

## Call for Papers for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Western Field Ornithologists

Abstracts are being accepted for scientific presentations at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 26-30 September 2018 at the Ventura Beach Marriott in Ventura, California. Science sessions will be held on the afternoons of 28 and 29 September (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Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information, and should be presented in a manner that will interest both serious amateur and professional field ornithologists. All researchers, including students, are encouraged to present.

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
- 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. In total, we expect to have sufficient time in the schedule for 18-22 presentations.

An abstract of your presentation should be submitted electronically to Steve Rottenborn at [srottenborn@harveyecology.com](mailto:srottenborn@harveyecology.com) no later than **15 July 2018**, following this format:

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME<sup>1</sup> and (if applicable) CO-AUTHOR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR LAST NAME<sup>2</sup> (Times, 10-point type, all caps). **Title of your talk** (Times, 10-point type, bold). <sup>1</sup>*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). <sup>2</sup>*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 broader applicability of your study (Times, 10-point type).

Please use superscripts only if co-authors have different contact information. Also, please include a brief (60-word maximum) bio for the presenting author. Presenters need not be members of WFO, but they must register for the Conference.

Contact Steve Rottenborn with any questions, and – for more information about the conference – please visit the WFO website at <http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/conference.php>. We look forward to seeing you in Ventura!