



Western Regional News

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**WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
CAVE JUNCTION, OREGON
September 28 – October 1, 2017**

**The 2017 meeting's theme is
"Banding in Bigfoot's Back Yard"**

Where will it be?

The Western Bird Banding Association is pleased to invite you to our annual meeting in scenic Cave Junction near Oregon Caves National Monument in the Illinois Valley in Oregon. We have selected the Siskiyou Field Institute in south-western Oregon as the venue (www.thesfi.org). The Institute is renowned for its lovely accommodations in beautiful, wild and rural surroundings. The birds and banding opportunities are fantastic. Nearby Deer Creek has a bird-rich mist net station that will provide many birds for training and enjoyment. The Institute is just a short drive from the quaint town of Cave Junction, Oregon.

What to Expect: The meeting will include demonstrations and workshops on a diverse array of bird research, banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. In addition, there will be an Advanced Molt and Ageing Workshop led by renowned molt expert, Dr. Jared Wolfe. Evenings will include catered meals, campfires and live music as well as special sessions. Updates from banders in Brazil, Mexico and Costa Rica will also be featured. Details for speakers and workshops will soon be finalized and announced on the WBBA website.

A NABC training session and evaluation will be held by accomplished NABC trainers, including Kim Hollinger, Bob Frey and banders from Brazil, Luiza Figueroa and Pedro Martins.

Online registration and submission of papers, posters, and demonstrations will be at the WBBA web site. www.westernbirdbanding.org/ and will be due by September 1.

Meals and food will be delicious buffet-style meals catered from local Illinois Valley sources featuring organic and local foods, beer, and wine.

Facilities at the Siskiyou Field Institute include unlimited primitive camp sites, two group yurts with bunk beds, dorm rooms, a state-of-the-art solar bathhouse, and a covered picnic pavilion. The Institute provides a hostel-style kitchen and indoor classrooms for our meeting.

Hotels in Cave Junction include several motels in a variety of price ranges. We will have arranged for a WBBA discount for attendees. Updated information will be posted on the WBBA website.

Transportation: The closest airports are at Crescent City, California and Medford, Oregon, and rental cars are available.



Exciting Silent and Live Auction: Do you have something to contribute to a silent or live auction? If so, please bring it to the meeting. All sorts of nature and bird-related items (pictures, books, traps, t-shirts, feeders, equipment, etc.) are welcomed as auction items. Come and share your extras, and have fun!
Contact Information: for inquiries, email: wbbameeting2017@gmail.com

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Updates will be posted on the WBBA website: www.westernbirdbanding.org/

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Registration

"Meet and Greet" dinner and social

Friday, September 29, 2017

All day -- Banding Demonstrations and Workshops

Afternoon Board of Directors Meeting

Guided bird watching tour around the Siskiyou Mountains

Saturday, September 30, 2017

All day -- Scientific Sessions starting with a Plenary Speaker

Afternoon and evening poster session and social

Dinner and a keynote talk by Dr. John Alexander, Executive Director, Klamath Bird Observatory

Sunday, October 1, 2017

NABC CERTIFICATION SESSION BEGINS

Banding demonstrations

Oregon Caves National Monument: cave exploring and birds in a world-famous setting

Monday and Tuesday, October 2-3

NABC certification session continues.

SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE

Site of the 2017 Western Bird-Banding Association meeting.



SFI's main lodge and meeting room



The abundant carnivorous Cobra Lily

This 850-acre property is situated at the gateway to the Illinois River Canyon, nestled up against the Siskiyou Mountains and overlooking the beautiful Deer Creek Valley. The Klamath-Siskiyou are the most biodiverse region in North America. Researchers from across the country come to Siskiyou Field Institute's property to investigate and learn about the rich biodiversity in the adjacent federal lands.

