

FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SPRING MEETING, ODESSA, FLORIDA, MARCH 11-13, 2011

HOTEL AND AFTERNOON SESSION LOCATION: Residence Inn by Marriott: Address: 2101 Northpointe Parkway, Lutz, FL 33558. Tel: (813) 792-8400 • Fax: (813) 792-8491. Special rate for FOS: room, \$89/night plus tax (all rooms are suites with full kitchen). **Please mention Florida Ornithological Society when making your reservations.** Rooms must be booked by **February 21, 2011 (book your room early-can always cancel reservations without penalty with 48 hours notice)** to obtain the special rate.

FLOCKING AND BANQUET LOCATION: JB Starkey Ranch/Back Forty. JB Starkey Ranch is located at 12959 SR 54 Odessa, Fl 33556 and is approximately 3 miles west of the hotel off SR 54.

Friday, April 23

2:00-5:00 pm – Board of Directors meeting, Residence Inn by Marriott

4:00-7:00 pm – Registration in lobby from 4:00-5:00pm and at JB Starkey Ranch beginning at 6:30 pm

5:00-6:30 pm – Dinner on your own

6:30-9:30 pm – Reception, Initial Flocking, and Field Trip announcements. We will have a laptop with LCD projector for anyone who wants to share a few bird photographs. Light refreshments and beverages served. Ken Tracey, past president of West Pasco Audubon will present, "Advancing mangroves in Pasco County and the effects on bird species."

Saturday, April 24

7:00 am – Breakfast buffet open at Residence Inn by Marriott, coffee available 24 hours

7:00-12:00 – Field trips (see Field Trips below). We encourage all FOS members to attend the annual FOS member's business meeting and the afternoon workshops beginning at 2:00pm. *Please plan your field trips accordingly.*

12:00-2:00 pm – Lunch on your own

1:00-2:00 pm – Registration in lobby

1:00-5:00 pm – Skin Quiz, provided by the Florida Museum of Natural History.

1:30-2:00 pm – FOS Business Meeting;

2:00-5:00 pm – Afternoon Session, Residence Inn by Marriott. This session will feature presentations on waterfowl and both inland and coastal sparrows as well as an eBird workshop (feel free to bring your laptop for a hands-on experience). There will also be a quick update on Florida's 2nd Breeding Bird Atlas. Don't miss this exciting afternoon! Light refreshments served.

6:00-7:00 pm – Social hour at JB Starkey Ranch. Complimentary wine and beer served.

7:00-8:00 pm – Banquet Dinner

8:00-9:00 pm – Keynote Speaker, Chris Wood, eBird & Neotropical Birds Project Leader for Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York, will present, "eBird: Where birding, science and conservation meet."

Sunday, April 25

6:00 am – Breakfast buffet open at Residence Inn by Marriott, coffee available 24 hours

7:00 am – Field Trips

11:00 am – Hotel checkout (luggage storage available)

REGISTRATION FORM

FOS SPRING MEETING 2011

March 11-13

Please register in advance. Return this form with your payment to FOS by February 21, 2011. After this date please add \$10 to the registration fee. Make check(s) payable to Florida Ornithological Society and mail to: Elena Sachs – 1239 SW 10th Street, Ocala, Florida 34471.

NAME(S) (for badges): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Meeting registration @ \$30/person; \$15/student _____ **persons**
\$ _____

Meeting registration @ \$40/person (non-member or late) _____ **persons**
\$ _____

Smoked BBQ Chicken @ \$25 _____ **persons**
\$ _____

OR

Smoked BBQ Tofu @ \$25 _____ **persons**
\$ _____

TOTAL

Dinner includes either Smoked BBQ Chicken or Tofu, vegetarian baked beans, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, cookies and beverages (tea, soda, bottled water, wine, beer).

FIELD TRIPS -- FOS SPRING 2011

FOS 2011 Spring Meeting, Odessa, FL, March 11-13 at the Residence Inn by Marriott and JB Starkey Ranch. All trips leave from the hotel.

Friday afternoon March 11:

BROOKER CREEK complex 2:00-5:00 pm - Join Jason Guerard for an afternoon exploring some of the Brooker Creek complex. In the extreme northeast corner of Pinellas County (with some locations in Hillsborough County) this area protects vital wetlands and buffer uplands which are a part of the Brooker Creek watershed. The walk will cover a variety of habitats in search of resident and wintering species, and hoping for an early migrant or two.

Saturday, MARCH 12 ONLY

HONEYMOON ISLAND with EARLY BIRD EXTENTION - There is an \$8.00 fee per vehicle. This trip will meet at the intersection US 19 (Bayshore Blvd) and Curlew Rd (see directions from the hotel below) at 8:00a.m. We will look for gulls, terns and shorebirds along Causeway Blvd on the way to the park entrance. The walk will start on the northern end of the island, where we will be looking for resident and wintering species and possibly an early migrant if the weather cooperates. Along the trail we hope to view an active Great-horned Owl and Bald Eagle nest. Views across Pelican Cove will allow ample practice of shorebird identification by shape. This trip involves a moderate amount of walking, approximately 2.5-3 miles round trip. Leader – Jason Guerard.

Note: The Early Bird Extension will depart from the hotel at 6:00a.m. and head to Dunedin Hammock Park.

Directions from the hotel to the Honeymoon Island meeting point- From the hotel take a left (West) on SR 54. In 4.9 miles turn left on to Trinity Blvd (CR-966). Follow Trinity Blvd for 5.5 miles. At the dead-end intersection turn left (south) on to East Lake Rd (CR-611). Follow East Lake Rd for 8.4 miles then veer right to Curlew Rd (SR-586). Follow Curlew Rd for 4.4 miles to the intersection of CurlewRd/Causeway Blvd and US 19 (Bayshore Blvd). We will meet in the shopping plaza parking lot behind the Mc Donald's at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday March 12 AND Sunday March 13:

SPARROW ROUNDUPS - Join Jim Cox and Marianne Korosy for a "sparrow drive" in the pine flatwoods of central Pasco County. Trip participants will walk in a line over uneven terrain flushing birds into a line of mist-nets. Captured birds will be banded on site, providing close-up views and an opportunity for photographs. Expected species: Bachman's, Grasshopper, Henslow's, Swamp, and Savannah sparrows, and other ground-foraging species common in this habitat. Other sparrows possible.

MARSHLAND SPARROW SLOG - Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park, Pasco County. Focal species will be early breeding Scott's Seaside Sparrows and wintering Nelson's Sparrows of the interior plains subspecies. Saltmarsh Sparrow is possible, but not probable at this site. Other species include Sedge Wren, Swamp Sparrow, possible rails, flyover terns, and pineland species. Plan to get feet wet, wet, wet. An interesting introduction to Gulf coast saltmarsh habitat dominated by *Juncus roemerianus*. Leader: Jon S Greenlaw.

Sunday, March 13 ONLY:

STARKEY WILDERNESS PARK-Meet at the education center at 8am. There is a \$2.00 fee per vehicle [8 persons per car]. We will walk through the day-use area and maybe the bike trail. Hopefully we will find Bluebirds and Brown-headed Nuthatches. Leader Jim McKay.