

Call for Papers for the 34th Annual Meeting of Western Field Ornithologists

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentations at the 34th annual meeting of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 10–13 September 2009 in Boise, Idaho.

Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information and should be presented in a manner that will be of interest to serious amateur and professional field ornithologists.

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; and results of studies applying such techniques

Research described should apply to birds of the WFO region: western North America (from Alaska through Mexico, and 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.

Oral presentations shall be allotted 15 minutes, 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 Debbie Van Dooremolen at debbie.vandooremolen@snwa.com and Jay Withgott at withgott@comcast.net no later than **1 July 2009**. All abstracts must be submitted in exactly the following format:

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR NAMES (Times, 10-point type, all caps). **Title of your talk** (Times, 10-point type, bold). *Your affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if any, complete mailing address* (Times, 10-point type, italics); e-mail address (Arial, 9-point type, italics).

Brief (300-word maximum) summary of the objectives, methods, results, significance, and generality of your study (Times, 10-point type).

Submissions should include a brief (60-word maximum) bio for the primary author.

We expect to have sufficient time in the schedule for 26-28 presentations, and we will review submitted abstracts and award program time on a first-received basis.

For more information about the meeting, please visit the WFO web site at www.westernfieldornithologists.org. We look forward to seeing you in Boise!