

**Western Field Ornithologists  
32nd Annual Meeting  
27–30 September 2007  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

The 32nd annual meeting of Western Field Ornithologists will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, 27–30 September 2007, at Sam's Town Resort and Casino. The local area host for this meeting is the Red Rock Audubon Society. A diverse conference is being planned with half-day and full-day field trips, science sessions, expert panels, workshops, and social activities. The release of the highly anticipated Nevada Breeding Bird Atlas in 2007 will add a special dimension to the meeting. Chris Elphick, editor of *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior*, will give the keynote address.

WFO and Red Rock hope you'll set aside the time and date and join us in Nevada for some outstanding science and remarkable birding. Southern Nevada is rarely recognized for what it *really* is: An exciting birding locale for migrants and vagrants that also features a year-round bird list greater than that of many U.S. states. Red Rock Audubon has lined up wonderful field trips that will include Henderson, the National Desert Wildlife Range, Mt. Charleston, Corn Creek, Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, the Virgin River region, and Lake Mead. Our science sessions, as always, will feature intriguing current research from around the West, with local and regional emphases.

The hotel offers something for everyone, so this will be a great meeting to bring your entire family. There are numerous recreational activities for all ages on the grounds of the resort and in the surrounding region. The hotel provides regular round-trip shuttles into Las Vegas and welcomes children and adults to this universally accessible location. Look for more detailed information at [www.wfo-cbrc.org/confer.html](http://www.wfo-cbrc.org/confer.html), and registration will begin 1 June 2007. We'd love to have you join us.

For questions contact Red Rock Audubon ([www.redrockaudubon.org](http://www.redrockaudubon.org)) or Catherine Waters ([robcatwaters@earthlink.net](mailto:robcatwaters@earthlink.net)). See you in Nevada!

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**Call for Papers**

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentations at the 31st annual meeting of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 27–30 September 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information and should be presented in a manner that will be of interest to serious amateur and professional field ornithologists. Papers presented at other conferences will be considered provided that the material has not already been published.

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. 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.

We expect to allot 15 minutes per oral presentation, including 3 minutes for questions and discussion. Dialogue between presenters and audience is a hallmark of WFO meetings.

An abstract of your presentation should be submitted electronically to Debbie Vandooemolen at [debbie.vandooemolen@snwa.com](mailto:debbie.vandooemolen@snwa.com) and Jay Withgott at [withgott@comcast.net](mailto:withgott@comcast.net). All queries and submissions must be via e-mail. All abstracts must be received by **31 July 2007** and should be submitted in exactly the following format:

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR NAMES. Your affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if any, complete mailing address, e-mail address. Title of your talk. Brief (300-word maximum) summary of the objectives, methods, results, significance, and generality of your study.

For more information about the meeting, visit the WFO web site at [www.wfo-cbrc.org](http://www.wfo-cbrc.org). We look forward to seeing you in Nevada!

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