **Brasstown Bald**

Leader: Bill Blakeslee

Depart time from hotel: 6:45 am

Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Ruffed Grouse, Veery, Canada Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler

Difficulty: Moderate

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch. Parking fee required.

### **Sosebee Cove and Popcorn Overlook**

Leader: Ed Maioriello

Depart time from hotel: 6:50 am

Return time to hotel: 1:30 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Ruffed Grouse, Veery, Canada Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler

Difficulty: Moderate

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

### **Birding Around the Ridges Resort Property and Blairsville Hot Spots**

Leader: Brenda Hull

Depart time from hotel: 7:00 am

Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Leisurely stroll around the Audubon-certified wildlife sanctuary, then drive to Blairsville to look for nesting Willow Flycatchers

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks

## Sunday, May 15

### **Brawley Mountain**

Leader: Charlie Muise

Depart time from hotel: 6:30 am

Return time to hotel: N/A

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Golden-winged Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Kentucky Warbler

Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

### **Ivy Log Gap and Gumlog Roads**

Leader: Ed Maioriello

Depart time from hotel: 6:40 am

Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Cerulean Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Ruffed Grouse

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

## Roster of Field Trips (cont'd.)

### **Brasstown Bald**

Leader: Bill Lotz

Depart time from hotel: 6:45 am

Return time to hotel: N/A

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Ruffed Grouse, Veery, Canada Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler

Difficulty: Moderate

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch. Parking fee required.

### **Sosebee Cove and Popcorn Overlook**

Leader: Brenda Hull

Depart time from hotel: 6:50 am

Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Ruffed Grouse, Veery, Canada Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler

Difficulty: Moderate

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks, box lunch

### **Coleman River: Birds and Butterflies**

Leader: Dan Vickers

Depart time from hotel: 6:55 am

Return time to hotel: N/A

Participant limit: 6

Target species: Anything that flies!

Difficulty: Moderate

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks and close-focusing binoculars

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Leader: Malcolm Hodges

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Return time to hotel: 1:00 pm

Participant limit: 10

Target species: Leisurely stroll around the Audubon-certified wildlife sanctuary, then drive to Blairsville to look for nesting Willow Flycatchers

Difficulty: Easy

What to bring: Hiking boots, water, snacks

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**Field Trip Reservation Form**

Saturday, May 14

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, May 15

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make a copy of this form for your records and mail the original form along with your meeting registration form and check to:**

**DAN VICKERS  
5249 Beech Forest Drive, SW  
Lilburn, GA 30047-5356**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Field trips are subject to change and could be cancelled if there are not enough participants.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration and field trip selections. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Dan Vickers at [dvickers@mindspring.com](mailto:dvickers@mindspring.com)