



## 14<sup>th</sup> Birders Meeting

*Sponsored by Mass Audubon, in partnership with Houghton Mifflin*

**Saturday, March 4, 2006**

**Bentley College, Waltham, MA**

This year's program and registration form  
can be found here:

<http://www.massaudubon.org/BirdersMeeting>



*Richard Johnson*

### *Keynote Speaker*

**Tim Gallagher**

*Author of "The Grail Bird"*

*Hot on the trail of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker*

**Presentations** on *How birds do it!*, *Flying with Whooping Cranes*, and more!

**Breakouts** on *Digiscoping*, *Second Generation Breeding Bird Atlasing*,  
*Birding Basics*, and more!

**Stunning Bird Imagery** by Shawn Carey, Don Crockett, Alex Couter, and Eric Smith

**Vendors, Exhibits**, and more!

**REGISTER EARLY** to get Workshop Preferences!

## Massachusetts Birders Meeting March 4, 2006

8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:30 – 8:45 **Wayne Petersen** – Director, Massachusetts Important Bird Area (IBA) Program  
*Welcome & General Introduction*

8:45 – 9:30 **Blair Nikula**, Author, A Field Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Massachusetts; expert birder  
*Birds of Shifting Sands: The South Beach & Monomoy N.W.R. Important Bird Area (IBA)*

9:30 – 10:15 **David Bird**, Professor of Wildlife Biology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec; ornithologist  
*How Birds Do It!*

10:15 – 10:45 BREAK (beverages provided)

10:45 – 11:30 **Joe Duff**, Co-founder and C.E.O. of Operation Migration  
*Operation Migration: Flying with Whooping Cranes*

11:30 – 12:30 **Tim Gallagher – Keynote Speaker**, Author, wildlife photographer, Editor of Cornell Lab's *Living Bird*  
**Hot on the Trail of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker**

12:30 – 1:45 BUFFET LUNCH (Provided)

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:00 – 3:00 1<sup>st</sup> Breakout Session

3:00 – 3:30 BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakout Session

### Breakout Topics:

Breakout A **The Basics of Digiscoping** with *Clay Taylor*

Breakout B **Atlas II – Designing Massachusetts' Second Generation Breeding Bird Atlas** with *Joan Walsh*

Breakout C **Rare Bird Polygons & The History and Restoration of Terns in Buzzards Bay** with *Carolyn Mostello*

Breakout D **Birding Basics – A Different Approach** with *David Clapp*

Questions? Contact 781-259-2146 or [egarcia@massaudubon.org](mailto:egarcia@massaudubon.org) or [www.massaudubon.org/birdersmeeting](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdersmeeting)

# Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: day \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration: \$45 Mass Audubon member (\$50 day of event) Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lunch is included) \$55 Nonmembers (\$60 day of event) Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *Massachusetts Audubon Society*. **Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type: Master Card or Visa Only  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions will be sent with confirmation

## Breakout sessions - please list your preference (1 highest to 4 lowest).

- A** \_\_\_\_\_ **The Basics of Digiscoping** with *Clay Taylor*  
The basics of digiscoping: factors to be considered when choosing a camera, scope, or adapter; field techniques and tips; and a critique of examples of both good and bad digiscoped images.
- B** \_\_\_\_\_ **Atlas II – Designing Massachusetts’ Second Generation Breeding Bird Atlas** with *Joan Walsh*  
Atlas II will generate the data that will be used to guide future work on species and habitat protection for the next 20 years. As this project begins, Mass Audubon invites birders to participate in a discussion of the project design, the regional importance of the work, and the incorporation of new technologies.
- C** \_\_\_\_\_ **The History and Restoration of Terns in Buzzards Bay & Rare Bird Polygons**  
with *Carolyn Mostello*  
One of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program’s field-based conservation projects is the restoration of terns in Buzzards Bay. Carolyn will describe how conservation efforts since the 1960s have made considerable progress in restoring terns to Bird, Ram, and Penikese Islands in the bay. She will also briefly discuss the mapping of “Rare Bird Polygons” in the Commonwealth.
- D** \_\_\_\_\_ **The Expanded Basics of Birding** with *David Clapp*  
Birders will be introduced to techniques of birding beyond mere field identification, with topics including habitat expectations, sharing the bird, vista field marks, using the landscape, selecting and caring for binoculars, and reading the dynamics of a birding group (knowing "when to hold 'em and when to show 'em.").

**Register Early to Get Your Preferred Workshops!** Send this form with payment **no later than February 28** to:  
Birders Meeting, Mass Audubon, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773