

UOS Members and All Others Who Are Interested in Birds -

We hope you can attend the Utah Ornithological Society conference on Friday and/or Saturday, **August 28th and 29th**. It isn't a bunch of "geeky" ornithologists speaking in Latin or such. Instead, the group includes birders, students, resource managers, professors, and hopefully you.

We have a broad range of topics lined up for Saturday's session (see below). In addition, there will be a panel discussing climate change and what it means for Utah and its wildlife on Friday evening. And then there are field trips on Friday and Sunday. The fees are reasonable and cover the cost of food and printing, etc.

The \$20 member registration fee includes the Friday evening social and breakfast on Saturday morning. 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 2009 for \$10. This will entitle you to the member rate at the conference and one issue of *Utah Birds*.

Launch this link for more conference and registration information:
<http://www.utahbirds.org/uos/>

Please note the following changes:

- Enter the Aline Skaggs Biology Building from the southwest side.
- The main bookstore parking lot with the tollbooth entrance may be used free of charge on Saturday, but not on Friday.
- If you plan to attend the Farmington Bay field trip, meet just west of The Red Lobster in the Shopko parking lot (2290 South 1300 East) at 8:00 a.m. or inside the main gate at Farmington Bay near the offices/restrooms at 8:30 a.m.
- For those who don't want to go on the Farmington Bay trip, we will try to have an alternative to Garr Ranch on Antelope Island. The Shopko meeting place will be the same for both trips. Anyone coming from the north for a possible Antelope Island trip, please contact Nathan Darnall on Thursday - 801-755-4480.

We hope to see you there!

Nathan Darnall, Conference Chair
Steve Carr, UOS President

Saturday

8:50 a.m. – Welcome and Announcements

9:00 a.m. – Christine Pontarolo - Milford Wind Corridor and effects on birds

9:20 a.m. – Chris Cline – Mercury studies around the Great Salt Lake

9:40 a.m. – Robert Knight - Golden Eagles and an Army Test Structure in the Utah West Desert

10:10 a.m. – Morning Break

10:20 a.m. – David Dahlgren - Sage-Grouse in Utah: An Increased Research Effect for last decade

10:40 a.m. - Lucas Hall - Comparative study of methods used to trap nesting Snowy Plovers

11:00 a.m. – Lisa Allred – Sexual Dimorphism of Syringeal Muscle Fibers in Male and Female Songbirds

11:20 a.m. —Sarah Ahmad - Effects of Androgens and Denervation on Zebra Finch Syrinx Morphology

11:40 a.m.—UOS General Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. – Lunch (90 minutes)

1:30 p.m. - Jen Hajj - Identifying Western Migrant Buteos

1:55 p.m. – Presentation of Student Award

2:00 p.m.—Eric McCulley - Migratory and Resident Birds on the Legacy Nature Preserve Research

2:20 p.m. – Russ Norvell – Population Trends of Utah’s Riparian Birds: 1992 to the present

2:43 p.m.—Mary Cheney - Legacy Highway Noise Reduction Program

3:00 p.m.—Keith Evans - Utah’s Featured Birds, Review of Need for and Production of this Book