



14th Birders Meeting

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Saturday, March 4, 2006

Bentley College, Waltham, MA



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!

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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 1st Breakout Session

3:00 – 3:30 BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 2nd 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 or 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