

The LOS Field Trip Series

LOS Members can sign-up for trips by sending an email request to: melissaweaverbird@gmail.com. Trip registrations will be on a first-received email basis; *Melissa will confirm your registration, so if you don't hear back then check the spelling of her email address.* The trip leader will contact you before the trip to review details. If you register and are a no-show then you will not be allowed to register in the future. Please make sure you cancel at least 24 hours in advance so that your space may be filled by someone on the Wait List. Also, please do not bring unregistered guests. Access to any Louisiana Wildlife Management Area (WMA) requires a Lifetime, Senior, or Louisiana Sportsman's license. People 17 and under do not require a permit. The yearly license is \$20, or a five-day license is \$5: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wmas-refuges-and-conservation-areas>. Watch the LOS Website for additional offerings, changes to listed trips, or pop-up trips. If you would like to lead a LOS field trip, or suggest a destination for a field trip, then email Melissa.

September 2026



Fall Flycatchers with Matt Conn, Erik Johnson, and Olivia Butler. Saturday, 5 September. Join Matt, Erik, and Olivia on Matt's Environmental Reclamation Property in Iberia Parish for a half-day trip. Please meet at 6:30am at Dago's Grocery and Gas Station, 3902 Darnall Road, New Iberia, to caravan to the location. The property is 76 acres that includes habitat for wading birds, forest passerines, and many resident species. Emphasis will be on finding, observing, and learning to identify Empidonax genus Flycatchers. **Maximum of 12 participants. Sign-up begins Sunday, 23 August at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**



Fall migrants in SWLA with James Smithers and Seth Blitch. Saturday, 12 September, 2026. Please meet in the parking lot of Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center no later than 6:45am. We will be birding the east side of Cameron parish in hopes of finding Empidonax flycatchers and September migrant warblers including Mourning and Canada Warblers. We will make our way to the coast and bird several spots including Oak Grove Sanctuary, Willow Island, and Hollister Chenier (pending permission). Bugs can be unpredictable in September so please dress with long pants and have a long sleeved shirt available. It would also be good to bring a bug net to wear over your head in case it is buggy. Lunch options on the east side include Anchors Up Grill and Darla K Food Mart. I will have water available for the group. If the east side is not producing birds for us we may venture to the west side of Cameron Parish. The toll to take the ferry over is \$1.00 if we decide to go that route. **Maximum of 10 participants. Sign-up begins Sunday, 30 August at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**

October 2026



LOS Fall Meeting Field Trips. 10 October, 2026.

East side-only trip with LOS President James Smithers. Please meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center (about 2 miles north of Pintail Wildlife Drive) at 7:15AM. We will bird several good spots like Cameron Prairie NWR, Rockefeller Refuge, Willow Island, Broussard Beach and Rutherford Beach/Road, cross the ferry (westbound fee is \$1.00 per vehicle), and bird a few locations on the West side like Holly Beach area and Peveto Woods. **Maximum of 15 participants. Sign-up will be during the Friday night meeting.**

West side-only trip - Trip Leader is LOS Vice-President Paul Schaub. Please meet in the parking lot of the MainStay Suites Hackberry Sportsman's Lodge by no later than 6:45AM. We will bird several locations all on the west side of Calcasieu Ship Channel, including as much of the Sabine NWR (Blue Goose Trail, Wetland Walkway, etc.) as may be open, Peveto Woods, the Holly Beach area, Deep Bayou Road, and other locations. Bathrooms available along the route. **Maximum of 15 participants. Sign-up will be during the Friday night meeting.**

 **Looking for Rails in Rice Country with David Booth and Kathy Rhodes.** Friday, October 23, 2026. We will attend the cutting of private rice fields in Jefferson Davis Parish looking for rails, especially the Yellow Rail, LeConte's Sparrow and uncommon species. Rice cutting does not begin until 10am at the earliest as the rice has to be dry. The exact location will not be disclosed until the morning of the event. Be prepared with boots, hats, bug spray, snacks, water, and anything else you may need in the field. In case of rain, October 24th is reserved as a backup date. . A signed liability waiver is required. **Maximum of 20 participants. Sign-up begins Friday, 9 October at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**

November 2026

 **Piney Woods Birding in Kisatchie National Forest with Diana Alvarez and Cheryl Huner.** Monday, 2 November, 2026. This field trip takes us into the heart of Kisatchie National Forest in Vernon Parish and its piney woods to find wintering sparrows, woodpeckers, nuthatches, owls, and whatever else is there. Please meet at 7:30am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1117 Rose Lee Lane in Leesville to carpool for this half-day of birding. Bring birding necessities including water and snacks. **Maximum of 8 participants. Sign-up begins Monday, 19 October at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**

 **Red River National Wildlife Refuge: Yates Tract with Caleb Persia.** Saturday, 7 November. The Red River National Wildlife Refuge - Yates Tract in Red River Parish is a rice farm with well managed moist-soil units offering great views of wintering shorebirds and waterfowl. Bring your boots and a scope if you have one! No bathrooms or water are present on site so come prepared. Please meet in the front parking lot at 8:00am: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MbLjFmPFDXMPDdJ38> **Maximum of 12 participants. Sign-up begins Saturday, 19 September at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**

 **Kennedy Rice Farm with Arthur Liles.** Sunday, November 8. Kennedy Rice Farm has 20,000+ acres that contains rice fields and reservoirs and is located on LA HWY 15, 9.4 miles south of US 165/ LA15 junction in Monroe, LA. Please meet by 8:00am at second driveway on the right past grain bins. Potential great views of waterfowl, raptors, and shorebirds. Bring boots and a scope if you have one as well as water and snacks. **Maximum participants: 12. Sign-up begins Monday, 19 October at 8:00am by emailing Melissa Weaver at melissaweaverbird@gmail.com.**

Please thank our field trip leaders and LOS Board Members and officers who develop our LOS field trips!! We love offering field trips to our members, and what's a birding club if you don't go birding??