

# 40th Annual Conference of Western Field Ornithologists

*Billings, MT • 10-14 June 2015*

## Conference Schedule

*Billings Hotel & Convention Center–Billings*

### Wednesday, June 10

3:00—6:00 PM Early registration is open in the **Billings Hotel & Convention Center Foyer**

### Thursday, June 11

5:00—7:00 AM Registration opens in the **Convention Center Lobby**

5:00—7:00 AM Grab-and-go breakfast available in **Convention Center Lobby**  
(cash or charge to room)

5:00—7:00 AM Box lunches available in the **Convention Center Lobby** (for those who purchased them during registration)

### FIELD TRIPS: ALL TRANSPORTATION BY VANS

5:30 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Snowy Mountain Grasslands

5:45 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Beartooth Pass
- Pryor Mountains

6:00 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Two Dot
- Red Lodge & Mountain Valley Country
- West Rosebud

6:15 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Judith Gap #1
- Judith Gap #2
- Columbus, Rapelje, and Molt

6:30 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Roundup & the Pine Hills Country
- Roundup and Lake Mason

7:00 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for full day field trip departure

- Little Bighorn Battlefield

11 AM—4:00 PM WFO Board Meeting in the **Board Room**

4:30—5:30 PM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**

## Friday, June 12

- 5:00—7:00 AM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
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### **FIELD TRIPS: ALL TRANSPORTATION BY VANS; (All FRI & SAT Field Trips return by 11 AM)**

- 5:45 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for half day field trip departure
- Molt & Lakeview Road
  - Broadview to Molt via Spidel Wildlife Management Area
  - Big Lake and Rapelje
- 6:00 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for half day field trip departure
- Prairie Dog Central
- 6:15 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for half day field trip departure
- Two Moon Park
  - Old Divide Road
  - Four Dances Natural Area & Pictograph Cave SP
- 6:30 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for half day field trip departure
- Montana Audubon Center & Norm's Island
  - Pompeys Pillar
- 6:45 AM Assemble in the Convention Center at the appropriate trip sign for half day field trip departure
- Riverside Park
- 8:00—11:00 AM ***Bird Sounds—Becoming an Expert Listener*** with Nathan Pieplow in the **Gallatin Room**
- 8:00—11:00 AM ***Sparrow ID Workshop*** with Jon Dunn in the **Jefferson Room**
- 8:00—11:00 AM ***The Owls of the United States and Canada*** with Denver Holt in the **Little Missouri Room**
- 11:00 AM—1 PM Lunch break. Lunch on own
- 12:00—1 PM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
- 1:00—3:00 PM **Plenary & Science Sessions** in the **Yellowstone Room**
- 3:00—4:00 PM Break
- 4:00—5:30 PM **Bird Sound Identification: Team Challenge**—Nathan Pieplow, moderator in the **Yellowstone Room**
- 5:30—6:30 PM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
- 6:30—9:00 PM **WFO Reception: WESTERN BUFFET & Cash Bar** in the **Courtyard**. This reception is open to all conference registrants.

## Saturday, June 13

- 5:00—7:00 AM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
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- Riverside Park
- 8:00—11:00 AM ***Was that "See-put" or "Chee-bur"? Demystifying Flycatcher ID Workshop*** with Dan Casey in the **Gallatin Room**
- 8:00—11:00 AM ***Raptor Identification Workshop*** with Steve Hoffman in the **Jefferson Room**
- 11:00 AM—1 PM Lunch break. Lunch on own
- 12:00—1 PM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
- 1:00—2:40 PM **Plenary & Science Sessions in Yellowstone Room**
- 2:40—4:00 PM Break
- 4:00—5:30 PM **Bird Photo ID: Expert Panel** with moderator Ed Harper in **Yellowstone Room**
- 5:30—6:30 PM Registration is open in the **Convention Center Lobby**
- 6:30—9:30 PM Annual Meeting and Election, Banquet, Silent Auction
- Plovers, prairie dogs, and plague: The Mountain Plover in Montana*** with Stephen J. Dinsmore in the **Ballroom**

## **Sunday, June 14**

- 5:00—7:00 AM Registration is open in the **Lobby of the Convention Center**
- 5:00—7:00 AM Grab-and-go breakfast available in **Convention Center Lobby**  
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