



*The Georgia Ornithological Society's  
2012 Spring Meeting*

**April 20-22, 2012  
Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center  
Augusta, Georgia**

**BANQUET SPEAKER**

**Nathan Klaus**

Senior Wildlife Biologist  
GA DNR, Nongame Endangered Wildlife Program

**Presents:**

*“Golden-winged Warblers and Cerulean Warblers:  
Two species with more in common  
than you would think”*



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**Schedule at a Glance**

**Friday, April 20, 2012**

6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Registration and dinner on your own

7:00 – 7:30 pm  
Flocking (with cash bar)

7:30 – 8:00 pm

**Paige Barlow**

PhD student, University of Georgia  
2011 Terrell Grant Award Recipient

*"Residential development and avian conservation  
in the southern Appalachian Mountains"*

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

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

Breakfast at Marriott starting at 6 am

6:15 – 7:00 am  
Field trips depart

1:00 - 3:30 pm  
Field trips return

5:30 – 6:30 pm  
“Flocking” (with cash bar)

6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Banquet dinner

7:30 – 8:30 pm

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8:30 – 9:00 pm  
Sunday field trips discussion  
Countdown

**Sunday, April 22, 2012**

Breakfast at Marriott starting at 6 am

6:30 – 7:00 am  
Field trips depart

**Conference Hotel Details:**

Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center  
Two Tenth Street  
Augusta, GA 30901

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/agsmc?groupCode=ornorno&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/19/12&toDate=4/22/12>  
1-800-868-5354  
(706) 722-8900

Room Rate: \$95 single or double  
Tell the hotel you are registering for the  
GOS Spring Conference to get the special rate.  
Group Code: ORNORNO  
Cut-off date for GOS rate: 3/30/2012

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ No meal - Saturday night Speaker only @ \$10 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postmarked after 4/16/2012 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 April 16, 2012**

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

Registration, field trip or banquet cancellations received AFTER April 16, 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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**FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

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

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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.**

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**Roster of Field Trips**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Yuchi WMA**

**Leader:** Lois Stacey

**Depart time from hotel:** 6:15 am

**Return time to hotel:** 3:30 pm

**Participant limit:** 15

**Description:** Yuchi WMA is a Georgia IBA covering 7800 acres. This site is primarily sandhills Pine/Oak woodlands with areas of lowland hardwoods and runs along the Savannah River. We will spend some time at the boat ramp and along the river early in the day where migrants should be plentiful. We will then drive from spot to spot to see what we can find. We will walk down hill on an old abandoned road to an old boat ramp through wonderful riparian habitat where Hooded Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush and migrants might be found. We will end near a small floodplain swamp. On fall field trips well over 50 species have been found here and in spring species numbers could be higher.

**Target species:** Bachman's Sparrow, Prairie Warbler, Common Nighthawk, Northern Bobwhite, migrants, possibly Swainson's Warbler. Also possible is Goatweed Leafwing (butterfly) and Harlequin Darner (dragonfly) among other species.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**What to bring:** Hiking boots, sunscreen, bug repellent, water, snacks and lunch

**Audubon Silver Bluff Sanctuary**

**Leader:** Paul Koehler, Director, Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary

**Depart time from hotel:** 6:20 am

**Return time to hotel:** 1:00 pm

**Participant limit:** 15

**Description:** Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary (a South Carolina Important Bird Area) is situated along 2.6 miles of the Savannah River and comprises 3,200 acres of upland pine forest, hardwood bottomlands, open fields, lakes and streams. The bird checklist boasts over 200 species. Silver Bluff forest management provides a wide variety of habitat types and a 30-acre pond/marsh system always adds to a birder's day list. On these morning field trips we should see a good combination of migrants, breeders, and residents.

**Target species:** Bachman's Sparrow, Painted Bunting, Bobolink, Kentucky Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Wood Thrush, Red-headed Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, and Mississippi Kite.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**What to bring:** Hiking boots, sunscreen, bug repellent, water, snacks

**Phinizy Swamp**

**Leaders:** Peter Stangel/ Ken Blankenship

**Depart time from hotel:** 6:30 am

**Return time to hotel:** 2:00 pm

**Participant limit:** 15

**Description:** This 1100 acre, Audubon Important Bird Area offers some of the finest and most diverse birding in the area. Located in the floodplain of the Savannah River, Phinizy includes boardwalks through hardwood swamps, an oxbow lake and other open water, and hundreds of acres of constructed wetland "cells" used by the

City of Augusta as the final step in their wastewater treatment. Miles of trails meander through the park. The wetland cells are vegetated with cattails and other emergent plants, and provide great habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, and rails.

**Target species:** This is a great place to see Bald Eagles, Mississippi Kites and other birds of prey, American Bittern, Sora and Virginia Rail, lingering winter waterfowl and maybe Black-bellied Whistling Duck, and numerous species of songbirds such as Prothonotary Warbler.

**Difficulty:** Easy but with lots of walking

**What to bring:** Hiking boots, sunscreen, bug repellent, water, snacks, spotting scope

### **Merry Brothers Brickyards**

**Leader:** Anne Waters

**Depart time from hotel:** 6:40 am

**Return time to hotel:** 2:00 pm

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**Description:** Bird the paved road looking for migrants and summer residents in the woods and swamp along here. The ponds along there can hold shorebirds and will be checked for that. We will go into the dig site and check the ponds for lingering ducks and other waterfowl.

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**Difficulty:** Easy

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### **Lover's Lane/Augusta Levee**

**Leader:** Willie Malpass

**Depart time from hotel:** 6:45 am

**Return time to hotel:** 2:00 pm

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**Description:** Great area for migrants and summer residents. The area consists of woods and fields with a creek running through the middle.

**Target species:** Red-headed Woodpeckers, Indigo and Painted Buntings and migrant warblers.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**What to bring:** Hiking boots, sunscreen, bug repellent, water, snacks

### **Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Leader:** Gene Zielinski

**Depart time from hotel:** 7:00 am

**Return time to hotel:** 2:00 pm

**Participant limit:** 15

**Description:** This is the wastewater treatment plant for the town of North Augusta and is not normally open to the public. Ducks and shorebirds will be found in the settling ponds; possibly to include Black-bellied Whistling Ducks which probably bred here last year. There is a swale that can draw shorebirds if wet below the ponds. A dirt road leads back along a river scar and this can be a wonderful place for migrants.

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