

31st Annual Meeting of the Western Field Ornithologists
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Schedule of Scientific Presentations
22 and 23 September 2006
Mountain View Methodist Church

Friday, 22 September 2006

Afternoon Presentations

- 1:00–1:12. SWANSON, HEATHER and STEPHEN GERMAINE. **Forestry, agriculture, and recreational development effects on birds of Boulder Open Space: Using science to inform management decisions.**
- 1:12–1:24. OYLER-MCCANCE, SARA J., F. A. RANSLER, L. K. BERKMAN, and THOMAS W. QUINN. **A rangewide genetic comparison of Trumpeter Swans using mitochondrial and nuclear markers.**
- 1:24–1:36. UTT, AMY C., NANCY C. HARVEY, WILLIAM K. HAYES, and RONALD L. CARTER. **Factors associated with behavioral problems and survival following release of captive-reared California Condors.**
- 1:36–1:48. UTT, AMY C., NANCY C. HARVEY, WILLIAM K. HAYES, and RONALD L. CARTER. **The effects of rearing method on social behaviors of mentored captive-reared juvenile California Condors.**
- 1:48–2:00. SMITHSON, SCOTT. **Breeding biology and habitat use of the Orange Bishop and the Nutmeg Mannikin in southern California.**
- 2:00–2:10. **Break.**
- 2:10–2:22. SKAGEN, SUSAN K., AMY A. YACKEL ADAMS, and JULIE A. SAVIDGE. **Fecundity and juvenile survival in Lark Buntings: Insights into population declines.**
- 2:22–2:34. MOSKWIK, MATTHEW and MARGARET A. O'CONNELL. **Male and female reproductive strategies in the polygynous Bobolink.**
- 2:34–2:46. FRANCIS, CLINTON D., CATHERINE P. ORTEGA, and JOHN HANSEN. **Avian community nest-site selection within piñon-juniper woodlands in northwest New Mexico.**
- 2:46–2:58. GHALAMBOR, CAMERON K., T. SCOTT SILLETT, SUSANA PELUC, THOMAS E. MARTIN, HELEN R. SOFAER, and JONGMIN YOON. **Avian parental care under the risk of nest predation: General patterns and exceptions.**
- 2:58–3:10. **Break.**

- 3:10–3:22. GILL, ROBERT E. **Satellite radiotracking of Bar-tailed Godwits and Bristle-thighed Curlews.**
- 3:22–3:34. FARMER, ADRIAN, JULIÁN TORRES DOWDALL, and MÓNICA ABRIL. **Determining shorebird wintering locations in Argentina using stable isotopes and trace elements: Problems and promises.**
- 3:34–3:46. ANDERSON, HANNAH E. **The effects of internal edges and non-native shrubs on Streaked Horned Lark nest predation.**
- 3:46–3:58. MCISAAC, HUGH. **Prairie Falcon attack methods and success rates against pigeons.**

Saturday, 23 September 2006

Afternoon Presentations

- 1:00–1:12. RYAN, THOMAS and TRACI CADDY. **Habitat preferences of California Least Terns nesting in a human-dominated landscape in Venice Beach, California.**
- 1:12–1:24. SCHULTZ, CHRIS, KIM POTTER*, JOE DOERR, CAROLYN GUNN, and RICHARD LEVAD*. **Distribution, abundance, and nest-site characteristics of Black Swift in the southern Rocky Mountains.**
- 1:24–1:36. KOTLIAR, NATASHA. **Avifaunal responses to fire along a burn severity gradient in montane and subalpine forests of the Rocky Mountains.**
- 1:36–1:48. COOPER, LISA, ALEXANDER CRUZ, and HEATHER SWANSON*. **Defenses of American Robins (*Turdus migratorius*) against brood parasitism along an elevational gradient.**
- 1:48–2:00. WALSH, JOHN, TY TUFF*, ALEXANDER CRUZ, and JAMESON F. CHACE. **Nest defense and nest attentiveness may explain differential parasitism frequencies in two suitable cowbird hosts.**
- 2:00–2:10. **Break.**
- 2:10–2:22. AMMON, ELISABETH M. **Coordinated landbird monitoring in Nevada: Lessons learned.**
- 2:22–2:34. DIAZ, LUIS ADRIAN, JULIÁN TORRES DOWDALL, and NICHOLAS KOMAR. **Long-distance migratory birds as viral agents dispersers. Dogma or fact?**
- 2:34–2:46. NEMETH, NICOLE and RICHARD BOWEN. **Avian immunity to West Nile Virus.**
- 2:46–2:58. OESTERLE, PAUL, JEFFREY HALL, ROBERT MCLEAN, and LARRY CLARK. **Cliff Swallows as a sentinel in West Nile Virus surveillance.**
- 2:58–3:10. **Break.**

- 3:10–3:22. HARNESS, RICHARD E. and ARUN PANDEY. **Development and deployment of a Bird Strike Indicator (BSI).**
- 3:22–3:34. NIELSEN, LORI A. and KENNETH R. WILSON. **Clear Channel of Northern Colorado Slab Canyon KQLF-FM avian monitoring project.**
- 3:34–3:46. SPARKS, ROB. **Analysis of vegetation data for monitoring breeding birds in the Shortgrass Prairie (BCR 18): Cassin's Sparrow (*Aimophila cassinii*).**
- 3:46–3:58. FAULKNER, DOUG. **Pelagic mega-rarities of Wyoming.**