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## 2014 LOS FALL MEETING

### Friday and Saturday, October 24-25

### Cameron, Louisiana

*Please pre-register by Friday, October 17th*

**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**

**Topic: New Guinea: Birds, People and Natural Beauty**

**Speaker: John Sevenair** is a retired chemistry professor from Xavier University in New Orleans who has been an avid traveler/photographer/birder for most of his adult life. Retirement has given John the opportunity to add to his life list of birds, countries, mammals and more. He has traveled literally to the four corners of the world! At this writing, John has not yet been to New Guinea but in October, he will present his "up to the minute" report on what his travels revealed. Just in case, we do have a fall back plan from one of his many slide shows! Join us for a fun filled evening from the wilds of New Guinea. Will there be any photos of Birds of Paradise?

**Saturday**

**7:00 a.m. Field Trip** Meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel. Ed Wallace and Marty Floyd will lead a field trip to the Cameron Parish hot spots. **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** chicken/sausage gumbo dinner, potato salad, bread, dessert

**7:30 p.m. Meeting and Evening Program**

**Election of officers**

**Program Topic: Toucan-driven Seed Dispersal in Fragmented Costa Rican Rainforest**

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**Speaker: Landon Jones** is a 6th year PhD student in the Environmental and Evolutionary Biology Program at ULL, advised by Dr. Paul Leberg. He received his BS and MS degrees in Wildlife Conservation at Brigham Young University in Utah, where he got hooked on birds and studied Ring-necked Pheasants. Landon conducted his PhD fieldwork in Costa Rica, where he trapped and tracked two species of toucans to estimate their contribution to seed dispersal in fragmented habitats. Landon enjoys birding and traveling, and has studied and observed birds in North and Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

#### **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 17th!**



#### **LOS ON FACEBOOK**

Labirders: This is just to let you know that those of you who are LOS members and are also on Facebook may be interested in "liking" LOS's new Facebook page. Just type in "Louisiana Ornithological Society" in the FB search box, and you'll find it.

Good birding,  
Christine Kooi  
Baton Rouge

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE**



The 2014 Spring meeting was quite a success.

The Friday program, "Birding in England with an Englishman," was presented by Ken Harris and Joelle Finley gave us an exciting tour of England, Wales and Scotland. In addition to all the exciting places we were able to see where a lot of our birds got their common names – which shows why scientific names are so important when going beyond our own backyard.

The field trips provided a total list of 194 species. Best bird was the Black-legged Kittiwake west of Holly Beach.

Saturday's program, "A Place to Land? Stopover Biology of Intercontinental Songbird Migrants," was presented by Dr. Frank Moore of the University of Southern Mississippi.

As usual we had a great Saturday evening meal provided by the GiGi's Restaurant. Thanks goes to JoAnn Nunez, Cyndi Sellers, Cameron Parish Tourism Commission, Cameron Police Jury and all of those who so generously provide the help required for these meetings to run smoothly. Field trips are greatly enhanced by those who provide us with access to bird on their property and to the free passes to visit the East Jetty observation platform.

Congratulations also goes to Richard DeMay for winning the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award and to Mac Hardy, Marty Floyd and Charles Lyon for winning the 2014 President's Award.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall meeting in Cameron, October 24 and 25.

Marty Floyd

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## DEMAY, FLOYD, LYON AND HARDY RECEIVE 2014 LOS AWARDS

The 2014 LOS Awards were presented at the spring meeting in Cameron. Marty Guidry presented the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award to Richard DeMay. Richard is the lead scientist with Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP). He has overseen the BTNEP Action Plan: Protection of habitat for Migratory and Resident Birds, and organized and facilitated surveys of mainland and island beaches for nesting birds such as Wilson's Plover and winter surveys for Piping and Snowy Plovers and other birds of concern.

President's Awards were presented to LOS Vice-president Marty Floyd, Dr. Laurence M. (Mac) Hardy and Dr. Charles Lyon. Marty initiated the parish bird list some years ago through the publication of US Soil Conservation Service (now US Natural Resources Conservation Service - NRCS) bulletin Birds of Acadia Parish. He has subsequently been a coauthor of Birds of Rapides Parish and Birds of St. Martin Parish. This effort required much work checking records maintained by the LSU Museum of Natural Science.

Mac Hardy is the retired Director of the LSU-S Museum and the man behind the Shreveport Bird Study Group. He is a naturalist with a bent towards herpetology. I don't think there would be much of a birding program in NW Louisiana without Mac's input.

Charlie has strongly supported the Louisiana Bird

## LOS Joins Wader Quest World-Wide Shorebird Count In November

LOS has joined the English based Wader Quest after meeting founders Rick and Elis Simpson when they spoke to LOS about their Spoon-billed Sandpiper work. Wader Quest sponsors several world-wide events. Join their Wader Quest World Watch on November 29-30, 2014 and get out there and count the shore birds. For more information check out their website at [www.waderquest.org](http://www.waderquest.org) or a short-cut to the World Watch at <http://www.waderquest.org/p/wader-and-shorebird-events.html>

Resource Center and summer/winter bird atlas program; has supported the Shreveport Bird Study Group and Christmas Bird Census program in North Louisiana, he worked on the ABA Louisiana Birding Guide and is willing to give assistance to new and experienced birders throughout Louisiana.

Congratulations to all of our awardees.

### LOS NEW MEMBERS

David J Courville, New Iberia, LA

Steven C. Hatfield Haughton, LA

Liz Hebert, Chauvin, LA

Arthur Liles, Monroe, LA

Paul and Carol Schaub, Morgan City LA

Walter Senette, Franklin, LA

Lauren Wright, Baton Rouge, LA

### LOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**PRE-REGISTER FOR FALL MEETING  
 BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.  
 SEE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW.**

**- PRE-REGISTRATION FORM -**  
**LOS 2014 FALL MEETING – LAFAYETTE, LA**  
**OCTOBER 24-25**  
**CAMERON, LOUISIANA**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number registering for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues enclosed + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed**

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