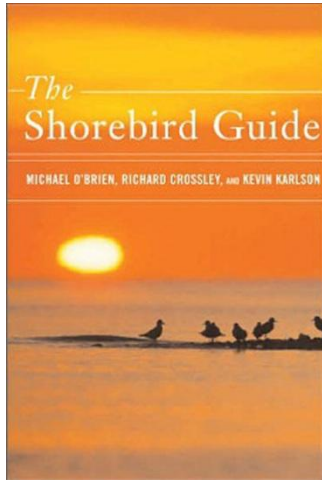


# The Georgia Ornithological Society's



**Fall 2012 Meeting**  
October 11-14, 2012  
Villas by the Sea  
Jekyll Island, Georgia



## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**KEVIN KARLSON**

Kevin is an accomplished birder, professional tour leader and wildlife photographer who has published numerous articles on bird identification and natural history for an assortment of magazines, books, and journals. A former photo editor for *North American Birds*, he currently writes the *Birder's ID* column for *Wild Bird Magazine*. Kevin is a co-author of *The Shorebird Guide*, and is currently completing a new book for the Roger Tory Peterson Reference series called *Birding by Impression*.

## **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

### **"Birds on the Wind: The Miracle of Migration"**

Bird migration is truly one of the most amazing natural wonders in our world today. From the unbelievable 7000 mile non-stop journeys of Bar-tailed Godwits to spectacular raptor concentrations during migration, there are still many unanswered questions about the movements of migratory birds. The program begins with a review of different types of bird migration before highlighting various bird families and select species that perform amazing feats of physical endurance during their bi-annual journeys. Breathtaking photos and several musical interludes add to the interesting nature of this presentation. This light-hearted program appeals to birders and non-birders alike.



## **Workshop: Shorebirds by Impression**

Kevin Karlson



This short indoor workshop presents an alternate approach to shorebird identification. It encourages an initial evaluation of physical impressions to form a surprisingly accurate foundation for your ID conclusion before analyzing feather details or plumage patterns. By concentrating on the size, body shape and structural features of each bird, a reliable set of non-changeable impressions is formed for each species, unaffected by the many plumage conditions found throughout the year for most shorebirds.

24 participants will have the opportunity to put these skills to the test on the next day's field trip to Andrews Island causeway and Gould's Inlet, which will be led by Kevin.

The indoor workshop will be held on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-5:30 pm in the Conference Center. The cost for this workshop is \$10. Advanced registration is required.

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### **Hotel Details**

Villas by the Sea Resort & Conference Center  
1175 N. Beachview Drive  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527  
[www.jekyllislandga.com](http://www.jekyllislandga.com)

#### Room Rates:

Studio Villa - \$99

One-Bedroom Villa - \$119 Islandside/\$129 Oceanside

Two-Bedroom Villa - \$149 Islandside/\$159 Oceanside

Three-Bedroom Villa - \$179 Islandside/\$189 Oceanside

**Cut-off date for GOS rate: September 13, 2012**

Call for reservations: (800) 841-6262 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### Thursday, October 11, 2012

5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Registration (in the hotel lobby)  
and  
Dinner on Your Own

### Friday, October 12, 2012

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am  
First Field Trip Departs

3:00 pm  
Last Field Trip Returns

4:00 – 5:30 pm  
***“Workshop: Shorebirds by Impression”***  
Kevin Karlson

5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Dinner on Your Own

6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Registration and Flocking (w/ cash bar)

7:30 – 8:00 pm  
***“Between Chevron and the Deep Blue Gulf:  
Seaside Sparrows on the Gulf of Mexico”***  
Anna Joy Lehmicke

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

### Saturday, October 13, 2012

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am  
First Field Trip Departs

3:00 pm  
Last Field Trip Returns

5:30 - 6:45 pm  
Flocking (w/ cash bar), Poster Session and  
Book Signing with Kevin Karlson

6:45 – 7:45 pm  
President’s Address and Announcements  
Banquet Dinner

7:45 – 8:30 pm  
Keynote Speaker: Kevin Karlson  
***“Birds on the Wind:  
The Miracle of Migration”***

8:30 – 9:15 pm  
Discussion of Sunday Field Trips  
Species Countdown

### Sunday, October 14, 2012

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am  
First Field Trip Departs



**GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
FALL 2012 MEETING  
JEKYLL ISLAND, GA  
OCTOBER 11-14, 2012**

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GOS Member(s) @ \$25.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Spouse/immediate family may register at the member rate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-GOS Member(s) @ \$35.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shorebird Workshop (Friday) @ \$10.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Keynote Speaker only (no banquet) @ \$10 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postmarked after 10/5/2012 or at the door @ \$10 late fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Cut-off date for banquet reservations is October 5, 2012**

**Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to:  
Ed Maioriello, 340 Milledge Heights, Athens, GA 30606**

*Note: No portion of registration, field trips or banquet fees is tax deductible.*

Registration, field trip or banquet cancellations received AFTER October 5, 2012 will NOT be refunded. Should you need to cancel, notify Ed at 706-296-5275 or [edm@maioriello.com](mailto:edm@maioriello.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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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JEKYLL ISLAND, GA  
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**FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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

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

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

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

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

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:

**Ed Maioriello  
340 Milledge Heights  
Athens, GA 30606**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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 may assume that you are on your first choice of field trips if you do not hear from us before the meeting.

## GOS FALL 2012 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Note: All times listed are departure/return times to the Villas by the Sea unless otherwise noted.**

### ALTAMAHA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

Leaders: Bill Lotz and Dan Vickers, 7:15 am – 1:30 pm, Limit: 20 people, Cost: \$0

The 27,000 acre Altamaha Waterfowl Management Area near Darien consists of 3,154 acres of managed freshwater and brackish waterfowl impoundments, bottomland hardwoods and cypress-tupelo swamps. It is one of the premier waterfowl migrating areas in Georgia. It also provides habitat for a tremendous diversity of other birds including Wilson's Snipe, Common and Purple Gallinules, White and Glossy Ibises, numerous species of egrets and herons, Black-necked Stilts, migratory shorebirds, and a wide range of raptors, falcon and owls. Birding is from the dikes or one of the observation towers. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy, with quite a bit of walking.*

**Note: Each participant must purchase the GORP pass to access this WMA. Passes can be purchased online for \$3.50 for a three-day pass or \$19.00 for an annual pass. For more information or to purchase and print the pass, go to [www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass).**

### CUMBERLAND ISLAND

Leader: Charlie Muise, 7:00 am – 6:30 pm, Limit: 20 people, Cost: \$0

Join Charlie on Georgia's largest and southern most barrier island covered with pristine forests, undeveloped beaches and expansive marshes. The island has one of the largest remaining maritime forests and 9,800 acres of the island have been designated by Congress as a Wilderness Area. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, a sack lunch, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Moderate, with considerable walking.*

**Note: Advanced reservations for the ferry required. Call (877) 860-6787 to make reservations. Plan to pay the National Park Service for the day use (\$4) and ferry fees (\$20).**

### GLENNVILLE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Leaders: TBA with Gene Wilkinson, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, No limit, Cost: \$0

One of the best birding sites in the Coastal Plain. Meet Glennville resident Gene Wilkinson at the entrance to the water treatment facility at 11:00 am for a two mile or so hike around the impoundments at this wonderful birding site. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy, with quite a bit of walking.*

**Note: No bathroom facilities.**

### HARRIS NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Leaders: **Kevin Karlson** with Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd, 6:30 am – 2:30 pm, Limit: 25 people, Cost: \$10

Harris Neck's 2,762 acres consists of saltwater marsh, grassland, and mixed deciduous woods. Because of this great variety of habitats, many different species of birds are attracted to the refuge throughout the year. Large concentrations of ducks gather in the marshland and freshwater pools. Over 15 miles of paved roads and trails provide easy access to the many different habitats. Chosen for its accessibility and bird diversity, Harris Neck is one of 18 sites forming the Colonial Coast Birding Trail, inaugurated in 2000. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, a sack lunch, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy.*

### JEKYLL ISLAND BANDING STATION

Leader: Evan Pitman, 7:30 am – 10:00 am, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0

The Jekyll Island Banding Station is a non-profit all volunteer bird banding station operating on the south end of Jekyll Island since 1978. Dedicated licensed banders and bird enthusiasts band neo-tropical passerines during fall migration for scientific study and education. Visitors will have excellent photo opportunities and will be given a tour of mist netting operations. *Easy.*

**Note: Managers of JIBS greatly appreciate donations to cover annual costs of nets and other costs.**

## GOS FALL 2012 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> (cont.)

### **JEKYLL ISLAND HOT SPOTS w/ GOLF CART NATURE TOUR included**

Leaders: Lydia Thompson, 7:15 am – 12:00 pm, Limit: 10 people, Cost: \$20

Join Lydia Thompson for a ramble for the birds. Learn about the bird conservation work on the island. First we will explore the south beach area. Then there is a twist to the ramble. We'll spend some time on the Pine Lakes Golf course in the comfort of golf carts. Pine Lakes has been certified as an International Audubon golf course and has a surprising number of warblers, flycatchers, and wading birds. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy, with quite a bit of walking.*

**Note: The \$20 charge is for the use of the golf carts**

### **LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND**

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt and Deb Barreiro, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm, Limit: 12 people, Cost: \$60.00

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.*

**Note: Departure will be at 12:00 pm from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp. Directions will be available at the registration desk.**

### **SAPELO ISLAND**

Leaders: Malcolm Hodges and Bob Sargent, 6:45 am – 6:15 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$25

Although this island is known to birders as the only Georgia location for the much sought after (and often mystical) Plain Chachalaca, this 16,000 acre, 11-mile long island has a rich history and a very diverse assortment of birds within its pristine maritime forests, marshes and beaches. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, a sack lunch, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Moderate, with quite a bit of walking.*

**Note: There is also a \$2 fee for the ferry to the island.**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

### ANDREW'S ISLAND CAUSEWAY AND GOULD'S INLET (SSI)

Leaders: **Kevin Karlson** with Gene Keferl and Bob Sargent, 7:00 am – 1:30 pm, Limit: 24 people, Cost: \$20

Join keynote speaker Kevin Karlson as he conducts the “outside” portion of his workshop on “Shorebirds by Impression.” Participants will be able to put their skills to the test as they examine the myriad of shorebird species found on the Georgia coast. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy.*

### ALTAMAHA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

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### BLACKBEARD ISLAND NWR

Leaders: Chris Depkin with Capt. Phillip, 6:00 am – 3:45 pm, Limit: 25 people, Cost: \$55

This barrier island is maintained as a preserve and breeding ground native wildlife and migratory birds. 3000 acres were set aside in 1975 as National Wilderness. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a sack, lunch, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots.

**Note: Departure location will be provided with registration confirmation.**

### HARRIS NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Leader: Nathan Farnau 6:30 am – 2:30 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0

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### JEKYLL ISLAND BANDING STATION

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> (cont.)

### JEKYLL ISLAND HOT SPOTS

Leader: Rachel Cass and Steve Holzman, 7:00 am – 1:30 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0

Join Rachel and Steve as they visit the many hot spots of Jekyll Island. The tides will determine the order of places you visit. You'll trek out to South Beach hoping for that stray rarity among the terns, gulls and other shorebirds and maybe some cute plovers along the rack line. Hopefully you'll pick up a few migrants on the way to and from the beach. The amphitheater will be checked for night herons, waders, and passerine migrants. The group will hit Clam Creek looking for more luck with migrants and maybe a couple of raptors. You'll head out the Jekyll Island Causeway to the Visitor's Center to check the mudflats and saltmarsh for shorebirds and sparrows respectively. The trip should end by lunchtime. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy*.

### LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt and Deb Barreiro, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, Limit: 12. Cost \$60.00

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**Note: Departure will be at 11:00 am from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp. Directions will be available at the registration desk.**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

### ALTAMAHA SOUND BOAT TRIP

Leaders: Tim Keyes and Capt. Phillip, 6:15 am – 1:00 pm, Limit: 25 people, Cost: \$55

Join Tim and Capt. Phillips as you cruise around Wolf, Little Egg and Little St. Simons Islands looking through the flocks of shorebirds that roost in the Altamaha Sound.

Bring raingear, layers of warm clothing, hat, water, and snacks.

**Note: The boat will depart from the Champney Island dock promptly at 7:00 am. Directions will be available at the registration desk.**

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### BIG SIT – JEKYLL ISLAND WELCOME CENTER

Leader: Lydia Thompson, 6:30 am – 6:00 pm, No limit, Cost - \$0

Join Lydia as she does her Big Sit to help raise awareness about shorebirds and Operation Plover Patrol. You'll be overlooking the marshes behind the Jekyll Island Welcome Center from the wildlife viewing tower. She will be there all day so you can drop in anytime and stay as long as you like. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, a sack lunch, snacks, and a spotting scope. *Easy.*

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**Note: No restroom facilities.**

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### JEKYLL ISLAND HOT SPOTS

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This trip will take participants on a tour of Jekyll's best birding spots, from the shorebird-rich South Beach, to the waders of Amphitheater Pond, tidal marshes and sea watching at Clam Creek Picnic Area, and the mudflats at the visitor's center. Bring adequate water, bug repellent, a sack lunch, snacks, a spotting scope, and comfortable hiking boots. *Easy.*

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