

2017 LOS FALL MEETING

Friday and Saturday, October 27-28

Cameron

Please pre-register by October 14th

Friday Evening: First Baptist Church in Cameron, 110 School Street off of Marshall Street (the main street)

6 P.M.-7 P.M. Registration: Light snacks will be provided by the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission.

7 P.M.-8 P.M. Meeting and Evening Program

Joy of Birding at Audubon's Hog Island

Jed Pitre has over twenty-three years' experience teaching biology at the high school level. Since 2007, Jed has volunteered and worked as a field technician on various avian-related projects for the National Park Service, Louisiana Audubon, American Bird Conservancy, Louisiana Bird Observatory and the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP). Jed earned his master's degree in Natural Science from LSU where he studied ornithology, conservation biology and ecology. Recent projects include protecting and monitoring beach nesting birds in Grand Isle and the Caminada headlands and working as a volunteer bander for the Louisiana Bird Observatory.

National Audubon's Hog Island Camp was established in 1936 with the mission of inspiring in participants an enduring interest in nature and consequently lead them to encourage the conservation of natural resources and wildlife. Jed will share his experience of spending a week at Hog Island and what the Audubon Camp has to offer.

Saturday

7:00 A.M. Field Trip Meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel.
Bring lunch, drinks, bug spray and walkie talkies if you have them.

Saturday Evening: First Baptist Church in Cameron, 110 School Street off of Marshall Street (the main street)

6:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. Registration

6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. Dinner- Choice of (1) Fried Shrimp or (2) Fried Catfish with cole slaw-- All served with bread, dessert, and tea

7:30 P.M. Meeting and Evening Program

Election of officers:**President: Steve Cardiff****Vice-president: Delaina LeBlanc****Treasurer: Judith O'Neale****Secretary: Joelle Finley****South-east LA Board Member: Kevin Colley****Stopover Biology of Migratory Songbirds: Challenges, Consequences and Connections**

Frank Moore is University Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, M.S. from Northern Illinois University, and his PhD from Clemson University, where he studied under the direction of Sidney Gauthreaux, Jr., who earned his PhD under the direction of George H. Lowery, Jr. Frank is a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, member of the editorial board for several scientific journals, past President of the Cooper Ornithological Society, member of the scientific advisory board for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, former member of the Board of Trustees of The Nature Conservancy Mississippi, and recent recipient of the Margaret Morse Nice Award from the Wilson Ornithological Society and the George H. Lowery Award from the Louisiana Ornithological Society.

Frank is an avian biologist whose internationally recognized research program is organized around the challenges migratory birds face when they stop over during passage, how migrants contend with those challenges, and the consequences of events that arise during migration. He and his students have conducted field work at sites across North America as well as Europe and Central America, but most notably along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Their work has yielded over 125 peer-reviewed publications and has been funded continuously by a variety of organizations and agencies, including the National Geographic Society, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, NOAA/Sea Grant, and the National Science Foundation.

Although many migratory birds make spectacular, non-stop flights over ecological barriers, few actually engage in nonstop flights between points of origin and destination, rather they stopover periodically between migratory flights. Indeed, the cumulative amount of time spent at stopover sites far exceeds time spent in flight and determines the total duration of migration. When a migratory bird stops en route, she almost invariably finds herself in unfamiliar surroundings at a time when energy demands are high, often faced with the need to acquire food in a short period of time, while balancing often conflicting demands between predator avoidance and food acquisition, competition with other migrants and resident birds for limited resources, unfavorable weather, exposure to parasites and pathogens, not to mention the need to make accurate orientation decisions upon departure. How the migrating bird meets these challenges determines the success of the journey, not to mention the likelihood of survival and future reproductive performance. As you well know, the movement of birds across the Gulf of Mexico is a

highly conspicuous feature of the Nearctic-Neotropical bird migration system, and provides a wonderful opportunity to study the biology of migratory birds when they stopover during passage.

Cameron Accommodations:

The phone number for the Cameron Motel is 337-775-5442. The Cameron Motel also has sites available for RV campers. Several lunch places are open in Cameron and Johnson Bayou and gas is available. Bring your own breakfast food. Other accommodations can be found in Sulphur or Lake Charles. East Jetty also has camper spaces with hook-ups.

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 14TH!
YOU CAN REGISTER ON-LINE AT WWW.LOSBIRD.ORG USING PAYPAL
OR MAIL IN THE FOLLOWING FORM**

Pre-registration Form
LOS 2017 Fall Meeting October 27-28
Cameron, LA

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number registering for meeting _____ at \$10.00/person= \$ _____

Number registering for Saturday's dinner _____ @ \$15/person=\$ _____

Please indicate entrée choice: 1. Fried shrimp _____ 2. Fried catfish _____

Membership Dues _____ enclosed

Donation _____

Total _____ enclosed

Please make check payable to LOS, and mail to: Judith O'Neale,
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