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## President's Message

By Steve Holzman

Spring is here! Warblers and flycatchers and tanagers, oh my! I know I'm ready. But first, here's a recap of our winter meeting. Turnout was better than expected as 85 of us gathered in Tallahassee, Florida. I was happy to receive some great positive feedback from some of our newest members. Here's hoping they will be back for years to come. Friday evening found us gathering for some "flocking" around the sales table with perhaps a Red Nectar IPA in hand (hey, the label had a bird on it). The meeting began with the presentation of the Earle R. Greene Award to esteemed ornithologist Robert Crawford. You can read more about Robert in this issue (page 7). The award presentation was followed by an interesting and entertaining talk by Megan Jones, a PhD student at Florida State University, about cooperative breeding in White-ruffed Manakins. Her talk, "Wonder, curiosity, and research: Cooperative display in the White-ruffed Manakin," focused on how her curiosity and wonder about the natural world led to her research on why dominant individuals cooperate with subordinates when those same subordinates may also be competitors. Megan presented data showing

that some, but not all, White-ruffed Manakin males form cooperative partnerships in their displays for females. She then explained three experiments aimed to test hypotheses about those questions. The audience was highly amused by the videos of the White-ruffed Manakin displays and asked a wide variety of questions after the presentation.

The next morning found our members grabbing a bite in the hotel lobby and organizing around the day's field trip leaders. The word went out that two Whooping Cranes were wintering within 10 minutes of our meeting location, so some field trips diverted there to catch the birds before they headed out of their roost for foraging. Many of us were lucky to see these two birds, which we later found out were hatched at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland in 2009 and led by Operation Migration pilots and their ultra-lights to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge that fall. GOS has been a proud sponsor of OM's work over the years. We really hope these birds can raise young successfully in Wisconsin and future GOS members can be delighted by a chance encounter during their migration through

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**Welcome, New Members!**

**Fledgling**

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**GOS FALL MEETING PREVIEW**

When: October 10-12, 2014

Where: Villas By The Sea  
Jekyll Island, Georgia

Stay tuned for details on speakers and field trips.

How: Go to [www.gos.org/meetings](http://www.gos.org/meetings) for details and registration materials.

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Megan Jones was a guest speaker at the winter meeting in Tallahassee. Photo courtesy Phil Hardy.

Georgia. Some of the field trips offered included a trip to Tall Timbers Research Station, where participants could view birds up close during banding operations and in the museum. Also, participants got good looks at Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Bachman's Sparrows. St. Marks NWR is always full of birds in winter, and participants got great looks at shorebirds, waders, and ducks, including a beautiful Cinnamon Teal. Rachel and I selected the Bald Point State Park/Alligator Point trip and had great views of sea ducks, and a Parasitic Jaeger offshore. The trip leader (John Murphy) then asked the group if we wanted to drive 30 minutes or so to Carrabelle to see an adult male Vermillion Flycatcher. Everyone was game, so we headed that way and were rewarded with great looks. See Rachel's great photo collage at <http://tinyurl.com/vefl-fl>.

Folks began arriving back at the meeting location in late afternoon. We gathered again for a poster session by graduate students from around the state. Our thanks go out to Clark Jones, Elizabeth Hunter, Abby Sterling, Anna Joy Lehmicke, Alexia Barret, Emily Kemp, and Shannon Curry. Some of these students have benefitted from the Howe or Terrell grant

programs. Our members were able to interact with the students and ask questions about projects involving Oystercatchers, Piping Plovers, nuthatches, Seaside Sparrows, and White Ibis. These poster sessions help illustrate our commitment to ornithological research in the state, and we are glad that students are able to take time to come to these meetings to display their work. At this point, final voting for our photo contest revealed the "Best in Show" winner. Earlier voting on Facebook determined the three finalists: Real-life Angry Birds—A Yellow-crowned Night Heron photographed by Marvin T. Smith at Lake Sheri in Valdosta; Birds from an IBA—A Kentucky Warbler photographed by Rachel Holzman at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Georgia; and Birds seen on a GOS Field Trip—A Virginia Rail photographed by Richard Hall at the Sterling Creek Wastewater Treatment Area in Richmond Hill, Georgia. Meeting attendees voted Marvin's Yellow-crowned Night Heron as "Best in Show." He received registration for two at our next GOS meeting. Thanks to all the photographers who participated and sent in their photos. You all do fantastic work!



After the banquet, Dr. Reed Bowman presented work on the longest continuous study of a marked population of birds in North America. Florida Scrub-jay research at Archbold Biological Station was initiated back in 1969 by renowned ornithologist and evolutionary biologist Glen

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Richard Hall was the winner of the "Birds Seen on a GOS Field Trip" category with this photograph of a Virginia Rail at Sterling Creek Wastewater Treatment Area in Richmond Hill, Georgia.

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Woolfenden, was continued by the current director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, John Fitzpatrick, and is now in the capable hands of Dr. Bowman. Dr. Bowman's engaging presentation touched on the topics of Florida Scrub-jay demographics, cooperative breeding, habitat needs, and territoriality—and the effect that fire (or lack of fire) has on these parameters. Compiling these data is intensive and requires locating every nest, banding every member of the population, and mapping the territory of each family group. More than 40 years of banding data has generated a pedigree that spans more than 10 generations of Florida Scrub-jays. Monthly surveys locate every individual in the population, and annual surveys of peripheral habitats locate emigrants that have left the main study area. Also, using weather and detailed habitat data, researchers at Archbold have been able to make inferences about how individuals and family groups respond to stressors such as fire and low-quality urban habitats. In the future, they hope to use genetics and environmental conditions to understand more about the evolution of the Florida Scrub-Jay and management practices that will ensure its long-term survival.

Larry Carlile did the countdown, and with later additions from Sunday and Monday field trips we came up with a very respectable list of 176 species observed. Highlights were the Whooping Cranes, Vermillion Flycatcher, Limpkin, and Cinnamon Teal. Special thanks to Larry for arranging for our great speakers and putting together a great list of field trips and field trip leaders. Also, kudos to Ed Maiorello for finding a great meeting location and rolling with the last-minute changes that are always necessary to pull something like this off.

We'll be forgoing a spring meeting this year but will be organizing some field trips around the state for GOS members. Stay tuned to the email list and Facebook page for details. Enjoy the spring, and we'll hopefully see you on Jekyll Island for the fall meeting the weekend of October 10-12.



**OLD TREE HUGGERS**—The combined ages of the GOS members in the above photograph (Walt Bowman, Myra Hardy, Bill Lotz and Phil Hardy) barely equal half the age of this ancient Longleaf Pine on the Greenwood Plantation near Thomasville, Georgia. This nearly 500-year-old tree is just one of the many in the largest remaining virgin forest in an ecosystem that once covered 92 million acres in the southern United States. The Red-cockaded Woodpecker colonies here are extensive and thriving with little to no assistance, except the regular prescribed burning. Photo courtesy Dan Vickers.

## GOS Funding for T.R.A.P.

By Steve Holzman

The Georgia Ornithological Society announces a new fund to assist local animal control agencies in the removal of feral cats from the environment. Feral and free-roaming cats represent one of the largest sources of anthropogenic mortality on native birds and other wildlife. This fund will be known as T.R.A.P. (Targeted Removal of non-native Avian Predators), and donations submitted to GOS for this fund will be used to purchase humane live traps. Only those institutions which recognize trap and remove as the only population reduction method that reduces predation and risk of disease will be eligible. Many animal control agencies have limited budgets and feral cat removal is limited by available resources. GOS will match the first \$500 donated for this fund.

If you know of a nature center, local park, or animal control agency willing to trap and remove feral cats, send the information to Steve Holzman via email to [president@gos.org](mailto:president@gos.org).

You can send your donations to

GOS  
c/o Jeannie Wright  
3851 Ashford Trail  
Atlanta, GA 30319-1894  
Indicate T.R.A.P in the notes section of your check.

For more information about feral cats, see the GOS position statement here: <http://www.gos.org/orginfo/gos-cats.htm>.

Since feral cat removal can be controversial, I've set up an online discussion space to discuss this issue if you have any questions <http://www.quicktopic.com/41/H/6Li4Qf6khAmCn>

## In Memoriam: Norene Elaine Boring

By John Swiderski

Norene Elaine Boring, 86, died on Sunday, December 8, 2013, in Dalton, Georgia. She enjoyed a life-long interest in birds and birding, joined GOS in 1965, and became a Life Member in 1976.

In the 1970s, Norene served on the GOS Executive Committee in various capacities, first as secretary from 1969 to 1971. Over the next six years she was 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president for one term, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president for one term and then president of GOS from 1975 to 1977, a time when GOS was attempting to increase membership and survive financially.

Back in those days, the Dalton area had an active group of birders and a local club, the former Cherokee Audubon Society. She participated in field trips, Christmas Bird Counts and birding, frequently in the company of the late Harriett DiGioia and others. Norene was a registered nurse and had other interests beside birds. She was a long-time member of the Dalton Amateur Radio Club for HAM radio operators and sang with the Sounds of Joy non-denominational choir for many years.



This Kentucky Warbler was the winner of the "Birds seen in an IBA" category of the photo contest. It was photographed by Rachel Holzman at State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

## Earle R. Greene Memorial Award, 2014

By John Swiderski

Robert L. (Bobby) Crawford was recognized for achievement in ornithology when he received the Earle R. Greene Memorial Award, 2014 at the Tallahassee winter meeting. Bobby is a Thomasville, Georgia, native and has lived most of his life there with the exception of perhaps an exotic stop or two while serving in the National Guard years ago. He also spent time earning a BA in History at the University of Georgia (1969).

His interest in birds was sparked very early in life. He was in the Explorer Scouts at age 14 when he saw a fellow scout's 1947 Peterson *Field Guide to the Birds*. Soon thereafter he began birding in Thomas County, with others, including the late Jack Dozier. They decided early on to concentrate on birdlife in Thomas County and Bobby and Jack began keeping careful records of their sightings and those of others using a National Audubon card system called Bird File. He continued to accumulate Thomas County records for some 50 years. He chose to publish accounts of Thomas County birdlife in *The Oriole* starting in 1971 (with Dozier) and culminating with *The Birds of Thomas County, Georgia: revised through 1997*. In the past 45 years, only three other GOS members, Milton Hopkins, Tommy Patterson, and Giff Beaton, have published similar studies. Crawford's study was the basis for his nomination to be considered for this award.

But there is more ornithological achievement to his credit. After graduating from UGA, he taught school for a short time and then accepted a position as a biologist at the Tall Timbers Research Station (TTRS) in 1970 and also studied zoology at Florida State University. Although he came on board too late to work with the famous ornithologist, Herbert L. Stoddard, Jr., who died in 1970, he became involved in the continuing WCTV Tower Kill Study until it ended in the 1980s. At first a "grunt," he soon was collecting the dead and injured birds, preparing them for use by other researchers, preparing skins, and maintaining voluminous records. By 1972 he was in charge of the project. During this time, Crawford and Roy Komarek took on the task of completing Stoddard's manuscript, *Birds of Grady County, Georgia*, for publication by TTRS in 1978.

Bobby left TTRS in 1985 to join the family insurance business in Thomasville but was never very far away from TTRS and its activities. In 1998, he was called upon by R. Todd Engstrom to convert some 42,000 WCTV Tower Kill Study records from Stoddard's original pocket notebooks to digital spreadsheets, a challenging task that took the better part of two years to complete. In 2004 Crawford's history of the study, *The Great Effort*, was published by TTRS.



Robert L. (Bobby) Crawford, the recipient of the 2014 Greene award. Photo courtesy Bobby Crawford.

After retiring from the workaday world in 2010, he returned to TTRS as a contract employee, helping with the museum archives and collections and TTRS and Red Hills history. During this time, he took on the task of bringing another manuscript to publication, *The Legacy of a Red Hills Hunting Plantation*. This large-format book tells the fascinating story of how Henry L. Beadel's hunting plantation, Tall Timbers, developed into TTRS, which today is devoted to scientific purposes and conservation efforts.

Bobby joined GOS in 1962 at age fifteen and now ranks as sixth in membership seniority. He was active with the Executive Committee back in the 1970s, including one term as 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president and editorial committee chair. He has been published 49 times in *The Oriole*, *The Auk*, and the *Wilson Bulletin* just to name a few. All of the Crawford books mentioned above are available from TTRS or can be found in the Georgia Public Library System. He and his wife, Beth, continue to live in Thomasville.

# Camp **TALON**

(Teen **A**dventures Learning **O**rnithology and **N**ature)

## What?

- ▶ A five-day camp for teens interested in birds and nature
- ▶ Tons of birding and a little classroom instruction
- ▶ 3:1 student-to-teacher ratio. Instructors are professional biologists and teachers, all with 20+ years of experience
- ▶ Sponsors: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Ornithological Society, and Atlanta Audubon Society

**When?** June 1-5, 2014

**Where?** The camp will be based at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. We'll be birding on Little St. Simons Island, Okefenokee Swamp, Sapelo Island, Harris Neck NWR, Jekyll Island, Altamaha WMA, and St. Simons Island.

**Who?** Hosting 16 students, ages 12-16. Older students may be eligible.

**How much?** \$300 early registration (by May 1), which includes meals, lodging, and bus from Macon. **Scholarships available.**

**How can I register?** Look for the registration form at [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com) or [www.gos.org](http://www.gos.org) or [www.atlantaaudubon.org](http://www.atlantaaudubon.org).

For more information, contact Julie Duncan at [Jdwildlife15@gmail.com](mailto:Jdwildlife15@gmail.com) (770) 313-5762 or Bob at [kywarbler@cox.net](mailto:kywarbler@cox.net) (478) 397-7962.



## GOS 2014 Photo Contest Winners and 2015 Format

By Patti Wohner

The photo contest was held both before and during the Tallahassee 2014 winter meeting, with initial voting on the GOS Facebook page and final voting at the meeting. The winners were

|   |                |                            |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Birds of a GOS Field Trip</b>            | Richard Hall   | Virginia Rail              |
| <b>Birds at an Important Bird Area Site</b> | Rachel Holzman | Kentucky Warbler           |
| <b>Real-Life Angry Birds</b>                | Marvin Smith   | Yellow-crowned Night Heron |

And to give everyone plenty of time to plan and take photos, the categories for the January 2015 contest are

- 1) Birds captured with a smartphone, either through binoculars, spotting scope, or neither.
- 2) Humorous.....just make us laugh.
- 3) Birds carrying nesting material.

For the 2015 contest, entrants must be GOS members and will be asked to verify that they adhered to the ABA rules of ethical behavior in taking the photos. Additional details and information will be provided later in the year.

### Bill Terrell Avian Conservation Grant Winners

By Bob Sargent

#### Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Nongame Conservation Section

"Improvement of grassland bird habitat in middle Georgia via prescribed burning."

This grant will be used to assist the DNR in the acquisition of a truck that will be dedicated for use by a new prescribed fire crew. The agency's goal is to increase its burn efforts in middle Georgia by approximately 10,000 acres in 2014.

#### Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy

"Managing cavity resources for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker on private lands in Georgia." This grant will be used to increase numbers of the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker in southwestern Georgia. The proponent's objective is to replace or install up to 120 artificial cavities in the Red Hills region of the state this year.

#### U.S. Forest Service, Conasauga Ranger District

"Conserving Eastern Hemlocks in the Songbird Management Area."

This grant will be used to pay for the treatment of approximately 200 hemlock trees along the Songbird Trail with a systemic insecticide in an effort to kill/control infestations of hemlock woolly adelgid. Promoting the survival of this tree species enhances the survival and diversity of birds that utilize hemlocks such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Veery, Winter Wren, Red Crossbill, and Red-breasted Nuthatch.



Yellow-crowned Night Heron from Lake Sheri in Valdosta, Georgia. This photograph won the "Real Life Angry Birds" category and also won best in show. Photograph by Marvin Smith.

## Why Should I eBird?

*Reprinted from the eBird website*



Whether you are casually watching birds in your backyard, or chasing rare species across the country, you are helping to put a puzzle together. It might be a personal puzzle. For example, you might wonder when Red-winged Blackbirds appear in your backyard each spring or what time of day the Mourning Doves take a bath in your neighborhood fountain. Each time that you see and identify one of these birds—so long as you note the time and date—one piece of the puzzle falls into place.

Or it might be a regional puzzle. For instance, scientists might be wondering how quickly House Finches are spreading throughout your state or how rapidly Henslow's Sparrows are declining. Each time that you identify and count the numbers of one of these species, you are piecing together a part of that puzzle.

Or it might be an international puzzle. Each year during migration, hundreds of species fly from southern wintering grounds to northern breeding grounds, following the flush of summer insects. When do they leave? Where do they breed? And when do they return home? Whether recording common birds in your backyard or searching for rarities along the Mexican border, your sightings of these birds—with time, date, and location included—are pieces that can help ornithologists put together the parts of that huge puzzle, day by day, week by week, and year by year.

Unfortunately, just like puzzle pieces, these observations lose their value if they remain separate from one another. The sightings tucked away in your memory, or in your desk drawer, or in an old shoebox in your closet leave gaps in a partially completed picture. In truth, the only way that all these bird sightings make a contribution to our understanding of nature is when they are collected and organized into a central database where they can help complete a picture of the life of birds.

eBird is this database. With thousands of birdwatchers across the continent helping to construct it by contributing their sightings, eBird will soon become a vast source of bird and environmental information useful not only to bird watchers but to scientists and conservationists the world over. Want to find out what birds you'll see on your vacation? Want to know the closest spot to find a Least Bittern, or a reliable spot for Townsend's Warbler? Want to learn whether the crow population is growing in your state? Want to see if endangered Least Terns are continuing their decline?

By keeping track of your bird observations and entering them into the eBird database, you'll benefit, too. You can access your own bird records anytime you want, allowing you an easy way to look at your observations in new ways and to answer your personal questions about what birds you saw and when and where you saw them.

If you use the eBird web site to enter all your birding information—and get your friends, family members, students, and colleagues to use it as well—before long the answers to the never ending questions about birds will be found in the eBird database, for use now and for generations that will follow.

## Birds Seen During the GOS Winter Meeting in Tallahassee, January 13-16

List Compiled by Larry Carlile

Canada Goose  
 Muscovy Duck  
 Wood Duck  
 Gadwall  
 American Wigeon  
 Mallard  
 Blue-winged Teal  
 Cinnamon Teal  
 Northern Shoveler  
 Northern Pintail  
 Green-winged Teal  
 Canvasback  
 Redhead  
 Ring-necked Duck  
 Greater Scaup  
 Lesser Scaup  
 Surf Scoter  
 White-winged Scoter  
 Black Scoter  
 Bufflehead  
 Common Goldeneye  
 Hooded Merganser  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
 Ruddy Duck  
 Northern Bobwhite  
 Red-throated Loon  
 Common Loon  
 Pied-billed Grebe  
 Horned Grebe  
 Wood Stork  
 Double-crested Cormorant  
 Anhinga  
 American White Pelican  
 Brown Pelican  
 American Bittern  
 Least Bittern  
 Great Blue Heron  
 Great Egret  
 Snowy Egret  
 Little Blue Heron  
 Tricolored Heron  
 Cattle Egret  
 Black-crowned Night-heron  
 White Ibis  
 Glossy Ibis  
 Black Vulture  
 Turkey Vulture  
 Osprey  
 Bald Eagle  
 Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 Red-shouldered Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 Clapper Rail  
 King Rail  
 Virginia Rail  
 Sora  
 Common Gallinule  
 American Coot  
 Limpkin  
 Sandhill Crane  
 Whooping Crane

Black-necked Stilt  
 American Avocet  
 American Oystercatcher  
 Black-bellied Plover  
 Semipalmated Plover  
 Piping Plover  
 Killdeer  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Greater Yellowlegs  
 Willet  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 Sanderling  
 Western Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 Dunlin  
 Short-billed Dowitcher  
 Long-billed Dowitcher  
 Wilson's Snipe  
 Parasitic Jaeger  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Laughing Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 Caspian Tern  
 Common Tern  
 Forster's Tern  
 Royal Tern  
 Rock Pigeon  
 Eurasian Collared-dove  
 White-winged Dove  
 Mourning Dove  
 Common Ground-dove  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Barred Owl  
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
 Black-chinned Hummingbird  
 Calliope Hummingbird  
 Rufous Hummingbird  
 Belted Kingfisher  
 Red-headed Woodpecker  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Red-cockaded Woodpecker  
 Northern Flicker  
 Pileated Woodpecker  
 American Kestrel  
 Peregrine Falcon  
 Eastern Phoebe  
 Vermilion Flycatcher  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 White-eyed Vireo  
 Blue-headed Vireo  
 Blue Jay  
 American Crow  
 Fish Crow  
 Tree Swallow  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
 Carolina Chickadee  
 Tufted Titmouse  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Brown-headed Nuthatch

Carolina Wren  
 House Wren  
 Winter Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Marsh Wren  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 Hermit Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Gray Catbird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Brown Thrasher  
 European Starling  
 American Pipit  
 Sprague's Pipit  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Black-and-white Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Palm Warbler  
 Pine Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Yellow-throated Warbler  
 Eastern Towhee  
 Bachman's Sparrow  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Henslow's Sparrow  
 Nelson's Sparrow  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Swamp Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Summer Tanager  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Rusty Blackbird  
 Common Grackle  
 Boat-tailed Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Baltimore Oriole  
 House Finch  
 American Goldfinch  
 House Sparrow

**176 species total**

## The Tennessee Ornithological Society



### 2014 Annual Meeting at Chattanooga, May 2-4

**Registration:** Friday, May 2, from 6 to 9 EDT, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3710 Modern Industries Parkway, Chattanooga, TN 37409 (at Exit #174 on I-24, near the foot of Lookout Mountain).



**Banquet and Program:** Saturday, May 3

Saturday evening will feature a cruise on the Tennessee Aquarium's River Gorge Explorer, a water-jet propelled, hydrofoil-assisted vessel which will transit at high speed to reach a viewing area and then cruise at lower speed for birding and observation. The cruise will be interpreted by John Dever, lead interpreter, and Kevin Calhoun, the Tennessee Aquarium's assistant interpreter of forests. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served during the low-speed observation time. The cost is \$39.00 per person.



**Field Trips:** Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4

The Saturday and Sunday morning field trips will leave from the Holiday Inn Express hotel, with final destinations determined by local conditions at the time of the meeting.

**Registration fees are \$15.00 per person.** Visit the TOS website for details on how to register [www.tnbirds.org](http://www.tnbirds.org).

**Contact:** Gary Lanham, CTOS treasurer, at [GLANHAM@epbfi.com](mailto:GLANHAM@epbfi.com) for more information and to send registration and fees.

**Hotel Reservations:** The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is offering a discounted rate of \$89.95 plus tax for a King or double Queen room until April 1, 2014, as long as the rooms are available. The hotel provides a free 6 AM hot breakfast bar. We know this is a busy weekend in Chattanooga, so book early. Call the hotel's direct number, 423-424-0125, and ask for the TOS Chattanooga Chapter rate.

9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
YOUTH  
BIRDING  
COMPETITION

CHARLIE ELLIOTT  
WILDLIFE CENTER  
APRIL 25-26, 2014



**What is it?** A free 24-hour birding competition in which teams count as many species as possible. Start counting nocturnal owls Friday night and bird until 5 PM on Saturday.

**Who can compete?** Anyone in K through 12th grade can form teams in four age divisions.

**Do you need to be an expert?** No. Call to find out about pre-camp mentors and training.

**Whom does it benefit?** Your team can raise money for your favorite DNR non-game project or any other conservation organization.

**What do you get all for FREE?** T-shirt, live wildlife show, awards, breakfast and lunch, and a fun day outside.

**Prizes will be given** within each age division for most birds seen, most money raised, best rookie team, and t-shirt art.

**Optional Extras** include \$15/person to stay on site, \$15/person banquet tickets. Please make checks payable to Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center.

Send registration to  
Tim Keyes  
One Conservation Way  
Brunswick, GA 31520

For lodging reservations and payment, call  
Lacy Mitchell 770-784-3152

For more information and registration form, please visit  
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**CALLING ALL BIRDERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 18**

THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Now Accepting Applications for the

**2014 DR. JAMES C. MAJOR, SR. SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG BIRDERS**

You can attend the American Birding Association's

**"Camp Colorado"**

**Application deadline is April 25, 2014**

The Georgia Ornithological Society will send one lucky teen to Colorado to take part in a special camp session July 8-14, 2014. The GOS will cover registration fees and up to \$500 reimbursement for travel expenses. Scholarship recipients arrange their own travel and food and lodging is included in the camp registration. For more information about Camp Colorado, visit <http://events.aba.org/aba-young-birder-camps/>

**How to apply:** The applicant must be at least 14 and no older than 18 during the camp session and must be a Georgia resident. Complete the application form and write an essay (300-word minimum) about your interest in birds and birding, what you will do with the knowledge you will gain, and how you will spread your interest in birds to friends. Include three letters of recommendation with the application. Scholarship recipients are expected to write an article describing their experiences at camp for the GOShawk newsletter.

The application form, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by April 25, 2014, to be considered. The winners will be selected on May 1, 2014.

Mail your application materials to  
Renee Carleton / 2014 Major Scholarship  
PO Box 225  
Taylorsville, GA 30178

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