

Call for Papers for the 37th Annual Conference of Western Field Ornithologists

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentations at the 37th annual conference of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 26–30 September 2012 at the Sheraton in Petaluma, CA. The science sessions will be held on the 28th and 29th (Friday and Saturday).

Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information, and should be presented in a manner that will interest both serious amateur and professional field ornithologists.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 conferences). In total, we expect to have sufficient time in the schedule for about 22 presentations.

An abstract of your presentation should be submitted electronically to Debbie Van Dooremolen at debbie.vandooremolen@snwa.com and to Dave Quady at davequady@att.net no later than **20 July 2012**, following this format:

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME¹ and (if applicable) CO-AUTHOR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR LAST NAME² (Times, 10-point type, all caps). **Title of your talk** (Times, 10-point type, bold). ¹*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). ²*Co-author affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if different, complete mailing address, if different* (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).

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

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