



FALL CONFERENCE
September 12 – 14, 2008
Weber State University – Ogden, Utah

Co-sponsored by WSU's Department of Zoology and Wasatch Audubon Society

***** SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *****

Friday, September 12th

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Field trips hosted by Wasatch Audubon Society
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Conference check-in at Jeremiah's Restaurant
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Social with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Keynote speaker - Dr. Dale Clayton

Saturday, September 13th

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Beus Park bird walk
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast at Fireside Lounge, Shepherd Union
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Paper presentations at Wildcat Theater (includes 20 minute break)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (box lunch if pre-ordered or lunch on your own)
1:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Paper presentations continue (includes 20 minute break)
3:20 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. General membership meeting
Evening Dinner and birding on your own

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Field trips

***** INFORMATION ON FACILITIES (SEE ATTACHED MAP) *****

The Best Western High Country Inn at I-15 exit 344 (12th Street) will accommodate conference attendees at a reduced rate of \$72.00 for a double with queen beds, \$68.00 for a single king and \$63.00 for a single queen. Call the inn at 801-394-9474 by September 1st and tell them you're with UOS to obtain these rates.

Jeremiah's Restaurant is adjacent to the High Country Inn.

Weber State University is located at 3848 Harrison Blvd., Ogden, Utah. On-campus events will be held at the Wildcat Theater and Fireside Lounge, both located in the Shepherd Union Building.

Restaurants - If you do not wish to purchase a box lunch on Saturday, there is a small food court in Shepherd Union and many eating establishments on Harrison Blvd.



Conference Field Trip Schedule

Wasatch Audubon is pleased to invite conference participants to bird with us at our favorite local spots. All transportation is by car caravan with meeting times and locations as noted.



Friday, September 12

Snowbasin Ski Resort with Les Talbot – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Maples Loop Trail walk followed by gondola ride/birding at the top of the resort's Needles Lift (cost: \$14.00; buy lift tickets at resort). Easy walking and sitting.

Meet: 8:00 AM, Best Western High Country Inn, I-15 at exit 344, 12th Street. Bring water, lunch or snacks. Food available at the resort.

Bear River Refuge with Betsy Beneke – 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Travel along the closed-to-the-public D Line for views of shorebirds, waders, terns and other marsh birds. Easy; limited walking.

Meet: 8:30 AM, visitor's center parking lot west of I-15 exit 363, Forest Street. Bring water, lunch or snacks.

Rainbow/Birdsong Trail with Mort and Carolyn Somer – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Riparian corridor and scrub oak foothills with spectacular scenery. Easy.

Meet: 8:00 AM, SE corner of Rainbow Gardens Gift Shop off 12th St. at the mouth of Ogden Canyon.

Saturday, September 13

Beus Park with Jack Rensel – 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Jump-start your conference day with a bird walk around a wooded suburban park known for Wood Ducks and Western Screech-owls. Easy; limited walking.

Meet: 7:00 AM, Beus Parking lot, ½ mile east of Harrison Blvd. on 42nd Street.

Sunday, September 14

Ogden Valley Favorites with Kristin Purdy – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Visit The North Arm Natural Area and Perception Park NFS campground for a walk through two popular riparian habitats. Easy; moderate walking.

Meet: 8:00 AM, Best Western High Country Inn, I-15 at exit 344, 12th Street. Bring water, lunch or snacks.

Box Elder CG & Mantua Reservoir with Wasatch Audubon – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Enjoy a leisurely walk through a riparian habitat along Box Elder Creek and then watch grebes, coots and waterfowl across the reservoir. Easy; moderate walking.

Meet: 8:00 AM, Best Western High Country Inn, I-15 at exit 344, 12th Street. Bring water, lunch or snacks.



*** * * FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL * * ***

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Dale Clayton, is an ornithologist interested in interactions between birds and their parasites.

Dr. Clayton completed his Master's Degree in entomology at the University of Minnesota, followed by a PhD in evolutionary biology at the University of Chicago and Field Museum of Natural History. He then accepted a postdoctoral fellowship to Oxford University where he fulfilled a five year research/training stint.

Dr. Clayton is currently a Professor of Biology at the University of Utah where he teaches evolutionary biology, ornithology, and advanced field ornithology and has an active lab of about a dozen members. He has published two books, several book chapters and approximately 100 journal articles.

In his talk, Ornithological Adventures Abroad, Dr. Clayton will entertain us with stories about some of the work he and his students have done on tropical birds in exotic locations over the past 15 years with an emphasis on their latest project studying invasive parasites of Darwin's Finches in the Galapagos Islands.

"We are probably the only people on earth who actually worry about running out of lice. Conversations in local restaurants draw stares of disbelief from other patrons (not to mention copious scratching). We don't get invited to parties much," laughs Dr. Clayton.

*** * * SATURDAY PAPER SESSION & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING * * ***

9:15 a.m. – Welcome and Announcements

9:20 a.m. – John Cavitt – Results of the Great Salt Lake Snowy Plover Surveys of 2007-2008

9:50 a.m. – Kristen Gurr – Foraging Behavior of Breeding Snowy Plovers at Great Salt Lake

10:15 a.m. – Kyle Stone – Concentration and Effects of Selenium/Mercury on Shorebirds at GSL

10:40 a.m. – Break (20 minutes)

11:00 a.m. – Brian Maxfield – Mountain Plover Study in Eastern Utah

11:30 a.m. – Colby Neuman – eBird

12:00 p.m. – Lunch (60 minutes)

1:00 p.m. – Ami Uchida – Syrinx Study

1:15 p.m. – Loren Richardson – White-faced Ibis Census Data

1:30 p.m. – Robyn MacDuff – Raptor Inventory Nest Survey (RINS)

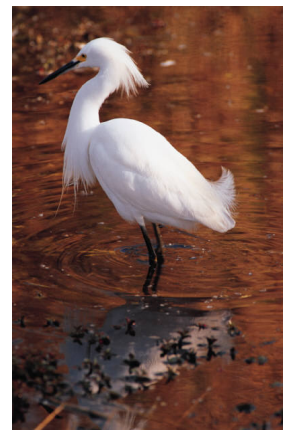
2:00 p.m. – Break (20 minutes)

2:20 p.m. – Bill Fenimore – Writing his Backyard Series of Books

2:35 p.m. – Josh Vest – Common Goldeneye on the Great Salt Lake in Winter

3:00 p.m. – General Membership Meeting and Results of Bird Quiz

4:00 p.m. – Conclude





***** REGISTRATION *****

The \$20 member registration fee includes the Friday evening social and continental breakfast on Saturday morning. Box lunches for Saturday are an extra \$8.00 per person.

The cost for non-members is \$25 for Friday AND Saturday or \$12.50 for Friday ONLY or Saturday ONLY. As an alternative, you can join UOS for the remainder of 2008 for \$10. This will entitle you to the member rate at the conference and one issue of *Utah Birds*.

If you wish to attend the conference, please print and complete the form shown below, make your check payable to UOS and mail both to:

Pomera Fronce at 2118 East 4850 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84117

THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1st.

***** QUESTIONS *****

Contact Pomera Fronce at 801-272-2755 or pinkstring@xmission.com.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Number registering for Friday AND Saturday _____ @ \$20 or \$25 (non-members) each = \$ _____

Number registering for Friday ONLY _____ @ \$10 or \$12.50 (non-members) each = \$ _____

Number registering for Saturday ONLY _____ @ \$10 or \$12.50 (non-members) each = \$ _____

Number of box lunches for Saturday _____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____

UOS membership for remainder of 2008 @ \$10.00 (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Complete the following if you ordered a box lunch:

Select One: _____ Roast beef _____ Ham _____ Turkey

Select One: _____ Sourdough _____ Wheat

Box lunches include a sandwich (with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato and condiments) chips, cookie and soda.

UOS Fall Conference Map

