



## Western Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting Starr Ranch Bird Observatory Orange County, California — September 30 to October 3, 2010

- **Where will it be?** *The Bird Observatory is within the Starr Ranch Sanctuary (<http://www.starranch.org/>), a 4,000-acre National Audubon Society preserve in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains, in Trabuco Canyon, a few miles east of Mission Viejo at **100 Bell Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon.***
- **What to Expect:** *We will have exciting demonstrations and workshops of banding, data management, raptor capture techniques, remote video cameras, new bird house and trap designs, and analysis for publishing of banding data. Pete Bloom, a nationally recognized raptor biologist will give an entertaining keynote address on his doctoral work: "Lost and found to the north: vagrancy, philopatry and migrations of southern California nestling Buteos." Other speakers and workshops are being scheduled. In what is likely to be a migration hot spot, mist nets will be operated for the first time at Starr Ranch during fall migration. An NABC certification for banders and trainers is also planned.*
- **Setting and Meeting Location:** *We will be in the mild and semiarid Mediterranean climate of southeastern Orange County, approximately 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Located at a long-running banding station in a riparian corridor amongst the unique California coastal sage scrub, the historic ranch boasts an old orange grove, scenic vistas, and great birding!*
- **Field Trips:** *Depending upon interest, they will include trips to the nearby massive and diverse Irvine Ranch Land Conservancy properties, adjacent Cleveland National Forest, San Jacinto Mountains, and Newport Bay for shore and water birds.*
- **Meals and food:** *We will have buffet style meals at moderate cost served in the Ranch's excellent kitchen and facilities.*
- **Camping and Housing:** *Many members may wish to take advantage of camping as the ranch offers an open field for camping. There are several motels within ten miles. **Participants are responsible for making their own room reservations.***

**Hotels:** *Costs are per night plus tax (about 11%). Some have rooms that can accommodate up to four people.*

The Prominence Hotel and Suites. 20768 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest 92630. (949) 900-1288 \$70 - \$75 (if 5-10 or more register). 9 miles 19 minutes.

Hilton Garden Inn (Irvine East/Lake Forest). 27082 Towne Centre Drive, Foothill Ranch 92610. (949) 859-4020 \$79. Under the name "bird banding group", the rates guaranteed until at least September 16. 7 miles, 15 minutes.

Courtyard Foothill Ranch (Orange County). 27492 Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610. (949) 951-5700 – king or two queens \$89. 7 miles and 14 minutes.

Ayres Suites Mission Viejo. 28941 Los Alisos Blvd, Mission Viejo, CA 92692 (949) 455-2545. \$109. 5 miles and 12 minutes

**Transportation:** *The Observatory is 30 minutes east of the John Wayne, Orange County Airport, and an hour southeast of Los Angeles International Airport. Transportation for field trips, workshops, and social events will be provided by volunteers and carpooling of participants.*

**NABC Certification:** *A certification for bander level is planned during the meeting. A very limited number of people can be accommodated. To apply, contact the organizer: José Rousseau (jsr@klamathbird.org)*

### **Call for Papers and Posters (by 6 September).**

Abstracts are now being accepted for the oral and poster presentation sessions on Saturday.

Presentations can reflect original research, summarize existing information, or address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. It is best if abstracts identify study objectives, describe study methods and data analysis, discuss the significance of the research, and propose future research directions. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions. Abstracts should include: (1) List of authors (last name, first name, and affiliation of lead author and first name, last name, and affiliation of co-authors); (2) Mailing address and e-mail of presenting author; (3) Title; and (4) Brief (300 or fewer words) summary of project.

**Please submit paper or poster abstracts: electronically by 6 September to C. J. Ralph (cjralfh@humboldt1.com).**

**Workshops and Demonstrations:** If you have some equipment, methods, etc., that you can share, please contact C.J. Ralph (cjralfh@humboldt1.com).

**Exciting Silent and Live Auction.** Do you have something to contribute to a silent or live auction? If so, please contact the Observatory or bring it to the meeting. All sorts of nature and bird-related items (pictures, books, traps, feeders, t-shirts, equipment, etc.) are welcome as auction items. Come and share your extras, and have fun!

***For more information, check the WBBA web site (<http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/>), and fill out the registration form online (or at <http://www.starranch.org/WBBA/WBBA2010.html>). The form will enable you to email the form, and you can also mail the information to: WBBA Meeting, Starr Ranch Bird Observatory, 100 Bell Canyon Road Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679 (949-858-0309). For questions about the Observatory, or to email registration, contact Sandy DeSimone (wbba@starranch.org).***

**Local Committee:** Meghan Barron, Pete Bloom, Dan Cooper, Pete DeSimone, Sandy DeSimone, Rob Hamilton, Dana Kamada, Nancy Kenyon, Barbara Kus, Kathy Molina, Karly Moore, John Newlander, William Rodriguez, Walter Sakai, Scott and Cheryl Thomas, Kerry Wilcox, and Doug Willick.

