

FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY – FALL 2006 MEETING

**Hosted by the Brevard Nature Alliance and Space Coast Audubon Society
Titusville, Florida – October 27-29, 2006**

Hotel and Registration: Best Western Space Shuttle Inn, 3455 Cheney Highway, Titusville, Florida 32780;
Tel: 321-269-9100; Special FOS rate: \$69.00 plus tax/ double occupancy. Make reservations before **October 13**
for this rate – Identify yourself as an FOS member. Complimentary Continental breakfast included daily.

Friday, October 27

- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration -Main lobby of Best Western Space Shuttle Inn.
Special Bird Book Sale and silent Auction-approximately 70 bird books donated by Helen and Bill Dowling will be available for sale or bid.
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors’ meeting – 2nd floor Conference Room of Best Western Hotel.
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Field Trip – Jetty Park or Blue Heron Wetlands- Meet at hotel main lobby (details on back)
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Flocking – Space Walk of Fame Museum, East Main Street, downtown Titusville Parking will be in the Wachovia Bank parking lot across the street; Refreshments provided by Dixie Crossroads; Bring 5 slides or PowerPoint images to share with FOSers!

Saturday, October 28

- 7:00 a.m. – Noon Field Trips – See back of this form-Staging area Best Western Hotel Lobby
- 12:00 p.m.- Lunch on your own
- 2:00-2:15- FOS Business Meeting-Conference Room 2nd floor Best Western Hotel
Special Bird Book Sale and silent Auction continues-see above.
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Paper Session –Eric Stolen – moderator
?? Elizabeth Martin, “Dunlin foraging behavior and predation risk at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.”
?? Brad Smith, “Snowy Plover Nesting and Recreational Beach Use on Sanibel Island.”
?? Lindsay Addison, “Lease Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) colony characteristics and reproductive success on beaches and rooftops in southwest Florida.”
?? Eric D. Stolen, “Costs and benefits of group foraging in piscivorous egrets.”
?? Rena Borkhataria, “The importance of early wet season water levels to juvenile wood storks in south Florida.”
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Social Hour – Refuge Room at the Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Banquet – Refuge Room at the Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant
8:00 p.m.- Speaker – David Breininger, Senior Ecologist, Kennedy Space Center, Florida. “*Florida Scrub-Jay population and Habitat Dynamics Along Central Florida’s Atlantic Coast.*”
Special Bird Book Sale and silent auction concludes-winning bidders announced and final book purchases concluded.

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Please register in advance. Return this form with your check payable to FOS by October 1. After this date please add \$10 to the registration. Mail to: Neta Harris, PO Box 517, Titusville, FL 32781-0517; For questions, contact Neta by telephone (321-268-5224) or email: neta@natureandspace.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Early registration by October 1: \$20/person or \$10/ student \$ _____

Late registration after October 1: \$30/person or \$20/student \$ _____

Banquet: \$20/person includes entrée, shrimp soup, fresh garden salad, baked potato, and the famous corn fritters plus cream pie and a choice of coffee tea or soft drink. **YOU WILL ORDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FROM THE MENU AT DIXIE CROSSROADS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT:** Boat run or Rock shrimp (fried, broiled or steamed), Cod (fried, broiled or steamed), Petite Prime Rib, Chicken (fried or grilled) with honey mustard or bar-b-que, or Vegetarian . **Please check here if you wish a vegetarian meal**_____

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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Directions to Best Western Space Shuttle Inn: Exit I 95 at Route 50 east onto Cheney Highway. Look for the Best Western sign on the right side of the road. The hotel is located on the right shortly after Windover Way



Field Trips

Field Trips for Fall 2006 FOS Meeting in Titusville

Friday afternoon, 10/27 2pm – 5pm

1. *Jetty Park/Canaveral Locks* – Visit Port Canaveral for two areas of great birding for terns, gulls, wading birds and shorebirds. Manatees and dolphin are often seen at the Locks and Black-crowned Night Herons nest nearby at Avocet Lagoon. Pick up some interesting history about the space program as well. Leave from Hotel lobby at 2pm. **Entrance fee/car: \$5 county residents, \$10 non.** Jason Frederick, Jim Meyer, leaders.
2. *Blue Heron Created Wetlands/Great Outdoors* – Drive the dikes around 292 acres of engineered wetlands for water reclamation. Gull-billed Tern, Purple Gallinule, bitterns, Bald Eagle, night herons, and Roseate Spoonbill are but some of the 100+ species seen here. Then explore a few of the many trails next door at the Great Outdoors RV Park for migrating warblers, etc. Leave from Hotel lobby at 2pm. Lora Heyden, leader.

Saturday Morning, 10/28 6:30/7:00am-12pm

1. *Merritt Island NWR* – Destination will depend on prior scouting but may include Black Point Wildlife Drive, Hammock Trails, and/or Shiloh Marshes. Ducks, shorebirds, waders, and migrating warblers are possibilities, as well as FL Scrub-jay. Leave from Hotel lobby at 7am. MIWA volunteer leader, TBA.
2. *North Brevard Hot Spots* – Explore local hotspots, including the newly acquired Indian Mound Station Sanctuary. This 85-acre EELs property is a warbler magnet and contains an Ais Indian burial mound. Judy Gregoire (EELs Program) will join us there for special access. Eastern Bluebirds, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Chickadee, FL Scrub-jay, Wild Turkey, Meet at McDonalds at I-95 and SR 46 at 6:30am. Arrive earlier for breakfast, opens at 6am. Doug Stuckey, Andy Bankert, leaders.
3. *Tosohatchee State Reserve* – Journey through the mosaic of marshes, swamps, pine flat woods and hammocks that support wading birds, marsh birds, waterfowl, raptors and pineland specialties such as Bachman's Sparrow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, and Red-headed Woodpecker. Leave from Hotel lobby at 7am. Laurilee Thompson, Sarah Linney, leaders.
4. *Viera Wetlands* – Home of the first US record of Mangrove Swallow, the Wetlands is a series of connected ponds created to treat wastewater from the Central Brevard area. Crested Caracara, Bald Eagle, Limpkin, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Purple Gallinule, and Sandhill Cranes, along with a variety of ducks and waders are likely. Check the ponds on the north side of the facility for migrating shorebirds and ducks. Leave from Hotel lobby at 7am. Dave Freeland, Murray Gardler, leaders.

Sunday Morning, 10/29 7:00/7:30am-12:30pm+

1. *Jetty Park/Canaveral Locks* – See description above. Leave from Hotel lobby at 7:30am. Entrance fee/car: \$5 county residents; \$10 non. Jason Frederick, Jim Meyer, leaders.
2. *Smyrna Dunes (Turtle Mound/Ponce Inlet, optional add-ons)* – Take a two-mile hike via boardwalk over pristine coastal dune habitat out to the shoreline and rock jetty. Boardwalk spurs pass through a salt marsh area on the way out to the estuary. Shorebirds, gulls, terns, Bald Eagles, ducks, gopher tortoises, sparrows. \$5/car entrance fee. Leave Hotel lobby at 7:00 am. Murray Gardler, Andy Bankert, leaders.
3. *Merritt Island NWR* – See description above. Leave from Hotel lobby at 7:30am. MIWA volunteer leader, TBA.