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2010 LOS WINTER MEETING

Friday - Sunday, January 29-31, 2010
Holiday Inn Baton Rouge College Drive I-10
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

The Baton Rouge Audubon Society welcomes all members to join us in East Baton Rouge Parish for winter birding! A variety of field trips led by some of the area's best birders will highlight the winter birding in and around the greater Baton Rouge area. For answers to your questions, please contact Harriett Pooler at 225-291-0077 or harriett.pooler@gmail.com.

Friday, January 29, 2010

6:00 p.m. Registration –Holiday Inn

(Cash bar and snacks provided)

7:00 p.m. Meeting and Program – **Dave Cagnolatti** is the Manager of State Government Affairs for ConocoPhillips, the third largest oil company and the largest private owner of wetlands in the United States. Dave is a former board member of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society and a lifetime member of the Louisiana Bluebird Society. He took up the hobby of bird photography in 2001. His photographs have been published in various calendars, web sites, and periodicals. He donates his photographs for educational or non-profit uses. Dave's presentation will be on bird photography.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

6:30 p.m. Registration - Holiday Inn (Cash bar)

7:00 p.m. The Banquet - Reservations MUST be received by January 21st.

8:00 p.m. Meeting and Program - Robb Brumfield, Ph.D., of Louisiana State University, is the Curator of Genetic Resources at the LSU Museum of Natural Science and Associate Professor of Biology in the Department of Biological Sciences. Robb got hooked on birding when he spent 2 months in the jungles of Peru as an undergraduate field assistant at LSU. Robb then went on to receive his MS in ornithology at Illinois State University and his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. Robb will discuss the Museum's Collection of Genetic Resources and its role in recent new discoveries about how birds evolved.

Field Trips: Please car pool if at all possible.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

There will be two field trips offered for LOS participants during the morning hours. Hummingbird enthusiasts will want to join **Dennis Demcheck** for a tour of gardens and feeder locations in the Baton Rouge area to view wintering hummingbirds. Species should include Black-chinned, Buff Bellied, Rufous/Allen's, Broad-tailed, and Calliope. If we are

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lucky, a Broad-billed or an Anna's (which have been in the area in recent years) might be encountered. We will meet at 8:00 AM in front of the Holiday Inn and arrange carpools for traveling to the various homes. The tour should end before noon to allow time for lunch.

The second option will be a guided tour of the St. Francisville area led by **Richard Gibbons**. We will depart the Holiday Inn at 6:30 AM and drive 30 minutes to the Mary Ann Brown Preserve where we will bird the 1.3 mile loop trail that takes us by ancient beech and magnolia trees. Next, we'll visit the Audubon State Historic Site. Here we will bird in the footsteps of John James Audubon. We'll work sparrow flocks, woodland winter birds, and visit the home where Audubon finished many of his best works. If time permits, we will stop by Arsenal Park and Capitol Lakes for diving ducks and water birds. Expected arrival back to the hotel is 1:00 PM, so participants should bring a bagged lunch, especially if they wish to attend the LSU Museum tour (see below) later that afternoon. There is a \$2 charge to enter the Audubon State Historic Site for visitors 12-61 years of age.

At 2:00 PM we will join **Dr. Van Remsen**, renowned LSU ornithologist, for a tour of the LSU Museum of Natural History. He will give us a behind the scenes tour of LSU's extensive collection of birds and bird skins. LSU's collection is the fourth largest University-based collection in the world behind Harvard, Berkley and Michigan. The Museum has been a particularly important repository for birds that are endemic to Peru and other South American countries. We will assemble for carpooling at 1:30 PM in front of the Holiday Inn. This tour will be limited to 15 participants because of space limitations within the Museum. It is expected to last 1.5 -2 hours with a bathroom break.

People who are unable to attend the Museum tour will have the option of birding around the LSU campus lakes. Please bring your spotting scopes for this outing. Those fortunate enough to attend the Museum tour, will also be given the opportunity to re-convene for a similar bird walk around lakes (either joining the existing group, or starting a new tour). We should find wintering ducks, coots, gulls and terns, herons and cormorants, and American White Pelicans.

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Two alternatives will be offered on Sunday morning. Please join **Eric Liffmann** on a field trip to Richfield Riversilt property, which is adjacent to the Mississippi River on Duncan's Point a few miles southeast of Baton Rouge. The trip should last no longer than 4 hours. This site is a highly disturbed area with habitat that supports wintering sparrows,

warblers, and other passerines, and its many water pools can be attractive to shorebirds, waders, raptors and some ducks. The Mississippi River will be in full view for a large section of the trip, and some gulls, terns, cormorants and other birds can be seen in and around the river. We will meet in front of the Holiday Inn at 6:30 AM to arrange carpools to the location.

The second option will be a trip led by **Jeff Harris** to Sherburne WMA's South Farm, which is a system of retired crawfish ponds located about 25 miles west of Baton Rouge along the east side of the Atchafalaya River system. Wintering birds include ducks, raptors, shorebirds and some waders. Attendees should expect to walk about 3 miles or more. If you are 16-60 years old, please remember that a Louisiana Wildlife Stamp or a valid fishing license is required to enter all WMA's. Also, remember to bring snack food, water and insect repellent for the duration of the hike. Some likely rarities include Vermilion Flycatcher and Western Kingbird. We will meet in front of the Holiday Inn at 6:00 AM to arrange carpools to the location.

Accommodations:

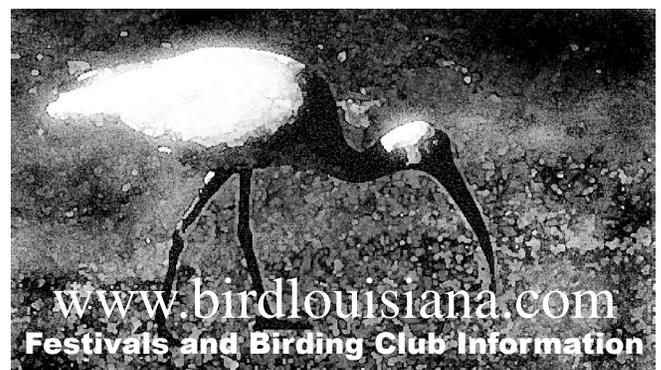
We've reserved a block of 20 rooms at Holiday Inn Baton Rouge College Drive I-10, 4848 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, 225-448-2030 or 1-800-345-8082. The hotel is located off College Drive on the Interstate 10 interchange (see map and directions on page 3). To get the special rate of \$99 per night you must make your reservation before January 5th and mention the group name "LOS". Please specify either the type of room needed—it is the same rate for single or double occupancy or for king or queen size bed.

There are many fast food places and family restaurants in the general vicinity. Additionally, here is a list of other hotels nearby:

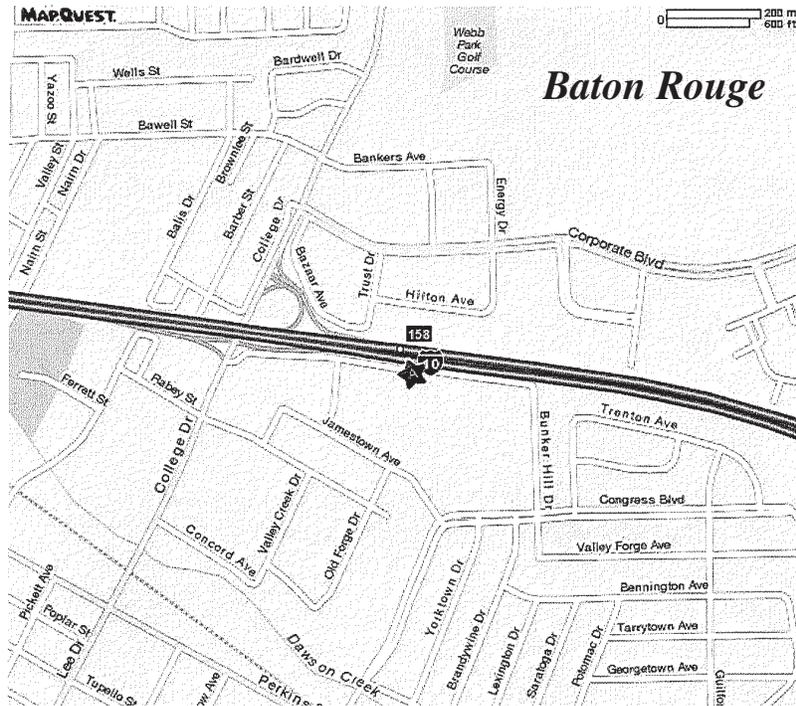
Comfort Inn, 4924 S. Acadian Thruway, 866-969-8065

Hampton Inn BR, I-10/College Drive, 225-926-9990

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*Winter Meeting at Holiday Inn Baton Rouge College Inn I-10, 4848 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge
(see map and directions below):*



Directions to Holiday Inn Baton Rouge, LA:

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LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY AWARDS



George H. Lowery, Jr. (1913 - 1978)

In 2001 the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Ornithological Society established two awards to honor persons that contribute significantly to Louisiana birding and enhance or conserve Louisiana wildlife habitat.

All LOS members are encouraged to nominate persons, families, companies and organizations that meet the criteria to receive one of the two awards. To nominate a person, please send the name of the nominee and a brief written description of the nominee's accomplishments to any LOS Board Member. The *LOS Webpage* (<http://losbird.org>) and the LOS newsletter "*LOS NEWS*" contain the names and addresses of all LOS Board Members

Descriptions and criteria for these awards are as follows:

THE GEORGE H. LOWERY AWARD

The LOS George H. Lowery Award was established by the Louisiana Ornithological Society to honor the late George H. Lowery, Jr. Dr. Lowery was an outstanding ornithologist of international reputation.

The Award was approved by a majority of the membership at the spring meeting of the LOS in Cameron, LA in 1981.

In 2001, the Board of Directors of the LOS modified the original document to meet the current needs of the organization.

Nominees for the George H. Lowery Award can include person(s) who have made a significant contribution to Louisiana birding and/or habitat or who have had a major positive influence on ornithology in Louisiana.

The award will be an appropriate gift with a value up to \$100.

Nominations in writing will describe the accomplishment(s) of the nominee and can be made by any LOS member in good standing to the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee for the George H. Lowery Award will be the Board of Directors of the LOS. A majority vote of the Selection Committee is needed to approve the Award.

The George H. Lowery Award is the premier recognition award of the LOS.

THE LOS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The LOS President's Award was instituted to recognize persons, families, companies, and organizations who support birding in Louisiana, who enhance or take special measures to conserve wildlife habitat in Louisiana, or who promote birding in Louisiana through their writing, lectures, or other avenues.

Nominations for the LOS President's Award can be made by any LOS member in good standing by submitting to the LOS Board of Directors a brief written summary of why the LOS should recognize the nominee.

The Board of Directors by majority vote will determine which nominees are selected to receive the LOS President's Award. It is anticipated that no more than three awards will be presented annually.

The LOS President's Award will be an appropriate gift not to exceed \$50 in value.

A profile of the recipient(s) of the awards will appear in the "*LOS NEWS*."

LOS New Members as of December 2009

Jacob Cooper, Grand Junction CO
 Emily Lain, Hattiesburg, MS
 John and Mary Porter, Dauphin Island, AL
 David M. Richard, Lake Charles
 David Singer, Vicksburg, MS
 Theodore J. Zenzal, Jr., Hattiesburg, MS

In Memoriam
 Lawrence Binford
 Allen McLean

LOS Financial Report October 2009

Account Balances

Iberia Ban	\$ 4,777.27
Petty Cash	\$ 63.98
Postmaster Bulk Mail Acct	\$ 140.82
Postmaster Returns	\$ 11.19
Ted Parker Youth Scholarship	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total Cash Accounts	\$ 6,993.26

Iberia Bank CD	\$ 9,301.73
Life Member Restricted	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total Asset Accounts	\$19,301.73

Overall Total \$26,294.99

Life Members

If you have an email address,
 please send to Judith at
jloneale@aol.com

LOS Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are due January 2010 for the coming year.

Please check your label. If it says Dec 2007 - you owe for both 2008 and 2009 (this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew this month). If it says Dec 2008, your 2009 membership is due.

Thank you for renewing your LOS membership.

LOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please join today!

*Dues are payable January 1st of each year;
 Please check your mailing label for expiration date.*

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone:(____)_____ E-mail: _____

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___ Family:	\$25.00/yr	
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___ Library	\$15.00/yr*	for foreign
___ Contributing:	\$50.00/yr	subscriptions
___ Sustaining:	\$100.00/yr	**Installments may
___ Life:	\$300.00**	be arranged for
___ Family Life:	\$500**	Life memberships

Make check payable to: **LOS**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Winter meetingJanuary 29-31, 2010..... Baton Rouge

Spring meetingApril 23-24, 2010..... Cameron

DEADLINE

We welcome submission from readers and others.
 Submission deadline date for Spring LOS News is March 1, 2010



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LOS 2010 WINTER MEETING – BATON ROUGE, LA
FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29-31, 2010

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Number attending banquet _____ at \$25.00/person = \$ _____

Reservations MUST be RECEIVED by January 21!!!

= \$ _____ 2010 Membership Dues

= \$ _____ Total enclosed

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