

# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

May 18-22, 2017



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**Keynote speaker Noah Strycker**  
**Guided Field Trips - Workshops**  
**GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com 801.451.3286**



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# 2017 Keynote Speaker

## Noah Strycker

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Noah Strycker, 30, is Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine, the author of two well-regarded books about birds, and a regular contributor of photography and articles to all major bird magazines as well as other media; he blogs regularly for the American Birding Association. Strycker set a world Big Year record in 2015, and his book about the experience will be released in fall 2017. Strycker has studied birds on six continents with field seasons in Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Australia, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, and the Farallon Islands. He also works as a naturalist guide on expedition cruises to Antarctica and Norway's Svalbard archipelago, literally spreading the inspiration of birds from pole to pole. His first book, *Among Penguins*, chronicles a field season working with Adélie Penguins in Antarctica (Oregon State University Press, 2011) and his second, *The Thing with Feathers*, celebrates the fascinating behaviors of birds and human parallels (Riverhead Books, 2014). Strycker is also a competitive tennis player, has run five marathons, and hiked the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. He is based in Oregon, where his backyard has hosted more than 100 species of birds.

**Visit his website at: [www.noahstrycker.com](http://www.noahstrycker.com).**

*Read about his record-breaking 2015 worldwide Big Year at [audubon.org/noah](http://audubon.org/noah)*

### Join Noah on these activities:

Friday May 19	7 am – 3 pm	Fieldtrip #14 Bear River MBR
	3:30 pm – 5 pm	Workshop: Bare Naked Birding
	5:15 pm	Book Signing
Saturday May 20	7 am – 1 pm	Fieldtrip #24 Antelope Island
	6pm	Keynote Address: 2015 Big Year, New World Record Book Signing

Fieldtrips and Dinner require a ticket. Workshops are FREE.



# Art Contest & Spotlight Bird

**Come see the Student Art Contest in Building #3.** Viewing hours are Friday, May 19th 12 pm – 7 pm and Saturday, May 20th 10 am – 5 pm. Come to the Student Art Contest award ceremony on Saturday, May 20th at 5:45 pm and stay for the Artsy Adaptations Family Presentation by Tracy Aviary. Bring the whole family to discover the amazing adaptations of birds! In this program, Tracy Aviary educators will lead children and their families in hands-on activities exploring the connection between bird features and their habitats, including drawing their own wacky, fictional birds and turning an audience member into a bird!



## Spotted Towhee

**Text by Ella Sorensen Art by Livia Anderson**

From the rustling of leaf litter to the exuberance of song, towhees are birds of sound.

A crackling noise emanating from the interior depths of a scrub oak or other bushy thicket may be a hidden snake, skunk, mouse, squirrel, or chipmunk. Or it may be a spotted towhee, a bird seemingly too small to account for all of the ruckus.

On the ground, behind a veil of thick underbrush, the reclusive towhee scratches, hopping up and down on both feet, vigorously tossing behind an erratic flutter of

debris as gigantic toenails rake the leaf litter to uncover insects, spiders, worms and seeds. Rather than freaks of nature, the big feet and extraordinarily long toenails of the towhee are superbly adaptive foraging tools, allowing towhees to scratch away somewhat like foraging chickens in a barnyard.

Nature often protects birds by concealing them through camouflage. The brilliant white on the underside of the spotted towhee and on the corners of its long dark tail, as well as the dappling of white spots and mottled markings on the dark wings and shoulders match the mosaic of shadow and sunlight in the towhee's dense underbrush habitat. The rusty streak down the flanks blends with the decaying layer of leaves and twigs on the ground. The dark upperparts and the robin-like rusty rufous sides have fittingly led to the nickname "ground robins".

When the time comes for mate attraction or territorial defense, an exposed perch is chosen and the secluded towhee suddenly morphs into the obvious and noticeable, as the bird loudly projects outward its song composed of introductory notes followed by a buzzing trill. The slight ventriloquist quality of the song, can delay locating the singer.

Spotted towhees have long been a part of Utah's natural world. It was noted by R. Ridgeway on early ornithological expeditions to Utah as common around Salt Lake City, where he collected several specimens and nests with eggs in 1869. The species occurs year-round and there are records from every county in Utah.

Many birds of the western United States have a closely-related eastern counterpart with geologically separate breeding ranges. These "pairs" have long been a dilemma for scientists who evaluate the current evidence and debate if they should be classified as two subspecies of a single species or whether they have diverged enough to become two distinct species.

Several of these pairs have followed a path of lumping and splitting in a moving pendulum of scientific opinion swinging back and forth through time. First there were two species, the rufous-sided towhee of the East and the spotted towhee of the West. The chief difference in plumage is the profusion of white spots of the spotted towhee. Scientists then decided that the two were close enough to lump into a single species and the western "spotted" name was discarded in favor using of "rufous-sided" towhee for both. Recently, the splitters swayed the decision back and once again the rufous-sided towhee was split into two species with the western rufous-sided towhee regaining its spotted towhee name which it retains today.

Confusing? Not to the birds themselves. All the ado about names and species status is a human fixation irrelevant to a bird that has long remained unchanged as it merrily scratches away in western underbrush thickets oblivious to any unsettled names that originate from humans.

# Welcome

Welcome to the 19th Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival!  
Farmington, Utah

The Utah State Parks are celebrating 60 Years in 2017. Great Salt Lake Bird Festival appreciates our partnership with them. Many of our field trips go to a Utah State Park. Be sure to sign up for fieldtrips to these exciting places.

Antelope Island State Park  
East Canyon State Park  
Great Salt Lake Marina State Park  
Jordanelle State Park  
Rockport State Park  
Utah Lake State Park  
Willard Bay State Park



These State Parks provide a variety of birding opportunities through habitat and elevation differences. Utah is fortunate to have these public places where we can enjoy birding, wildlife, and many different outdoor activities. Post your State Parks Adventures on: #UtahSP60, #DiamondsofUtah, #CelebrateUtah, #ExploreUtah!

This is also an exciting year to have Noah Strycker come to Utah and tell his stories. We are looking forward to hearing about his 2015 Big Year, New World Record at the Dutch oven dinner event. See you in May!

Thanks to our Festival Committee: Neka Roundy – Chair, John Bellmon, Jaimi Butler, Valerie Frokjer, Amy Haran, Dallin Henderson, Heidi Hoven, Ann Neville, Don Paul, Jolene Rose, Lee Shirley, Kathi Stophrer, Jerry Thompson, Nikki Wayment

SAVE THE DATE: 20th Great Salt Lake Bird Festival May 17-21, 2018

[www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com](http://www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com)



[www.PlayInDavis.com](http://www.PlayInDavis.com)



Bring your family and stay an extra day to enjoy Davis County's other family friendly venues:

**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge** - [fws.gov/refuge/bear\\_river\\_migratory\\_bird\\_refuge](http://fws.gov/refuge/bear_river_migratory_bird_refuge)

**Boondocks Fun Center** - [boondocks.com/public/kaysville](http://boondocks.com/public/kaysville)

**Cherry Hill Resort and Water Park** - [cherry-hill.com](http://cherry-hill.com)

**Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area** - [wildlife.utah.gov/habitat/farmington\\_bay.php](http://wildlife.utah.gov/habitat/farmington_bay.php)

**Great Salt Lake beaches** - [stateparks.utah.gov/park/antelope-island-state-park](http://stateparks.utah.gov/park/antelope-island-state-park)

**GSL Shorelands Preserve** - [nature.org/greatsaltlake](http://nature.org/greatsaltlake)

**Lagoon Amusement Park** - [LagoonPark.com](http://LagoonPark.com)

**Mountain trails** - [daviscountyutah.gov/trails](http://daviscountyutah.gov/trails)

**SeaQuest Interactive Aquariums and Birds** - [seaquestaquariums.com/utah](http://seaquestaquariums.com/utah)



# Directions- How to Get Here!

Davis County Legacy Events Center  
151 South 1100 West  
Farmington, UT 84025

Southbound on I-15

Take Exit 325 off Interstate 15.

Turn right onto Park Lane.

Stay on Park Lane, turn left at 1100 West. Take the round-about towards the big blue building.

Activities are in the buildings at the south end of the parking lot.

Northbound on I-15

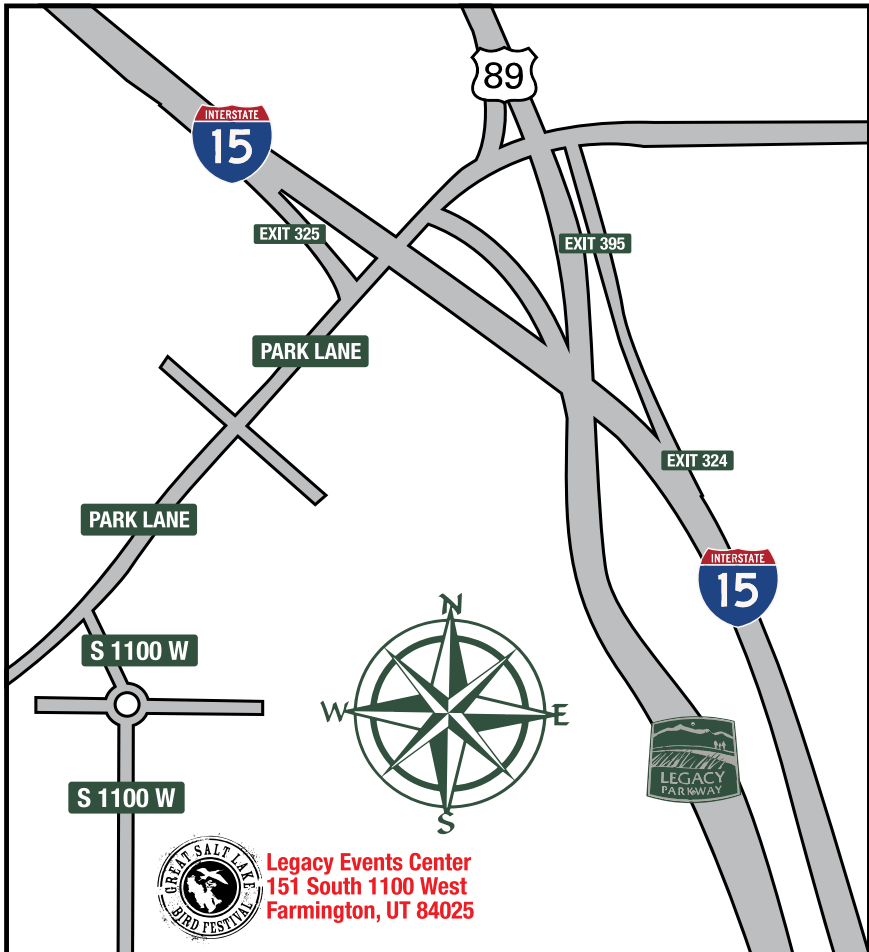
Take Exit 324, stay in right lane.

Take Exit 395.

Turn left at Park Lane.

Stay on Park Lane, proceed through several lights and turn left on 1100 West. Take the round-about towards the big blue building.

Activities are in the buildings at the south end of the parking lot.



# Sponsors



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We offer sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our sponsors for their continued support of Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and our mission :

“To increase awareness and conservation of the Great Salt Lake ecosystem through education and nature tourism”.



# Spotting Birds

Birds Seen at 2016 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

## **Swans, Geese & Ducks**

Canada Goose  
Trumpeter Swan  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
Mallard  
Blue-winged Teal  
Cinnamon Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Northern Pintail  
Green-winged Teal  
Canvasback  
Redhead  
Ring-necked Duck  
Lesser Scaup  
Bufflehead  
Common Goldeneye  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Ruddy Duck

## **Pheasants, Grouse & Quail**

Chukar  
Ring-necked Pheasant  
Ruffed Grouse  
Wild Turkey  
California Quail

## **Loons**

Common Loon

## **Grebes**

Pied-billed Grebe  
Horned Grebe  
Eared Grebe  
Western Grebe  
Clark's Grebe

## **Pelicans & Cormorants**

American White Pelican  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Neotropic Cormorant

## **Bitterns, Egrets & Herons**

Great Blue Heron  
Snowy Egret  
Cattle Egret  
Black-crowned Night-Heron

## **Ibises & Spoonbills**

White-faced Ibis

## **Vultures**

Turkey Vulture

## **Hawks & Falcons**

Osprey  
Golden Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Cooper's Hawk  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Swainson's Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Ferruginous Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
American Kestrel  
Peregrine Falcon  
Prairie Falcon

## **Rails & Cranes**

Virginia Rail  
Sora  
American Coot  
Sandhill Crane

## **Plovers & Sandpipers**

Black-bellied Plover  
American Golden Plover  
Snowy Plover  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Black-necked Stilt  
American Avocet  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Willet  
Whimbrel  
Long-billed Curlew  
Marbled Godwit  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Dunlin  
Least Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Wilson's Snipe  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Red-necked Phalarope

## **Gulls, Terns & Alcids**

Franklin's Gull  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
California Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Black Tern

## **Doves & Pigeons**

Rock Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove  
Mourning Dove

## **Owls**

Barn Owl  
Flammulated Owl  
Great Horned Owl  
Burrowing Owl  
Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared Owl  
Common Nighthawk

## **Swifts**

White-throated Swift

## **Hummingbirds**

Black-chinned Hummingbird  
Broad-tailed Hummingbird

## **Kingfishers**

Belted Kingfisher

## **Woodpeckers**

Red-naped Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker

## **Flycatchers**

Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Willow Flycatcher  
Hammond's Flycatcher  
Gray Flycatcher  
Dusky Flycatcher  
Cordilleran Flycatcher  
Say's Phoebe  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Western Kingbird  
Eastern Kingbird

## **Shrikes**

Loggerhead Shrike

## **Vireos**

Plumbeous Vireo  
Cassin's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo

## **Jays & Crows**

Stellar's Jay  
Western Scrub-Jay  
Pinyon Jay  
Black-billed Magpie  
American Crow  
Common Raven

## **Larks**

Horned Lark

## **Swallows**

Tree Swallow  
Violet-green Swallow  
No. Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow

## **Titmice, Verdin & Bushtit**

Black-capped Chickadee  
Mountain Chickadee  
Bushtit  
Juniper Titmouse

## **Nuthatches & Creepers**

Red-breasted Nuthatch

## **Wrens**

Rock Wren  
Canyon Wren  
House Wren  
Marsh Wren

## **Dippers**

American Dipper

## **Kinglets**

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

## **Gnatcatchers**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

## **Thrushes**

Mountain Bluebird  
Townsend's Solitaire  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin

## **Thrashers**

Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird

Sage Thrasher

## **Starlings**

European Starling

## **Pipits**

American Pipit

## **Waxwings & Phainopepla**

Cedar Waxwing

## **Warblers**

Northern Waterthrush  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Virginia's Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Gray Warbler  
MacGillivray's Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
Northern Parula  
Yellow-breasted Chat

## **Tanagers**

Western Tanager

## **Sparrows**

Green-tailed Towhee  
Spotted Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Brewer's Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Grasshopper Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
White-headed Sparrow  
Black-throated Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco

## **Grosbeaks & Buntings**

Black-headed Grosbeak  
Lazuli Bunting  
Lark Bunting

## **Blackbirds & Orioles**

Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Western Meadowlark  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Bullock's Oriole

## **Finches**

Cassin's Finch  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
American Goldfinch  
Evening Goldfinch

## **Weaver Finches**

House Sparrow

# Lodging

## Country Inn & Suites

[www.countryinns.com/bountifulut](http://www.countryinns.com/bountifulut)

### FESTIVAL HOST PROPERTY

Best Western PLUS CottonTree Inn

[www.bestwesterncottontreeinn.com](http://www.bestwesterncottontreeinn.com)

Comfort Inn & Suites North

[http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-woods\\_cross-utah-UT080](http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-woods_cross-utah-UT080)

Hampton Inn North

[www.hamptoninn.com/hi/saltlake-north](http://www.hamptoninn.com/hi/saltlake-north)

Motel 6

[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

InTown Suites

[www.intownsuites.com](http://www.intownsuites.com)

Hampton Inn & Suites

[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

Hyatt Place at Station Park

[www.hyattplace.com](http://www.hyattplace.com)

Hilton Garden Inn

[www.layton.gardeninn.com](http://www.layton.gardeninn.com)

La Quinta

[www.laquinta.com](http://www.laquinta.com)

Holiday Inn Express

[www.hiexpress.com/laytonut](http://www.hiexpress.com/laytonut)

Hampton Inn

[www.LaytonHampton.com](http://www.LaytonHampton.com)

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

[www.marriott.com/slcl](http://www.marriott.com/slcl)

Towneplace Suites by Marriott

[www.towneplacesuites.com/slclt](http://www.towneplacesuites.com/slclt)

Courtyard by Marriott

[www.marriott.com/slcl](http://www.marriott.com/slcl)

Comfort Inn

[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

Best Western PLUS Layton Park

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

Charin Motel

Days Inn

[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

Econo Lodge

[www.econolodge.com/hotel-clearfield-utah-UT154](http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-clearfield-utah-UT154)

W. Bountiful

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Woods Cross

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Woods Cross

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Woods Cross

801-296-6400

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801-444-1600

Layton

801-779-2422

Layton

801-217-2300

Layton

801-544-5577

Layton

801-896-0271

Clearfield

801-825-2221

Clearfield

801-825-8000

Clearfield

801-825-9500

## Camping

Antelope Island State Park

[www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov)

Cherry Hill

[www.cherry-hill.com](http://www.cherry-hill.com)

Lagoon RV Park & Campground

[www.lagoonpark.com](http://www.lagoonpark.com)

Pony Express RV Park

[www.ponyexpressrvresort.com](http://www.ponyexpressrvresort.com)

Syracuse

800-322-3770

Fruit Heights

801-451-5379

Farmington

801-451-8100

North Salt Lake

801-355-1550



# Registration

## On-Line Registration is Easy!

All registration begins on February 27, 2017 at 9 am MST. On-line registration is the preferred method of registering, however, our team will do the best we can to accommodate all forms of registration.

### Options:

1. On-line registration is preferred: link from [www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com](http://www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com)
2. By phone with your credit card. Call 801-451-3286.
3. By mail with payment. Make checks payable to Great Salt Lake Bird Festival.

Mail to: Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, P.O. Box 618, Farmington, UT 84025

Registration packets: Tickets ordered on-line will be e-mailed to the email address you list. Tickets ordered by mail or phone will be e-mailed to the address you give or arrangements can be made to pick up tickets at the Information booth at the Davis County Legacy Events Center on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 12 noon to 6 pm or Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 6:30 am to 5 pm. Tickets or photo ID will be checked by field trip leaders.

Cancellation & Refunds: If you cancel your registration, either by phone or in writing, a ticket refund minus the on-line charges will be given if notice is given on or before April 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm MST. After this time, no refunds will be issued. Tickets must be included in refund request.

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival reserves the right to cancel an activity or substitute qualified presenters when necessary. If the Festival cancels an event for any reason, a ticket refund will be issued minus the on-line charges. In case of inclement weather, workshops, booths, food, and art will be indoors. Field trips will still be outside, please bring appropriate clothing.

### ***For more information:***

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival - P.O. Box 618 - Farmington, Utah 84025

801-451-3286, Fax: 801-451-3281, E-mail: [tour@co.davis.ut.us](mailto:tour@co.davis.ut.us)

## Linking Communities Update:

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival is "linked" to communities in Saskatchewan, Canada and San Blas, Mexico in an effort to protect an important shorebird migration route that passes through these areas. This tri-national effort, Linking Communities, has become a model for trying to conserve birds and habitat throughout the entire range of migratory birds.

### Upcoming bird festivals for these areas include:

Chaplin Lake Shore Bird Festival, Saskatchewan, Canada

Contact: Chaplin Tourism 306-395-2223

June 2 & 3, 2017 <http://www.chaplintourism.com>

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[www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com](http://www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com)



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival 2017 Program

Field Trips



Workshops and Presentations



Likely to see Spotted Towhee



Unless otherwise noted, participants should bring binoculars, water, snacks, and lunch depending on length of trip, camera, sunscreen, hat, and appropriate clothing.

## Thursday May 18th



### #1 4 Mile Ranch 5:15am-10am

**Val Grant, Bret Selman, Bret Mossman, Jolene Rose**

Tour the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award-winning 4-Mile Ranch. This is a working ranch that practices beneficial wildlife stewardship and is owned and operated by the Selman Family. Here you will have an opportunity to see the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse and, with a little luck, their breeding dance. Other species that are often seen at the Ranch include: Sandhill Crane, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Northern Harrier, Grasshopper, Sage, Vesper, and Brewer's Sparrows, Wild Turkey, Dusky and Ruffed Grouse, Mountain Bluebird, and Hairy Woodpecker. **Meet at the McDonald's 25 S. 800 E. Hyrum UT 84319 at 5:15 am.** It is a moderate hike to the site. Accommodations will be arranged for those unable to hike. Bring water and snacks. Limit 20. Own vehicles. Cost \$15



### #2 Deseret Ranch 6am-6pm

**Billy Fenimore, Steve Hoffman**

Enjoy a birding adventure on Deseret Land & Livestock, the largest ranch in Utah. This working ranch encompasses over 250,000 acres of diverse habitats including sub-alpine meadow, mountain forest, sage-steppe, wet meadow, wetland marsh, ponds, lakes and streams, and has a bird list of 260 species. Expect a day list of 100 species or more including: Ferruginous Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Sage grouse, Sage Thrasher, Brewer's and Sage sparrow, Hammond's, Gray, Dusky, Olive-sided and Cordilleran Flycatchers, American Dipper, Lazuli Bunting, Caspian Tern, and migrant warblers. **Meet at the Park-N-Ride lot on the NW corner of South Weber Drive & Hwy 89.** Take Exit #405 off Utah Hwy 89, go west. The lot is just south of the Hwy 89 and I-84 junction on the west side of UT Hwy 89. Limit 25. Mini-bus. Cost \$80



### #3 Raptor Roadtrip 6am-6pm

**Don Paul & Randy Chetlain**

Spend a day exploring the ecology of some of Utah's most charismatic birds including a nesting pair of osprey. We will investigate Summit and Rich county landscapes including Deseret Ranch, that are the breeding and foraging habitats of large diurnal raptors. Golden Eagles, Red-tailed, Swainson's and Ferruginous Hawks, Northern Harriers, Prairie and Peregrine falcons, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks and Northern Goshawk make their home in these same mountain forests. We will be watchful for Great Horned Owl, Turkey Vulture, Osprey and the ubiquitous American Kestrel. Don will help with identification of these magnificent birds of prey, as well as describe the various color morphs we encounter. He will discuss and show nesting strategies and behavior, as well as predator/prey relationships. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 8. Vans. Cost \$75



### #4 Swaner EcoCenter 7am-12pm

**Vivian Schneggenburger**

Swaner's high altitude wetland meadows and uplands are home to more than 70 species of birds. The EcoCenter is conveniently located just off I-80 in the heart of Kimball Junction. Sandhill Cranes have successfully nested and reared young in recent years and are very visible in the spring months. Enjoy gorgeous mountain views and walk in areas of the preserve normally closed to the public. Possible species include Mountain Bluebirds, Yellow-headed and Red-winged blackbirds, swallows, various raptors and Yellow Warblers. **Meet Vivian in the SE corner of the ShopKo parking lot (behind Red Lobster) in Salt Lake City (exit 1300 East off I-80).** Wear your 'mud shoes' just in case. A visit to the Swaner EcoCenter is included in the ticket fee. Take time to explore the engaging exhibits in the greenest building in Utah! Visit [www.swanerecocenter.org](http://www.swanerecocenter.org) for more information. Limit 10. Own Vehicles. Cost \$15



### #5 ISSR and Gillmor Sanctuary, South Shore GSL 7am-2pm

**Ella Sorensen, Ann Neville, Heidi Hoven**

Join three of Utah's birding experts for a "behind-the-gates" tour of the south shore of Great Salt Lake, Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve (ISSR), a private mitigation property with numerous ponds, mudflats, and upland areas. The Gillmor Sanctuary is a National Audubon property, not open to the general public. Possible species include: American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Curlew, Wilson's Phalarope, Snowy Plover, various waterfowl, grebes, swallows, Peregrine Falcon, and Golden Eagle. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 20. Vans. Cost \$40



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival 2016 Program (cont.)



## #6 Photography at Farmington Bay 8am-12pm

**Tom Matthewson**

We'll also look at shooting tips and techniques especially for bird photography, and how to exercise your own artistic vision to capture those great bird scenes. Bring your cameras/lenses. Limit 15. Own Vehicles. Cost \$20



## #7 Willard Bay State Park 8am-1pm

**Valerie Frokjer, Dickson Smith**

Possible species include Gray Catbird, Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager, Downy Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, swallows, and various warblers. Bring water and snacks. **Meet outside the north entrance gate at 900 W. 650 N. Willard UT 84340.** Ticket includes park entry. Limit 15. Own vehicles. Cost \$20



## #8 Lunch Cruise on Great Salt Lake 11am-2pm

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Tour the South end of the Great Salt Lake on the 54 foot motor yacht "Sunset". Departs from the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 11 AM, BOARDING AT 10:30 AM. Box style lunch served. For vegetarian or vegan options and/or questions call Dave at 801-698-6288. **Meet at the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 13312 West 1075 South, Magna UT 84044.** Trip is weather and water level dependent. Water level will be determined on April 28, 2017. Limit 30. Own vehicles. Cost \$70



## #9 Research Boat Tour on Great Salt Lake 1pm-3pm

**John Luft, Jim Van Leeuwen, Kyle Stone**

Why is there such an abundant suite of wildlife, particularly birds on Great Salt Lake? Take a ride with the wildlife biologist who is responsible for monitoring the lake's health. Board the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources research boat and experience Great Salt Lake's ecosystem first hand. You will likely see Eared Grebes and various gulls, although this is not a birding trip. This excursion is a hands-on learning experience about GSL ecology and current research projects. The geology and history of the islands and other landscapes will be discussed. **Meet at the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 13312 West 1075 South, Magna UT 84044.** Trip is weather and water level dependent. Water level will be determined on April 28, 2017. Limit 8. Own Vehicles. Cost \$40



## #10 Birds & Spurs 5pm-7pm

**Wrangler Ginger Brown**

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## #11 Owl Prowl, Antelope Island State Park 5pm-9:30pm

**Neil Paprocki, Bryce King, Jolene Rose, Ellen Labotka**

Who, Who should go? Owl lovers that's WHO! Antelope Island is prime habitat for several species of owl: Great Horned, Barn, Burrowing, Long-eared and Short-eared owls. Great opportunity to see other wildlife on the park. Picturesque views of the Lake and timing of this evening trip will be great for photographing the island's famous sunsets. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington, UT 84025.** Limit 20. Vans. Cost \$35



## #12 Amazing Raptors 7pm-9pm

**Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah**

WRCNU invites you and your family to discover the amazing raptors and their superpowers of sight, hearing, strength, and flight. Come meet our wonderful education ambassadors and learn about their incredible adaptations. Meet owls, hawks, and falcons. **Meet at WRCNU 1490 Park Blvd, Ogden UT 84401.** Limit 40 Own Vehicles. Cost \$5

## Friday May 19th



## #13 Birding Diamond Fork Canyon Area, Utah County 7am-2pm

**Keeli Marvel, Terri Pope**

Diamond Fork Canyon encompasses a wide diversity of habitats including montane forest, sagebrush, scrub oak, juniper forest, wetland marsh, stream, and pond riparian areas and cliff habitat in which a wide diversity of bird species may be found. Possible bird sightings include: Western Tanager, Lazuli Bunting, Western Bluebird, Belted Kingfisher, Western Scrub-jay, Golden Eagle (possibly on a nest), Canyon, Marsh, Pacific wrens, Sage Thrasher, Red-naped Sapsucker, Fox Sparrow. **Meet at Springville Wal-Mart 660 S. 1750 W., Springville UT 84663.** Limit 15. Own Vehicles. Cost \$15





#### #14 Bear River MBR: "Behind-the-Gates" Field Trip 7am-3pm

**Noah Strycker, Howard Browers**

Bear River Refuge with its 78,000 acres of developed wetlands, and is world famous as one of the premier birding marshes. About 50 species of birds are normally seen including: Black Terns, Franklin Gulls, Virginia Rails, Caspian Terns, several species of sparrows. **Meet At Davis County Legacy Events Center.** Limit 23. Mini-Bus. Cost \$60



#### #15 Morgan County: Backyard Birding in Two Habitats 7:30am-2:30pm

**Arnold Smith, Weston Smith**

Some of the best birding in Morgan County is found in the backyards of the houses in the quaint small towns of Morgan and Croydon in Weber Canyon. Cavity-nesting Tree Swallows, House Wrens, and American Kestrel will be target birds. Bird feeders will be attracting Black-headed Grosbeaks, Bullock's Orioles, Cassin's Finches, Lazuli Buntings and hummingbirds. This trip has averaged approx. 65 species per year and surprises are always possible. We will also bird along the Weber River in Henefer looking for large nesting birds such as raptors and herons. **Meet at the north side of 7-Eleven at 404 E. 300 N. Morgan 84050 at 7 am.** Take I-84 east to exit 103. The 7-Eleven is on the south side of the railroad tracks. Limit 20. Own Vehicles. Cost \$20



#### #16 Birds & Spurs 8am-10am

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#### #17 Birding Rockport Reservoir Canoe/Kayak 8:30am-3pm

**Kathy Donnell, Tony Santora, Vivian Schneggenburger**

Rockport Reservoir's nearby springs host many ducks, grebes, herons, and raptors (including nesting Osprey) with the smaller birds occupying the adjacent trees and shrubs. You will have a grand birding experience at the reservoir using their canoes and kayaks. **Meet Vivian at 8 am in the SE corner (behind Red Lobster) of the ShopKo parking lot next to the 1300 E. exit of I-80 in Salt Lake City.** Weather permitting. Limit 12. Own Vehicles. Cost \$40



#### #18 American Kestrel 9am-1pm

**Jesse Watson, Nikki Wayment, Janet Nelson**

Learn about American Kestrel behavior. You will visit active American Kestrel nests to observe and monitor. Limit 15. Vans. Cost \$35

Artists, Vendors, Food 12pm-7pm

### **Student Art Display & Vendor Booths OPEN**



#### #19 Burrowing Owl Field Trip 2pm-5pm

**Neil Paprocki, Jesse Watson, Nikki Wayment, Charity Owens**

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#### Workshop - Bare Naked Birding 3:30pm-5pm

**Noah Strycker**

The less equipment the better. Learn from Noah.

Book Signing 5:15pm

**Noah Strycker**

Awards Presentation 5:45pm-6pm

**Welcome for Festival Attendees, Art Contest Entries & Vendors**

Student Art Contest Awards

**Sponsored by the Commissioners' Cup Golf Tournament**

Presentation of Awards Davis County Legacy Events Center Building #3



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival 2016 Program (cont.)



**Family Program** Artsy Adaptations with Tracy Aviary 6pm-7pm

## **Tracy Aviary**

Bring the whole family to discover the amazing adaptations of birds! In this program, Tracy Aviary educators will lead children and their families in hands-on activities exploring the connection between bird features and their habitats, including drawing their own wacky, fictional birds and turning an audience member into a bird!



**#20 Sunset Dinner Cruise on Great Salt Lake** 6pm-9pm

## **Dave Ghizzone, Gonzo Tours**

Dinner cruise and tour of the South end of the Great Salt Lake aboard the 54 foot motor yacht "Sunset". Departs from the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 6 PM, BOARDING AT 5:30 PM. A four course dinner served. For vegetarian or vegan options and/or questions call Dave at 801-698-6288. **Meet at the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 13312 West 1075 South, Magna UT 84044.** Trip is weather and water level dependent. Water level will be determined on April 28, 2017. Limit 20. Own Vehicles. Cost \$90

## Saturday May 20th



**#21 Legacy Nature Preserve "Behind-the-Gates"** 6am-12pm

## **Andrea Nelson, The Nature Conservancy in Utah**

This is a rare opportunity to tour the new Legacy Nature Preserve (mitigation property for wetlands impacted by Legacy Parkway). You will be guided along remnant oxbow features of the Jordan River to view migrant and resident waterfowl and shorebirds. You will also be treated to views of one of only four, known, active Bald Eagle nests in northern Utah. The Bald Eagle pair that nests there has annually produced 2-3 (a total of 38) fledgling eagles over the last eighteen years (1996-2013). Rubber boots are advised. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 10. Vans. Cost \$35



**#22 Glover Ponds at Sunrise** 7am-9am

## **Les Talbot**

These ponds bring YOU into nature. The Great Salt Lake Nature Center deck and surrounding wetlands enhance your opportunity for close-up observation. A nearby Great Blue Heron breeding colony will be active and American Avocets and other shorebirds and waterfowl will be building nests. Other possible species include: Cinnamon Teal, four species of grebe, Snowy Egret, Ruddy Duck, and American White Pelican, plus other shorebirds, and other wildlife. A spotting scope will be available. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025 to follow guide to site.** Limit 15. Own Vehicles. Cost \$15



**#23 Birding by Ear** Fieldtrip: 7am-10am Workshop: 10am-11am

## **Merrill Webb**



Every bird species has its own unique song. Imagine being able to identify birds that you cannot see in the canopy and dense scrub by their vocalizations. Spend the morning developing your listening skills. Likely species include a variety of warblers, vireos, chickadees and orioles including: Yellow, MacGillivray's Orange-crowned warblers, Warbling Vireo, Bullock's Oriole, and Black capped Chickadee. **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 10. Vans. Cost \$35



**#24 Antelope Island: Causeway & Garr Ranch** 7am-1pm

## **Noah Strycker, Mike Hearell, Taylor Abbott, Jolene Rose**

Bird a popular migrant stopover at Fielding Garr Ranch on Antelope Island. Birds crossing the west desert drop into the Ranch's grove of giant cottonwood trees as the first green spot they see. The area offers several springs and trees with plenty of insects. This trip provides a rare early morning opportunity to visit this area before it opens to the public. Possible species: migrating warblers, vireos, flycatchers; also owls, falcons, hawks, woodpeckers, and Virginia Rail. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 52. Bus. Cost \$50



**#25 Morgan County: Backyard Birding in Two Habitats** 7:30am-2:30pm

## **Arnold Smith, Weston Smith**



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**Workshop** Bird Photography: Get Started the Right Way 8am-9am

## **Tom Mathewson**

A quick introduction to taking good bird pictures. We'll cover basic theory as well as the best settings, storing and processing your pictures. We'll also look at shooting tips and techniques especially for bird photography, and how to exercise your own artistic vision to capture those great bird scenes.



## #26 Bountiful Pond 7:30am-10am

### Ian Batterman

Located on the outskirts of Farmington Bay WMA, Bountiful Pond is a lovely oasis for all kinds of birds. The large pond provides a stopover area for many gulls and waterfowl, and the surrounding trees and fields hide many songbirds, owls, and other birds with close viewing opportunities. During migration, Bountiful Pond can often house rare vagrants like Eastern Wood Warblers.

**Species to expect:** Wood Duck, Mallard, Cinnamon Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Northern Harrier, Osprey, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Wilson's Snipe, California Gull, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Barn Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Western Wood-pewee, Dusky Flycatcher, Black-billed Magpie, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Marsh Wren, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Western Tanager, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle. **Meet at the Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025 to follow guide.** Limit 20 Own Vehicles Cost \$15



## #27 Boy Scout Merit Badge & Youth Program 8am-12pm

### Dallin Henderson, Carol Henderson

This is an exciting opportunity for scouts 11-17 to earn the Bird Study Merit Badge. Learn about the Great Salt Lake and surrounding wetlands, habitats, birds, the food chain and the important roles they each play in our environment. Programs includes an easy nature walk to view and identify birds and other cool things in nature. (Bring your own merit badge cards with the application portion signed by your unit leader). **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025** Limit 30 youth. Cost \$5 (leaders free)



## #28 Farmington Bay WMA "Behind-the-Gates" (Units 1 & 2) 9am-12pm

### John Bellmon, Yae Bryner

Great Salt Lake is a western hemisphere shorebird reserve network site with five IBA's. Farmington Bay will be alive with residents and arriving 'new' migrants. You can be part of their adventure and see nest-building in action. Possible species include: Northern Shoveler, Grebes, Black-necked Stilt, Cinnamon Teal, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, and maybe Virginia Rail and Sora.

**Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 54. Bus. Cost \$25



## #29 Burrowing Owl Field Trip 9am-12pm

### Bonnie Messinger, Charity Owens

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## Workshop Owls Inside and Out 9:15am-10:15am

### Ben Woodruff, Sky Masters

Owls capture the hearts and imagination of people around the world. Yet we often view them as beautiful predatory stuffed animals. This program, featuring live owls and powerpoint, will go into what really makes an owl an owl. How can they turn their head all the way around? Are all owls nocturnal? Did you know that there are many owls that are florescent pink, purple and orange? Come see.



## Workshop Talent of Talons 9:15am-10:15am

### Ogden Nature Center

With the help of three of the Ogden Nature Center's resident raptors, participants will get an introduction to birds of prey and their unique characteristics.

Artists, Vendors, Food & Crafts 10am-6pm

## **Make & Take Crafts, Youth Activities Vendor Booths OPEN Food**

Youth Activities: Fun and Educational Too! 10am-2pm

### Westminster College Great Salt Lake Institute

Enjoy "Bird Detective" and a lot of fun youth activities with take-home items.



## Workshop Make and Take Birdhouses 10am-12pm

### Home Depot, Centerville

All tools and aprons will be provided. Bring your family or youth group to make and take home a birdhouse.



## Workshop Ice Age Utah 10:30am-11:30am

### Ben Woodruff, Sky Masters

The Ice Age was just a few thousand years ago. In addition to all the wildlife currently in Utah, we also were home to Lions, Cheetahs, Saber teeth, Camels, Mammoths and so many more! This eye opening presentation will feature skeletons from these ice age giants. Prepare to have a completely new perspective on Utah wildlife!



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival 2016 Program (cont.)



## Workshop Life History Styles of the Rich and Famous: A look at Utah Butterflies 1 0:30am-11:30am **Tony Jones, Todd Stout**

A power point presentation with photographs and some live caterpillar specimens for display. **Followed by a field trip** locally (weather permitting--Butterflies do not fly in the rain or cold). No need to sign up for the field trip.



## #30 Lunch Cruise on Great Salt Lake 11am-2pm

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## Workshop Scratching Amidst the Litter: A Towhee's Tale 11:30am-12:15pm **Billy Fenimore**

A discussion about our FEATURE BIRD; where you can find them, different species, behaviour and interesting facts. Also included will be some live birds of prey who find Towhee's interesting too. Lots of photos and videos also.



## Workshop Be (Utah Birds) Wild Aware 11:45am-12:45pm

### **Hogle Zoo**

How your actions affect wildlife, Raptors, Bird feeders, and human interactions with these. Program includes live birds.



## Workshop Vera Cruz River Raptor Project 12:15pm-1pm

### **Steve Hoffman, founder of HawkWatch International**

Steve will present an overview of the Veracruz River of Raptors Project (VRRP), located near the Gulf Coast in eastern Mexico. This project is designed to monitor the largest raptor migration on Earth (4-6 million raptors of 20 species tallied each autumn). As co-founder, Steve will describe how this project was launched (in 1990-91), and will give an overview of key findings of this unique 25-year raptor population monitoring effort.



## #31 Farmington Bay "Behind-the-Gates" (Turpin Unit) 1pm-4pm

### **Nelson Holmes, Ian Batterman**

Farmington Bay WMA is a great resource for migrating and nesting birds. Several hundred thousand birds utilize this area during spring migration and 57 nesting species have been documented. The majority of dikes, ponds, canals, and upland areas are off-limits to the public during the nesting season so this "Behind-the-Gates" tour is a privilege. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 54. Bus. Cost \$25



## #32 Burrowing Owl Field Trip 1pm-4pm

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## Workshop Nature Photography: Producing Quality Images 1pm-2pm

### **John H. Williams**

I intend to address the issues of safeguarding our wildlife and emphasize that "no photo is ever worth disturbing the animal(s) you're attempting to capture on film or digitally record." My greatest personal challenge, when working with wildlife, is to leave the animal(s) undisturbed; if I can approach a resting or feeding animal, obtain the photos I desire and, leave it completely undisturbed that's success to me and it's something I do over and over again. I will explain how I do so.



## #33 Workshop Birding for Beginners Workshop Farmington Birding Hot Spots Fieldtrip

### **Workshop: 1-2pm and Fieldtrip: 2-5pm**



### **Dallin Henderson**

Enjoy this FREE one hour workshop for beginners and families. We will discuss bird identification and the common back yard birds in the Farmington area. AFTER the workshop we will visit six viewing areas including Farmington Pond, Farmington Canyon (after the first bridge), Egg Island Viewing areas, Glover Pond, and Buffalo Ranch Pond. Field trip tickets are on-line Own vehicles. Adults \$5. Children free.



## Workshop The Great Salt Lake Project 1pm-2pm

### **Leia Larsen, Standard Examiner**

Leia is the 2016 Journalist of the Year. She has published a series of stories on the many different aspects of and concerns for Great Salt Lake and will talk about her experiences and findings.

★ Workshop Hornbills, Kingfishers and Kookaburras 2:15pm-3:15pm

**Ben Woodruff, Sky Masters**

Hornbills are a unique family of birds, with species from the size of a robin to an eagle. Living in Africa and Asia, these birds nevertheless have a worldwide effect on all life! Come find out why! Kookaburras- the world's largest and strangest kingfisher: Find out how the Ice Age turned this bird into the iconic singer we know today.

★ Workshop Are you a Peli-can or a Peli-can't 2:15pm-3:15pm

**Westminster College**

Come and learn about exciting new opportunities to uncover mysteries of our charismatic Great Salt Lake pelicans! Before you become a Peli-can't remember that pelicans fly far and wide throughout the year. We need help from people all along their stomping grounds to understand where they go and what they do when they are not in Utah. Not a master bird nerd? Don't stress, pelicans are easy to see and identify and you can help too (maybe even from your computer). If you are a master bird nerd or aspire to be one, there are a few spots for special volunteers (and might get you behind the gates of some cool places for your time). Come learn more about our charismatic neighbors and learn how you can be peli-can too. This is a partnership with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Tracy Aviary and Westminster College's Great Salt Lake Institute.

★ Workshop The Future of America's Fish and Wildlife, Final Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Greg Sheehan, Director DWR**

"Fish and wildlife have been central to our work and our lives. Whether it's providing gear for the outdoor enthusiast, governing a state with a rich outdoor heritage or simply spending quality time in the outdoors, we can't imagine a world without fish and wildlife" Former Governor of Wyoming David Freudenthal. When we spend time in nature, we accrue physical and mental health benefits. What is our vision for investing in and connecting people to nature? Everyone benefits from healthy fish and wildlife.

★ Movie Showing 4pm-5:30pm

"Wings of Thunder" and/or "Into a World of Wonder" Davis County Legacy Events Center building 1

Keynote Speaker and Dutch oven Dinner **Noah Strycker** Starts at 6pm

2015 Big Year, New World Record

Vegetarian meals available. Ticket required. Cost \$40

Sunday May 21st

 #34 Marathon Birding 6am-Midnight

**Tim Avery, Jeff Bilsky**

This is a long, exciting, fast-paced day with the goal of seeing as many bird species in varied habitats as possible! Trip participants may submit a 'species wish list'. Every effort will be made to include locales where these birds are possible although no guarantees, of course. Lunch will be provided. Bring water and food for the rest of the day. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 8. Vans. Cost \$95

 #35 Bird the West Desert & Pony Express Trail 6am-4pm

**Keeli Marvel, Eric Peterson, Eric Chabot**

Bird the West Desert and the Pony Express Trail. Experience the birds of the West Desert and the ruggedness of the Pony Express Trail first hand. We'll bird a loop starting at Clover Springs CG in Johnson Pass, traveling over to Lookout Pass, and back around past Fitzgerald WMA. Highlights could include desert specialties such as Bushtits, Juniper Titmice, Pinyon Jays, Sagebrush Sparrows, Black-throated Gray Warblers, and Horned Larks. **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025 at 6 AM or at 7 AM at the Macey's Grocery parking lot next to the McDonalds in Tootle at 972 N. Main St. Tootle UT 84074** Limit 15. Vans. Cost \$70

 #36 Jordanelle Wetlands and Heber Fields 7am-12pm

**Dr. Russell Norvell, Terri Pope**

The wetlands below Jordanelle Dam offer excellent birding in these foothills to the Uinta Mountains. This area is an Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA). Possible species include: American Dipper, Osprey, Black-headed Grosbeak, Warbling Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, Common Yellowthroat and Bullock's Oriole. We will also look for returning Bobolinks. **Meet Russ at SE corner of the ShopKo parking lot located at the 1300 East exit from I-80 in Salt Lake City.** The drive is about 40 minutes. Limit 20. Own Vehicles. Cost \$20

 #37 "Behind-the-Gates" at Bear River MBR 7am-3pm

**Howard Browsers, Dr. Frank Howe**

Spend a day with expert birders on a "behind-the-gates" birding adventure at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. You will soon learn and see why this area has been protected over the last 75 years. It is considered one of the top ten birding spots in the nation and one of Utah's premier birding hotspots. Its 78,000 acres provide a vast wetland habitat for a phenomenal number of migrants including waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, White-faced Ibis, several species of blackbirds, gulls, terns, swallows, marsh wrens, and more. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 24. Mini-bus. Cost \$60



# Great Salt Lake Bird Festival 2016 Program (cont.)



## #38 Birds & Spurs 8am-10am

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## #39 TNC's Kay's Creek 8am-10am

### TNC Staff



Join The Nature Conservancy for an exclusive opportunity to see how wetlands restoration has improved habitat for birds at the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. An expert guide will show you how Kay's Creek was restored to its natural meander. This restoration has helped control flooding and sedimentation. You will also see how historic ponds and natural depression in the surrounding meadows were augmented to create ponds that have become prime habitat for feeding and nesting shorebirds and waterfowl. There are many species of birds using this riparian preserve. This portion of the preserve is closed to the public, so don't miss this opportunity to explore "behind-the-gates." **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025 and follow guide to site.** Limit 15. Own Vehicles. Cost \$15



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## Monday May 22nd



## #43 Cache Valley Hotspots 6am-3pm

### Dr. Frank Howe, Les Talbot



Cache Valley is one of the lesser known birding hot spots in the West. Our trip will reveal the area's great diversity and wealth of birds and other wildlife secrets. The trip will visit a variety of habitats and microclimates, ranging from sub-alpine forest to fast-flowing trout streams and semi-desert savanna to wetlands. We will also see The Barrens, a Bridgerland Audubon Chapter sanctuary project. Possible species include: 3 species of hummingbirds, Wood Duck, Chukar, Gray Partridge, Northern Pygmy and Short-eared owls. Swainson's and Hermit thrushes, Green-tailed Towhee, Peregrine Falcon, Golden Eagle, and migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, flycatchers, vireos, and warblers. **Meet at the Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025 at 6 am.** Limit 53. Bus. Cost \$45



## #44 Rare Bird Chase 6pm-5pm

### Bryant Olsen



Join us to "twit" after any rarities. Late May is the peak of neo-tropical song bird and shorebird migration, and one of the best times of year to find "rare" and unusual migrants and vagrants in Utah. It also just so happens that this will be on the last day of the festival, so we can chase after any rarities found on the previous field trips. Itinerary to be determined the day of the field trip, depending on what is being reported at that time. **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 8. Vans. Cost \$75



#### #45 Deseret Ranch Field Trip 6am-6pm

##### **Billy Fenimore, John Bellmon**

Two of Utah's birding experts will guide this adventure on Deseret Land & Livestock, the largest ranch in Utah with two of Utah's Birding Experts. This working ranch encompasses over 250,000 acres of diverse habitats including sub-alpine meadow, mountain forest, sage-steppe, wet meadow, wetland marsh, ponds, lakes and streams, and has a bird list of 260 species. Expect a day list of 100 species or more including: Ferruginous Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Sage Grouse, Sage Thrasher, Brewer's and Sage Sparrows, Hammond's, Gray, Dusky, Olive-sided and Cordilleran Flycatchers, American Dipper, Lazuli Bunting, Caspian Tern, and migrant warblers. **Meet at the Park-N-Ride lot on the NW corner of South Weber Drive & Hwy 89. Take Exit #405 off Utah Hwy 89, go west. The lot is just south of the Hwy 89 and I-84 junction on the west side of UT Hwy 89. Limit 25. Mini-bus. Cost \$80**



#### #46 City Center Bird Walk 7am-12pm

##### **Bob Walters**

This field trip showcases Memory Grove, the Peregrine Falcon nest at the Joseph Smith building, the 6 acre roof of the LDS Church Conference Center, and the gardens at Temple Square. All attract a variety of birds. Meet at the North Visitor's Center at Temple Square at 7 am (gate directly across from the Conference Center on North Temple St.). This field trip involves a 20 minute hike through City Creek Park. Limit 20. Own Vehicles. Cost \$15



#### #47 Utah County Hotspots 7am-3pm

##### **Dennis Shirley, Utah County Birders**

Visit Rocky Mountain scrub oak and pinyon-juniper habitats. This is a highly productive trip with a variety of species including Blue and Black-headed grosbeaks, Common Grackle, Lazuli Bunting, Virginia's Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Common Bushtit, Juniper Titmouse, Pinyon Jay, and Bullock's Oriole. Approximately 90 species have been seen on this trip. **Meet at the Payson Wal-Mart, 1052 Turf Farm Road. Southbound I-15 take the 2nd Payson exit. Limit 25. Own Vehicles. Cost \$20**



#### #48 Lunch Cruise on Great Salt Lake 11am-2pm

##### **Dave Ghizzone, Gonzo Tours**

Tour the South end of the Great Salt Lake on the 54 foot motor yacht "Sunset". Departs from the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 11 AM, BOARDING AT 10:30 AM. Box style lunch served. For vegetarian or vegan options and/or questions call Dave at 801-698-6288. **Meet at the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina at 13312 West 1075 South, Magna UT 84044.** Trip is weather and water level dependent. Water level will be determined on April 28, 2017. Limit 30. Own vehicles. Cost \$70



#### #49 Grassland Birds & Short-eared Owl 1:30pm-9:30pm

##### **Neil Paprocki**

We will spend an afternoon and evening exploring some of Northern Utah's unique grassland and sagebrush habitats, with an emphasis on Short-eared Owls. The trip will begin by searching for diurnal grassland and sagebrush specialist species such as Grasshopper Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Long-billed Curlew, Western Willet, Ferruginous Hawk, and Northern Harrier. In the evening, we will look for Owls, with the hope that we will see the Short-eared Owl's unique courtship display flight. Short-eared Owls are notoriously nomadic and unpredictable to locate, and because of this, our specific trip location will be decided in the weeks leading up to the festival. **Meet at Davis County Legacy Events Center 151 S. 1100 W. Farmington UT 84025.** Limit 10. Vans. Cost \$75



#### #50 Birds & Spurs 5pm-7pm

##### **Wrangler Ginger Brown**

Cowboy up! You are in the West, so let's go birding by horseback along the east side of Antelope Island. This two-hour guided tour features birds in the wetland, sage and grassland habitats near the historic Fielding Garr Ranch and the south side of the Island. There are an amazing number of migratory shorebirds that use Antelope Island as a resting nesting and feeding area. Experienced wranglers who are intimately familiar with the Island's history, flora and fauna will be our guides. Enjoy a leisurely ride, spectacular scenery and birds. Possible species include Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, Peregrine Falcon, Grasshopper Sparrow, and aquatic birds. **Meet at the historic Fielding Garr Ranch at Antelope Island State Park.** (I-15 exit #332, go west to Antelope Island). Limit 6. Own Vehicles. Cost \$110



# Field Trip Chart 2017

## Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

Thursday May 18	Friday May 19	Saturday May 20	Sunday May 21	Monday May 22
1. 4-Mile Ranch 5:15 am – 10 am	13. Birding Diamond Fork Canyon, Utah County 7 am – 2 pm	21. Legacy Nature Preserve "Behind-the-Gates" 6 am – 12 pm	34. Marathon Birding 6 am – midnight	43. Cache Valley Hotspots 6 am – 3 pm
2. Deseret Ranch 6 am – 6 pm	14. Bear River MBR: "Behind-the-Gates" 7 am – 3 pm	22. Glover Ponds at Sunrise 7 am – 9 am	35. Bird West Desert & Pony Express Trail 6 am – 4 pm	44. Rare Bird Chase 6 am – 5 pm
3. Raptor Roadtrip 6 am – 6 pm	15. Morgan County: Backyard Birding 7:30 am – 2:30 pm	23. Birding by Ear Field trip 7 - 10 am Workshop 10 - 11 am	36. Jordanelle Wetlands & Heber Fields 7 am – 12 pm	45. Deseret Ranch 6 am – 6 pm
4. Swaner EcoCenter 7 am – 12 pm	16. Birds & Spurs 8 am – 10 am	24. Antelope Island: Causeway & Ranch 7 am – 1 pm	37. "Behind-the-Gates" at Bear River 7 am – 3 pm	46. City Center Bird Walk 7 am – 12 pm
5. ISSR and Gillmor Sanctuary 7 am – 2 pm	17. Birding Rockport Reservoir: Canoe/Kayak 8:30 am – 3 pm	25. Morgan County: Backyard Birding 7:30 am – 2:30 pm	38. Birds & Spurs 8 am - 10 am	47. Utah County Hotspots 7 am – 3 pm
6. Photography at Farmington Bay 8 am – 12 pm	18. American Kestrel 9 am – 1 pm	26. Bountiful Pond 7:30am-10am	39. TNC's Kays Creek 8 am – 10 am	48. Lunch Cruise on GSL 11 am – 2 pm
7. Willard Bay State Park 8 am – 1 pm	19. Burrowing Owl 2 pm – 5 pm	27. Boy Scout & Youth Program 8 am – 12 pm	40. Research Boat Tour on GSL 1 pm – 3 pm	49. Grassland Birds Short-eared Owl 1:30 – 9:30 pm
8. Lunch Cruise on GSL 11 am – 2 pm	20. Sunset Dinner Cruise on GSL 6 – 9 pm	28. Farmington Bay WMA "Behind-the-Gates" 9 am – 12 am	41. Owl Prowl on Antelope Island 5 pm – 9:30 pm	50. Birds & Spurs 5 pm – 7 pm
9. Research Boat Tour on GSL 1 pm – 3 pm		29. Burrowing Owl 9 am – 12 pm	42. Sunset Dinner Cruise on GSL 6 – 9 pm	
10. Birds & Spurs 5 pm – 7 pm		30. Lunch Cruise on GSL 11 am – 2 pm		
11. Owl Prowl, Antelope Island State Park 5 pm – 9:30 pm		31. Farmington Bay WMA "Behind-the-Gates" 1 – 4 pm		
12. Amazing Raptors at Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Ut 7 – 9 pm		32. Burrowing Owl 1 pm – 4 pm		
		33. Beginning Birding Workshop & Farmington Hot Spots 1 pm workshop 2-5 fieldtrip		
		Keynote Speaker Noah Strycker 6 pm		

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