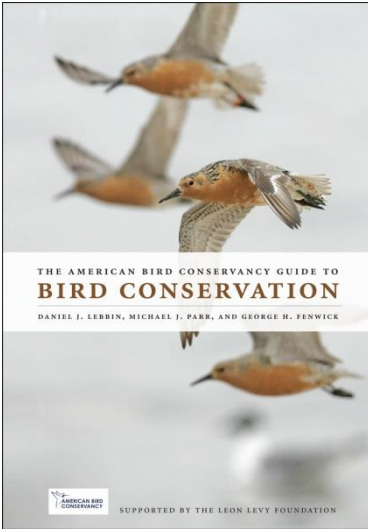


The Georgia Ornithological Society's

FALL 2013 MEETING

October 11-14, 2013

Villas By The Sea
Jekyll Island, Georgia



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

"Bird Conservation in the 21st Century"

GEORGE H. FENWICK
President and CEO
The American Bird Conservancy



George H. Fenwick, President, received a Ph.D. from the Department of Pathobiology at Johns Hopkins University, studying the effects of alien species on native avifauna. He founded The American Bird Conservancy in early 1994, and became President upon its merger with the U.S. and Pan American Sections of the International Council for the Preservation of Birds later that year. He worked in a variety of capacities during 15 years with The Nature Conservancy including Vice President and Director of Ecosystem Conservation, Acting Director of Science, and Chair of the Steering Committee for the Last Great Places Campaign. Prior to that, he had worked for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Earthsatellite Corporation, and been an instructor at the University of Virginia.

Friday Night's Presentation

**"Conversations among the Stars?
Unraveling Questions about Migrant Flight Calling Behavior"**

DR. SARA R. MORRIS
Co-Chair & Professor of Biology
Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 11, 2013

5:30 – 6:30 pm
Dinner on Your Own

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

7:30 – 8:15 pm
"Conversations among the stars? Unraveling questions about migrant flight calling behavior"

Dr. Sara R. Morris

8:15 – 8:30 pm
Discussion of Saturday Field Trips

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am
First Field Trip Departs

4:30 pm
Last Field Trip Returns

5:30 - 6:45 pm
Flocking (w/ cash bar), Poster Session and Meet George Fenwick

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

7:45 – 8:30 pm
Keynote Speaker: George Fenwick
"Bird Conservation in the 21st Century"

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

Sunday, October 13, 2013

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am
First Field Trip Departs
3:00 pm
Last Field Trip Returns

5:30 - 6:30 pm
Flocking (w/ cash bar) and Discussion of Monday Field Trips

6:30 pm
Dinner on Your Own

Monday, October 14, 2013

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 am
First Field Trip Departs

Hotel Details

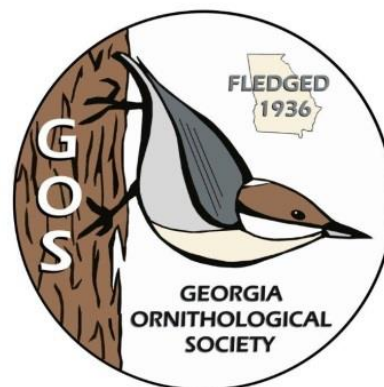
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Call for reservations: (800) 841-6262 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm



**GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL 2013 MEETING
JEKYLL ISLAND, GA
OCTOBER 11-14, 2013**

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 @ \$37.00 per person \$ _____

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

_____ Postmarked after 10/5/2013 or at the door @ \$10 late fee \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Cut-off date for banquet reservations is October 5, 2013

**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, 2013 will NOT be refunded. Should you need to cancel, notify Ed at 706-296-5275 or 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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FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

1ST CHOICE _____ COST (IF APPLICABLE) _____

2ND CHOICE _____

3RD CHOICE _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

1ST CHOICE _____ COST (IF APPLICABLE) _____

2ND CHOICE _____

3RD CHOICE _____

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

1ST CHOICE _____ COST (IF APPLICABLE) _____

2ND CHOICE _____

3RD CHOICE _____

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

1ST CHOICE _____ COST (IF APPLICABLE) _____

2ND CHOICE _____

3RD 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 2013 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

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ST. CATHERINES ISLAND

Leaders: Jenifer Hilburn, Rachel and Steve Holzman, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Limit: 8 people

Note: Meet at the dock at 7:45 am. Back to dock by 4pm

The St. Catherines Island Foundation owns this island and operates it for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes. The Foundation aims to promote conservation of natural resources, the preservation of historic sites, and to expand human knowledge in the fields of ecology, botany, zoology, natural history, archaeology, and other scientific and educational disciplines. Wildlife abounds due to miles of unspoiled beaches, dense maritime forest and interior wetlands. Traces of a colonial era Spanish mission and well-preserved antebellum slave quarters enhance the visitor's appreciation of the island's history. We'll tour most habitats on the island including beach, pine flatwoods, maritime forest, and salt marsh. Lunch will not be provided and cannot be purchased on the island.

Recommended Needs: Insect repellent, sun protection, long sleeves and pants, hat, water, snacks and lunch, rain gear, and binoculars. A cooler with ice will be available for participants' use. **Trip Rigor: Easy** – open-air riding on flatbed truck with benches (potentially dusty if it has been dry); 2 miles of optional beach walking and up to ½ mile of road/trail walking. Boat travel can be cold and wet depending on current weather conditions – please dress accordingly.

Note: There is No Charge for this trip but donations to the St. Catherine's Island Foundation Bird Program are welcome. Make check payable to SCIF and add "Bird Program" in the memo field.

ALTAMAHA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

Leader: Tim Keyes, 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.

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: Bob Sargent 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.

GOS FALL 2013 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th (cont.)

HARRIS NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Leader: Larry Carlile, 6:30 am – 2:30 pm, Limit: 25 people, Cost: \$0

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

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Easy.

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LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt, 12:00 pm – 4:00 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. **HIGH 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 Patty McLean, 6:45 am – 6:15 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$25

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GOS FALL 2013 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

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

Leaders: Patty McLean and Kathy Miller, 7:00 am – 1:30 pm, Limit: 20 people, Cost: \$0

This field trip includes a rare visit to the Andrews Island Spoils Site and a noontime stop at Gould's Inlet on St Simons. The causeway leading to the Spoils Site is a special treat with frequent sightings of Roseate Spoonbills, Clapper Rails and various wintering salt marsh sparrows. The Site has some of the best shorebirds in the area including rare migrants and large numbers of pelicans, avocets, dowitchers and plovers. Rare sightings have included Red-necked and Wilson's Phalaropes, a Selasphorus hummingbird and Stilt Sandpipers.

About the locations: (1) The Spoils Site serves as a depository for dredged spoil from nearby waterways and attracts a wide range of migrating, breeding and wintering birds. When water is plentiful, shorebirds, wading birds, and ducks are present in large numbers feeding on the invertebrates (introduced by dredging) and insects. At high tide, many shorebirds use it as a resting site when their usual feeding areas in the surrounding channels are flooded. It is currently managed by the Department of Transportation and access is restricted. (2) Gould's Inlet is one of the area's most easily accessed sites for viewing hundreds of migrating shorebirds, gulls and terns, depending on the tide. We plan to arrive a few hours before high tide, giving us the best opportunity to find Reddish Egret, Oystercatchers, Skimmers, Red Knots, and Marbled Godwit. Carpooling to this location will be essential as parking spaces quickly fill up on the weekends.

What to Bring: Water and repellent, sun protection/hat, good hiking shoes, field guide and a scope (or a buddy with one).

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ALTAMAHA SOUND BOAT TRIP

Leaders: Tim Keyes and Capt. Phillip, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Limit: 40 people, Cost: \$55

Join Tim and Capt. Phillips as you cruise around Wolf, Rhetts, 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 10:00 am. Directions will be available at the registration desk.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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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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JEKYLL ISLAND HOT SPOTS

Leader: Diana Churchill, 7:00 am – 1:30 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0

Join Diana 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

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Note: Departure will be at 8:00 am from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp. Directions available.

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Limit: 12. Cost \$50.00

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GOS FALL 2013 FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

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Note: No restroom facilities.

HARRIS NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

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.

JEKYLL ISLAND HOT SPOTS

Leader: Diana Churchill, 6:45 am – 2:00 pm, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0

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.*

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt and Tim Keyes, 8:00 am – 11:30 am, 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. You 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.*

Note: Departure will be at 8:00 am from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp. Directions will be available at the registration desk.