



Western Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Northern Utah

12 Aug to 14 Aug 2011

- **Where will it be?** *The 80,000 acre Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and other northern Utah special bird localities.*
- **What to Expect:** *We will have exciting demonstrations and workshops of banding, data management, Snowy Plover and other shorebird capture and banding, mist netting in a local riparian area, and possibly waterfowl banding.*
- **Dr. Cagan Sekercioglu** from the University of Utah who has conducted avian research in Turkey, Africa, Central America, and the U.S. will present the keynote address on **“Some Unexpected Effects of Climate Change on Tropical Birds.”** Other speakers and workshops are being scheduled.
- **Setting and Meeting Location:** *We will be in the warm to hot semiarid Great Basin climate of northern Utah, approximately 50 miles north of Salt Lake City. Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, near Brigham City, will be the primary meeting location.*
- **Field Trips:** *Depending upon interest, they will include trips to the globally important Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and Great Salt Lake ecosystem for shore and waterbirds and also into the nearby Wasatch Mountains 5-40 miles outside of Brigham City for mountain and riparian birds such as Green-tailed Towhee and American Redstart.*
- **Meals and food:** *We will have catered buffet style meals including a Utah specialty – a Dutch Oven cookout.*
- **Camping and Housing:** *Camping is available locally at Willard Bay State Park about 7 miles south of the refuge. The park is adjacent to Willard Bay Reservoir and has numerous camping spots that rent for around \$20 per night in a shady area on the east side of the reservoir. Reservations are highly recommended since August is probably a busy time at the park.*
- *There are several motels within twenty miles. **Participants are responsible for making their own room reservations.***
- **“Local attractions”:** *Golden Spike National Historic Site, Crystal Hot Springs, and Ogden Nature Center (Birding, walking trails – about 18 miles south of Brigham City).*

Motels. *Costs are per night plus tax (about 11%). Some have rooms that can accommodate up to four people.*

Crystal Inn – we have reserved a block of rooms. 480 Westland Dr., Brigham City, UT 84302. (435) 723-0440. \$77. The motel offers a hot continental style breakfast and is located 3.5 miles from the refuge in south Brigham City.

Days Inn. 1033 South 1600 West, Brigham City, UT 84302. (435) 723-3500. This is about 1.5 miles south of the refuge. More motels are available in Ogden, UT, approximately 18-25 miles from the refuge.

Transportation: Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is about an hour north of the Salt Lake City International Airport. Transportation for field trips, workshops, and social events will be provided by volunteers and carpooling of participants.

Call for Papers and Posters (by 15 Jul).

Abstracts are now being accepted for the oral and poster presentation sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Presentations can reflect original research, summarize existing information, or address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. It is best if abstracts identify study objectives, describe study methods and data analysis, discuss the significance of the research, and propose future research directions. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions. Abstracts should include: (1) List of authors (last name, first name, and affiliation of lead author and first name, last name, and affiliation of co-authors); (2) Mailing address and e-mail of presenting author; (3) Title; and (4) Brief (300 or fewer words) summary of project.

Please submit paper or poster abstracts electronically by 15 Jul to Howard Browsers (howard_browsers@fws.gov).

Workshops and Demonstrations. If you have some equipment, methods, etc., that you can share, please contact Howard Browsers (howard_browsers@fws.gov).

Exciting Silent and Live Auction

Do you have something to contribute to a silent or live auction? If so, please bring it to the meeting. All sorts of nature and bird-related items (pictures, books, traps, feeders, t-shirts, equipment, etc.) are welcome as auction items. Come and share your extras, and have fun!

For more information, check the WBBA web site (<http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/>).

Local Committee: Howard Browsers, John Cavitt, Lee Shirley



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Final program will be available on the web one month prior to the meeting.

Thursday, 11 Aug

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration at Crystal Inn in Brigham City

7:30 pm - Welcome dinner at a local featured eatery.

Friday, 12 Aug

Registration

8:00 am-4:00 pm Registration at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Banding Demonstrations and Workshops

Snowy Plover and other shorebird banding – meeting time to be determined, but likely around 6am

6:30-11:00 am Passerine Banding at Ogden Nature Center

Field Trips

7:00 am-12:00 pm. Bear River Migratory Bird refuge

Activities

12:00 Buffet lunch at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

12:00-4:00 pm. Board of Directors Meeting

4:30-9:00 pm Poster Session, Dutch Oven cookout and Social.

Saturday, 13 Aug

Registration

8:00 am-5:00 pm Registration at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Banding Demonstrations and Workshops

6:00-9:00 am Passerine Banding Demonstration at Ogden Nature Center

Activities

9:00 am-12:00 pm Scientific Session

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

1:30-4:00 pm Scientific Session

4:00-5:00 pm WBBA Business Meeting

5:00 - 6:30 pm Social at Ogden Nature Center

6:30-10:00 pm Dinner, Silent and Live Auction, and Keynote:

Dr. Cagan Sekercioglu the keynote address:

"Some Unexpected Effects of Climate Change on Tropical Birds".

Sunday, 14 Aug

Banding Demonstrations and Workshops

Snowy Plover banding – meeting time to be determined

6:00-10:30 am Passerine Banding

Field Trips

7:00 am-4:00 pm. Great Salt Lake habitats.

7:00 am – 4:00 pm – Wasatch Mountains field trip.