

LOS SPRING MEETING
27-28 April 2018
Cameron, LA

Join us in Cameron for our 2018 Spring Meeting. This may be our last meeting in Cameron before LNG building operations begin (see *LOS NEWS* p. 6 for update) on the east side of the Calcasieu River.

Please pre-register online by April 23rd

Online registration link: <http://losbird.org/meetings.htm>

Friday, April 27th
First Baptist Church in Cameron
110 School Street off Marshall (main street), Cameron

6:00 - 7:00 PM. Registration. Light snacks will be provided by the Cameron Parish Tourist Association.

7:00 PM. Welcome Members and Field Trips. There will be a Saturday local field trip sign-up sheet. See also *LOS NEWS* p. 8.

7:15 PM. Program: Separating Use from Suspicion: Avian and Other Prey in Coastal Carnivore Diets.

Mirka Zapletal is Public Outreach Coordinator for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act in Lafayette. Her program is based on her graduate research project at ULL, which investigated how carnivore (coyotes and raccoons) diets vary by species and how diet responds to habitat complexity and prey availability on Louisiana's barrier beaches, as well as, how best to manage predators to reduce their impact on seabird populations. Mirka won the Southeast Section of The Wildlife Society's award for Best Student Paper in 2016 for her research on carnivores on Louisiana's barrier beaches.

Saturday, April 28th

6:30 AM. Cameron Parish Big Day. Meet at Streeter Road, Lacassine NWR. See *LOS NEWS* p. 8 for more details and how to register. Leaders: Donna Dittmann and Steve Cardiff will lead the group to see how many species they can record in Cameron Parish in conjunction with the Spring LOS Meeting.

7:00 AM. Cameron Parish Coastal field trips. Meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel. Marty Floyd, and Joelle Finley and Ken Harris will lead field trips to visit some of the area's favorite birding sites and eBird 'hotspots.' Bring lunch, water, bug spray, and walkie talkies if you have them.

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7:00 PM. Dinner. Meal catered by the Anchor's Up Grill, Cameron. Entrée is \$15.00/person: Choice of Fried catfish or Fried shrimp Served with coleslaw, veggie, roll, dessert, and tea. Deadline for dinner registration is April 23rd. Online registration link: <http://losbird.org/meetings.htm>

7:30 P.M. Meeting and Program:

Meeting: Welcome, news, and vote to amend By-Laws (see *LOS NEWS* p.10.)

Award ceremony: Presentation of the President's and George H. Lowery, Jr. awards.

Program: Duck Tales: An overview of the waterfowl research and teaching program at LSU:

Professor Dr. Kevin Ringelman is a North Dakota native, he received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 2007 and his Ph.D. from the University of California Davis in 2013. His applied research lies at the intersection of animal behavior, population dynamics, and community ecology. Dr. Ringelman has been an Assistant Professor in the School of Renewable Natural Resources at LSU since 2014: <http://www.rnr.lsu.edu/people/ringelman/default.htm> His presentation will provide an overview of his current research on waterfowl ecology and management, touring us through a diverse set of projects ranging from the use of drone-mounted thermal cameras to monitor breeding waterfowl in Manitoba, to high-resolution GPS telemetry on Mottled Ducks in Louisiana.

Calling of the bird list: We will read the bird list to tally meeting attendees' sightings during their field adventures within Cameron parish on Friday and Saturday. Let's hope this Spring's weather will be nicer than last year.

Cameron Accommodations

Motel: Cameron Motel is 337-775-5442.

RV campers:

Cameron Jetty Fishing Pier & RV Facility (337) 775-5718 <https://tinyurl.com/yaq73qlq>
Cameron Motel also has RV sites.

Other lodging is available in Hackberry or the Sulphur-Lake Charles area:
<https://tinyurl.com/yb9wn2km> or farther afield.

Several eateries are open in Cameron, Creole, and Johnson's Bayou.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE DINNER & MEETING BY APRIL 23rd

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**Pre-registration Form
LOS 2018 Spring Meeting April 27-28
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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Number registering for Saturday's dinner _____ **@ \$15.00/person= \$** _____

Number of Fried Catfish Dinners _____

Number of Fried Shrimp Dinners _____

Donation _____ **= \$** _____

Membership Dues enclosed _____ **= \$** _____

Total enclosed= \$ _____

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