

35th Annual Meeting of the Western Field Ornithologists  
*Palm Desert, CA • 14–17 October 2010*

**Conference Schedule**  
*Embassy Suites Palm Desert*

**Wednesday, October 13**

7:00AM - 3:30PM – Pre-conference field trip: Palms to Pines Birding with Kurt Leuschner Meet in **Hotel Lobby**.

5:00 - 7:00PM – Early registration is open in **Hotel Lobby**.

6:00 - 8:00PM – Informal no-host reception. Location TBA

**Thursday, October 14**

5:30 - 6:30AM – Registration is open in **Hotel Lobby**.

5:30AM – Free continental breakfast available **Oasis Breakfast Area (hotel guests only)**

6:00AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for full day field trip departures. Trips will leave promptly at 6:15AM. Trips by carpool.

- South Salton Sea
- Low Desert Migrants
- High Desert Migrants/Mike San Miguel Memorial Field Trip
- North end of Salton Sea
- Salton Sea 'pot luck'
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park (THIS TRIP LEAVES AT 8AM)
- Garner Valley - Idyllwild

1:00 - 5:00PM – WFO Board Meeting. **Room TBA**

5:30 – 6:30PM – Registration open. **Hotel Lobby**

6:00 - 8:00PM – Opening Reception. Drinks and light snacks. **Oasis Courtyard**

## **Friday, October 15**

5:30 - 6:30AM – Registration is open in **Hotel Lobby**.

5:30AM – Free continental breakfast available **Oasis Breakfast Area (hotel guests only)**

### **FIELD TRIPS**

6:00AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for half day field trip departures. Trips will leave promptly at 6:15AM. Return at 10:45AM. Trips by carpool.

- Whitewater Canyon Preserve
- Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center (wetlands) - LEAVES AT 6:45AM
- Coachella Valley Preserve (palm oasis)
- Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
- Whitewater River Delta
- Living Desert

8:00AM – Special 'Slacker' Field Trip to Pinyon Crest: assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for a more leisurely birding experience

### **WORKSHOPS**

7:00AM – Describing Bird Sounds with Sylvia Gallagher in **Salon 4A**

8:00AM – Fall Sparrows of California with Jon Dunn in **Salon 4B**

11:00AM- noon – Lunch break. Lunch on own.

12:15 – 3:30PM – **Plenary/Scientific Sessions** open with Dr. Cameron Barrows. **Ballroom**

3:30 – 4:30PM – Registration open **outside Ballroom**

4:00 - 5:30PM – Photo Identification Panel. **Ballroom**

5:30 - 7:00PM – Dinner break. Dinner on own.

7:00 – 8:45PM – Program and Reception (off site) with Guest Speaker Dr. Douglas Altshuler. **Living Desert** (47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert). Evening will include a live raptor display.

## **Saturday, October 16**

5:30 - 6:30AM – Registration is open in **Hotel Lobby**.

5:30AM – Free continental breakfast available **Oasis Breakfast Area (hotel guests only)**

### **FIELD TRIPS**

6:00AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for half day field trip departures. Trips will leave promptly at 6:15AM. Return at 10:45AM. Trips by carpool.

- Whitewater Canyon Preserve
- Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center (wetlands) – LEAVES AT 6:45AM
- Coachella Valley Preserve (palm oasis)
- Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
- Whitewater River Delta(1 & 2)
- Mountain Quail Quest

8:00AM – Special 'Slacker' Field Trip to Living Desert: assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for a more leisurely birding experience

### **WORKSHOPS**

6:00AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for Field Sound Recording Workshop with Nathan Pieplow **Salon 4A** (after field work)

7:30AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for Skin Preparation Workshop with Kimball Garrett (offsite)

8:00AM – Data Mining with Ed Pandolfino in **Salon 4B**

11:00AM- noon – Lunch break. Lunch on own.

12:15 – 3:40PM – **Scientific Sessions**. **Ballroom**

4:00 - 5:30PM – Bird Sounds Identification Panel. **Ballroom**

5:30 – 6:30PM – Registration open **outside Ballroom**

7:00 - 10:00PM –Annual Meeting and Election, Banquet, and Keynote Address by Paul Lehman. **Ballroom**

**Sunday, October 17**

5:00AM – Three-day Colorado River Delta trip leaves from **Hotel Lobby**

5:30AM – Free continental breakfast available **Oasis Breakfast Area (hotel guests only)**

6:00AM – Assemble in **Hotel Lobby** for full day field trip departures. Trips will leave promptly at 6:15AM. Trips by carpool.

- South Salton Sea
- Low Desert Migrants
- High Desert Migrants
- North end of Salton Sea
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Anza Borrego Desert
- Santa Rosa Mtn/Grinnell Transect (4WD VEHICLE REQUIRED)

6:00PM – Meet in **Hotel** for informal recap of meeting. Meeting adjourned.