

Western Field Ornithologists' 33rd Annual Meeting

9–12 October 2008
San Mateo, California

Call for Papers

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentations at the 33rd annual meeting of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 9–12 October 2008 in San Mateo, California.

Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information and should be presented in a manner that will be of interest to serious amateur and professional field ornithologists. Papers presented at other conferences will be considered provided that the material has not already been published.

Talks relating to the following themes are solicited:

- Status, distribution, migration, and population dynamics of birds
- Systematics and biogeography of birds
- Ecology, behavior, and evolution of birds
- New information on avian field-identification problems
- Descriptive field identification
- Science-based conservation and management of birds
- Techniques for field study of birds, including censusing, monitoring, and other methods. Results of studies applying such techniques.

Research described should apply to birds of the WFO region: western North America (from Alaska through Mexico, from the Great Plains to the Pacific coast) and the eastern Pacific Ocean. All talks should identify study objectives, describe methods and data analysis, present results, discuss the significance of the research, and propose future research directions.

We expect to allot 15 minutes per oral presentation, including 3 minutes for questions and discussion. Dialogue between presenters and audience is a hallmark of WFO meetings.

An abstract of your presentation should be submitted electronically to Jay Withgott at withgott@comcast.net and Debbie Van Dooremolen at Debbie.VanDooremolen@snwa.com. All queries and submissions must be via e-mail. All abstracts must be received by **15 June 2008** and should be submitted in exactly the following format:

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR NAMES (Times Roman, 10-point type, all caps). **Title of your talk** (10-point type, bold). *Your affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if any, complete mailing address* (10-point type, in italics), e-mail address (Arial, 9-point type). Brief (300-word maximum) summary of the objectives, methods, results, significance, and generality of your study (Times Roman, 10-point type).

Submissions should include a brief (3–4 sentence) bio for the primary author.

For more information about the meeting, visit the WFO web site at www.wfo-cbrc.org. We look forward to seeing you in San Mateo!

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Western Field Ornithologists will hold their 33rd annual meeting in the San Francisco Bay area at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California, 9–12 October 2008. WFO has been hard at work designing an exciting four-day program. An informative and entertaining meeting is now in the final stages of planning. Carla Cicero, of the University of California, Berkeley, is a highlight as the keynote speaker at our annual Saturday evening banquet. Dr. Cicero will bring us a program based on her unique research perspective: *The Grinnell Resurvey Project: A Century of Change in California*. Besides her address reflecting on the changes experienced in California since Grinnell's field days in the west, the meeting encompasses two solid afternoons of presentations on research in field ornithology, experts' sound- and slide-identification panels, and workshops to enhance our field skills. Western Field Ornithologists welcomes all interested people to their meetings and especially welcomes young people and those newly interested in the field study of birds.

In addition to our Friday and Saturday afternoon science programs, our 33rd annual meeting will offer full-day and half-day field trips. On Thursday and Sunday we will visit Point Reyes, Half Moon Bay, the Hayward shoreline, and the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory's hawk-monitoring site in the Marin Headlands. Shearwater Journeys will offer two pelagic trips in conjunction with the WFO meeting, one departing from Bodega Bay (north of San Francisco) on Thursday 9 October, one departing from Santa Cruz (south of San Mateo) on Monterey Bay on Sunday 12 October. Fall is the peak of seabird migration and also a great time to see a variety of marine mammals. There will be a \$30 discount for WFO members on each trip. See Debi Shearwater's website www.shearwaterjourneys.com for details.

The half-day field trips will be within 30 minutes of the hotel, allowing a little extra sleep on Friday and Saturday. Coyote Point, Redwood Shores, and the Palo Alto Baylands should offer excellent looks at migrating and wintering shorebirds. Golden Gate Park will give visitors a taste of birding in The City. Inland San Mateo County parks should provide Pacific-state specialties such as the Wrentit and Nuttall's Woodpecker, plus all three western species of nuthatch.

Workshops, being finalized as we go to press, will include use of GPS devices for field work and birding, an ecological transect of the San Mateo peninsula with Alvaro Jaramillo, a hands-on demonstration of the uses for and growing power and sophistication of www.eBird.org, field sketching with John Muir Laws, and an overview of the ambitious Bay Area salt-marsh restoration.

As in the past, the Friday and Saturday afternoon science sessions, the welcoming reception, the experts' sounds panel and photographic-identification panel are all included in the cost of registration. Since 2001 WFO has been offering expert panel on identification of bird sounds as well as our popular slide panel. These are excellent learning experiences and one of the most popular aspects of our meeting.

Now is not too soon to reserve your room at the Marriott. You can make your reservation on line at www.sanmateomarriott.com. Use the code "WFO" when making your reservations. The hotel is located close to BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) and the San Francisco International Airport. There are regularly scheduled free pick-up and drop-off shuttles between the airport and hotel. Registration for the conference programs and activities will begin June 15. Watch our website www.wfo-cbrc.org for updates.