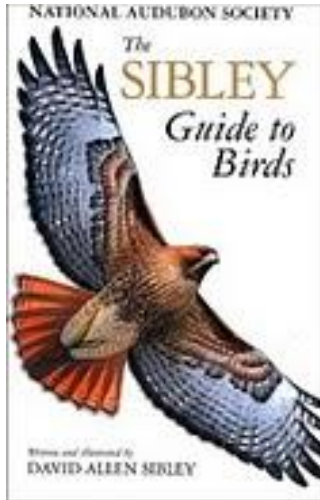
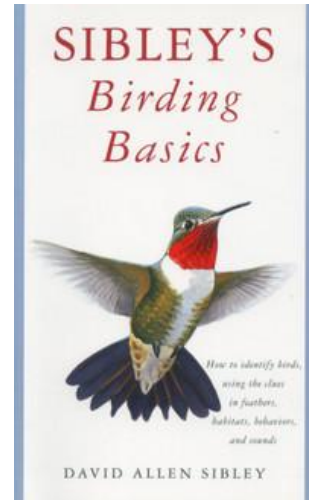


*The Georgia Ornithological Society's  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference*



January 14-17, 2011  
Ocean Plaza Beach Resort  
Tybee Island, Georgia



**Keynote Speaker**

Artist, writer, and naturalist

**DAVID ALLEN SIBLEY**

**Presents:**

**"The Psychology of Bird Identification"**

David's talk will focus on the psychological aspects of bird identification. Specifically, he'll explore how we subconsciously use pattern-recognition, expectations, suggestion, and other clues, and how those shortcuts can lead us to misidentify birds with complete confidence.



## Schedule at a Glance

### Friday, January 14, 2011

Field Trips to:  
Wassaw Island NWR  
Glennville WTF  
Richmond Hill WTF  
Little Tybee Island  
St. Catherines Island

5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Registration and Dinner on Your Own

6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Social Hour (with cash bar)  
Photo Contest

7:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Giff Beaton**  
“A Selected History of Georgia Birding”  
**Todd Schneider**  
“Bird Conservation in Georgia in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century: Present Efforts and Future Direction”  
**Tim Keyes**  
“Shorebird Identification for Young Birders”

8:00 – 8:30 pm  
Saturday Field Trips Discussion

### Saturday, January 15, 2011

Breakfast at the hotel at 5:30

6:30 – 7:30 am  
Field Trips Depart

3:00 pm  
Field Trips Return

5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Poster Session  
Social (with cash bar)  
Book Signing with David Sibley

7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Banquet Dinner

8:00 - 9:00 pm

Keynote Speaker:  
**David Allen Sibley**  
“The Psychology of Bird Identification”

9:00 – 9:30 pm  
Sunday Field Trips Discussion

### Sunday, January 16, 2011

Breakfast at the hotel at 5:30

6:30 – 7:30 am  
Field Trips Depart

3:00 pm  
Field Trips Return

4:30 – 6:00 pm  
Social (with cash bar)  
Bird Poetry and Call Imitations  
Monday Field Trips Discussion  
Species Countdown

### Monday, January 17, 2011

Breakfast at the hotel at 5:30

6:30 – 7:30 am  
Field Trips Depart

### **Conference Hotel Details:**

Ocean Plaza Beach Resort  
1401 Strand Avenue  
Tybee Island, GA 31328  
[www.oceanplaza.com](http://www.oceanplaza.com)

Room Rate: \$74 Inland, \$94 Oceanside

Cut-off date for GOS rate: 12/15/2010

Call for reservations: (912) 786-7777

**GOS 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING  
FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE  
JANUARY 14-17, 2011  
TYBEE ISLAND, GA**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

**WASSAW ISLAND NWR**

**Leader: Capt. John Crawford, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Minimum 15, Maximum 30. Cost \$45.00 per person, includes lunch.**

**Note: We'll be carpooling from the hotel on Tybee Island to the dock on Skidaway Island.**

Explore one of the most pristine barrier islands along the eastern seaboard. Bring raingear, water, hat, waterproof hiking shoes or boots, layers of clothes, and spotting scope. You'll spend much of this trip on a beach, but will also visit maritime forest habitat.

Target species: Shorebirds, gulls, terns, and marsh sparrows. Moderate, with considerable walking on the beach.

**GLENNVILLE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**Leader: Gene Wilkinson, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, No maximum. Note: Meet Gene at the entrance to the water treatment facility at 11:00 AM. Contact Dan Vickers at [dvickers@mindspring.com](mailto:dvickers@mindspring.com) if you need driving directions to the facility.**

One of the best birding sites in the Coastal Plain. Wear comfortable shoes/boots and a hat, bring water, snacks, and a spotting scope. NO BATHROOM FACILITIES. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and rails. Moderate.

**RICHMOND HILL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**Leaders: DAVID SIBLEY, Dot Bambach & Steve Holzman, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Maximum 15 people; 4 vehicles. Cost \$20.00 per person. Meet Dot at the entrance to the facility at 1:00 PM; David & Steve will join the group as soon as David's flight arrives. GOS will provide driving directions to the facility.**

Bring raingear, water, snacks, and a spotting scope. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and rails. Moderate, with some walking.

**\*\*Trip participants will be selected via a raffle on 15 December from all those interested whose meeting registration form is received before that date.\*\* If you are selected, you will be notified and required to submit payment for this trip.**

**Please do not send payment for this trip before you are selected.**

**LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt & Deb Barreiro, 1:15 PM – 4:45 PM, 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, snacks, and a spotting scope. Easy.

**ST. CATHERINES ISLAND (overnight trip)**

**Leaders: DAVID SIBLEY, Jennifer Hilburn, & Steve Holzman, Departs from SCI Foundation Dock at 5:30 PM, returning to Tybee Island at 4:00 PM on Saturday. Auction/raffle winners only.**

Overnight stay on the island, including meals, water and soft drinks, as well as boat transportation to/from this private island, not to mention birding with David Sibley on Saturday morning. Bring toiletries, hat, change of clothes, layers of warm clothing, scope, and raingear.

**\*\*Trip participants will be selected via an auction (4 slots) and a raffle (2 slots) on 15 December. If you are interested in going on this trip, you must get your auction bid and/or raffle check to Steve Holzman before that date. See Steve's instructions on the enclosed sheet. Please note that you must also register for the meeting to participate in the raffle or auction, so you should also send in the meeting registration form to Dan Vickers.\*\***

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

### **FORT STEWART**

**Leader: Larry Carlile, 6:10 AM – 1:30 PM, Maximum 20 people; 5 SUV-type vehicles.**

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

### **SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leader: Steve Calver, 6:20 AM – 2:00 PM, Maximum 20 people; 5 SUV-type vehicles.**

Waiver can now be signed on-site. Wear hiking boots and bring scope, water and snacks. NO BATHROOM FACILITIES.

Target species: Shorebirds, waders, and waterfowl. Moderate.

### **HARRIS NECK NWR**

**Leader: Giff Beaton, 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 20 people.**

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

### **SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leader: Bob Sargent, 6:40 AM – 12:00 PM, Maximum 25 people.**

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

### **SKIDAWAY ISLAND**

**Leader: Russ Wigh, 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM, Maximum 15 people; 4 vehicles.**

Explore The Landings with a resident of this gated community on Skidaway Island. Bring water and snacks. Target species: waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and warblers. Easy.

### **SAVANNAH HOT SPOTS**

**Leader: Steve Wagner, 7:15 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 15 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 Co., GA), and Lake Mayer. Bring water, snacks and your marsh boots. Moderate.

### **FORT PULASKI & TYBEE ISLAND NORTH BEACH**

**Leader: Diana Churchill, 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 15 people.**

Explore Tybee Island and Ft. Pulaski N.M. with a local birder. Bring water, snacks, spotting scope, a hat, and comfortable shoes for walking the beach. Target Species: Saltmarsh, Nelson's & Seaside Sparrows, gulls and shorebirds. Easy to Moderate.

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt & Deb Barreiro, 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM, 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. LOW TIDE TRIP. Bring raingear, layers of warm clothing, hat, water, snacks, and a spotting scope. Easy.

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt & Deb Barreiro, 1:45 PM – 5:15 PM, 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, snacks, and a spotting scope. Easy.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

### **SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leaders: DAVID SIBLEY, Steve Calver, & Giff Beaton, 6:15 AM – 2:00 PM, Maximum 20 people; 5 SUV-type vehicles. Cost \$25.00 per person.**

Waiver can now be signed on-site. Wear hiking boots and hat, and bring scope, water, and snacks. Moderate. NO BATHROOM FACILITIES. Target species: Shorebirds, waders and waterfowl. Moderate.

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### **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. Easy.

### **SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leader: Malcolm Hodges, 6:45 AM – 12:00 PM, Maximum 25 people.**

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

### **SKIDAWAY ISLAND**

**Leader: Russ Wigh, 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM, Maximum 15 people; 4 vehicles.**

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### **RICHMOND HILL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**Leader: Steve Holzman, 7:10 AM – 12:00 PM, Maximum 15 people; 4 vehicles.**

Bring raingear, water, snacks, and a spotting scope. Target species: Raptors, waterfowl and rails. Moderate, with some walking.

### **SAVANNAH HOT SPOTS**

**Leader: Diana Churchill, 7:15 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 15 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 Co., GA), and Lake Mayer. Bring water, snacks and your marsh boots. Moderate.

### **FORT PULASKI & TYBEE ISLAND NORTH BEACH**

**Leader: Rachel Cass, 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 15 people.**

Wear waterproof shoes and/or bring a pair of muck boots, and bring water, snacks, spotting scope, and a hat. We will explore the marshes at the fort for sparrows, and will also explore Tybee Island's North Beach and jetty for shorebirds (including Purple Sandpiper), as well as doing some sea watching for divers, waterfowl, gannets and more. Moderate.

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Leader: Capt. Rene Heidt & Dan Vickers, 2:15 PM – 5:45 PM, 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, snacks, and a spotting scope. Easy.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Leader: Capt. Rene Heidt & Deb Barreiro, 5:45 AM – 9:15 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, snacks, and a spotting scope. Easy.

### **SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leader: Steve Calver, 6:20 AM – 2:00 PM, Maximum 20 people; 5 SUV-type vehicles.**

Waiver can now be signed on-site. Wear hiking boots and hat, and bring scope, water and snacks. Moderate. NO BATHROOM FACILITIES. Target species: Shorebirds, waders and waterfowl. Moderate.

### **GLENNVILLE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

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

Meet Glennville resident Gene Wilkinson at the facility at 8:30 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. Moderate, with quite a bit of walking.

### **SAVANNAH NWR (JASPER CO., SC)**

**Leader: Dot Bambach, 6:45 AM – 12:00 PM, Maximum 25 people.**

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

### **FORT PULASKI & TYBEE ISLAND NORTH BEACH**

**Leader: Malcolm Hodges, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Maximum 15 people.**

Bring water, snacks, spotting scope, a hat, waterproof shoes or muck boots for the marshes at the fort, and comfortable shoes for walking the beach. Target species: shorebirds (including Purple Sandpiper), divers, waterfowl, gannets, and more. Moderate.

### **SAVANNAH HOT SPOTS**

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## FIELD TRIPS THAT REQUIRE ADVANCED RESERVATIONS

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, January 14 - 17, 2011; \$60.00 per person.**

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/>

### **WASSAW NWR**

**Friday, January 14, 2011; \$45.00 per person.**

**NOTE: THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE ST CATHARINES ISLAND (SCI) TRIP WILL BE SELECTED VIA A RAFFLE AND AUCTION. PARTICIPANTS FOR THE FRIDAY RICHMOND HILL WTF TRIP AND THE SUNDAY SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE TRIP WILL BE SELECTED VIA A RAFFLE. SEE TRIP DESCRIPTIONS ABOVE FOR RAFFLE AND AUCTION DETAILS, AS WELL AS THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR THE SCI AUCTION/RAFFLE.**

**Birding St. Catharines Island with David Sibley  
Auction and Raffle Instructions**

All proceeds (less costs for food) will go to the Savannah Riverkeeper. For more information about this group, visit <http://www.savannahriverkeeper.org>

**Trip Details**

- 1) Travel to the island on Friday January 14, 2011 via ferry.
- 2) Dinner on the island on Friday.
- 3) Lodging in either a two person cottage (two twin beds with private bath), or a full-sized bedroom with private bath in one of three newly built staff houses.
- 4) Breakfast Saturday morning followed by a guided trip by David Sibley. This field trip will also touch on island history, including the site of a 16th century Spanish Mission, 18th century historic home (said to have been owned by Button Gwinnett), and 19th century tabby slave cabins. Picnic lunch provided.
- 5) Return to the mainland on Saturday January 15, 2011 by 3:00pm.

**There are Two Ways to Win**

1) A Raffle:

Submit a check for \$5 per chance. Make the check payable to GOS, and mail it to:

Steve Holzman  
Conservation Chair, GOS  
349 Jefferson Rd  
Bishop, GA 30621

I will put a raffle ticket in the bowl for each \$5 ticket you purchase (no limit). If your ticket is drawn, you and someone else you choose will join David on St. Catherines Island. Drawing (recorded and placed on YouTube....sorry I can't do it live) will take place on December 15, 2010.

2) An Auction:

Submit a bid for 2 spots to Steve Holzman ([steve\\_holzman@yahoo.com](mailto:steve_holzman@yahoo.com)) or 706-296-2862. Please include your phone number and email address. We will be auctioning off 2 pairs of passes. I will notify you when your bid is below the top 2, in case you'd like to rebid. We will start the bids at \$100 for a pair of passes. Bidding will end December 15, 2010. In the event that checks are not received by December 20, 2010, the next highest bidder will be contacted.

NOTE: For the winning bidders, you must be a member of GOS and registered for the winter meeting by the time your check arrives. Registration for the winter meeting is \$25. You can do both (raffle AND auction). If I pull your raffle ticket and you were also one of the top 2 auction bidders, then I'll simply select the next highest bidder, and you'll join us as the lucky raffle winner instead.

**GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**WINTER 2011 MEETING REGISTRATION**  
TYBEE ISLAND, GA  
JANUARY 14-17, 2011

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

**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, Sibley presentation only @ \$15 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postmarked after 1/10/2011 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 January 10, 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 January 10, 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 \_\_\_\_\_



**GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
WINTER 2011 MEETING  
FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ COST (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ COST (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ COST (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ COST (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR FIELD TRIPS (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS AND MAIL THE ORIGINAL FORM ALONG WITH YOUR MEETING REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

DAN VICKERS  
5249 BEECH FOREST DR 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 may combine your payment for field trips, registration and the banquet into one check. Make your check payable to "GOS." You will receive an email confirmation of your registration and field trip selections.