



## Western Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory Arcata, California 18 to 21 September, 2014

**Where will it be?** HBBO is closely affiliated with the Klamath Bird Observatory and is situated beside an estuary within a National Wildlife Refuge. Near Arcata, home of Humboldt State University, it is in the mild, coastal climate of northwestern California. Nearby rivers, wetlands, and old-growth redwoods offer plenty of possibilities for birding trips and recreation.

**What to Expect:** The meeting is not to be missed, Along with informative scientific sessions there will be exciting demonstrations and workshops on a diverse array of bird research, banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. Workshops featuring data management, analysis tools, innovative banding equipment, and field trips to local hot spots and opportunities for walks and birding around the diverse meeting site. The keynote speaker Dr. Jared Wolfe will feature his recent adventures on how international banding is changing the face of bird conservation, *"Bird Banding in the Country Least Known to Science: Adventures in Equatorial Guinea"*. Updates from banders in Mexico and Costa Rica will also be featured. Details for speakers and workshops will soon be finalized and announced on the WBBA website.



**Setting and Meeting Location Details:** Located at a long-running banding site that has operated nets and traps for more than 30 years, two stations one km apart will be operating in a riparian corridor amongst a coastal dune forest and pastures. World renowned for its outstanding scenic beauty, the redwood coast is well known the diversity of plant and animal life that provide the backdrop for the 2014 meeting. A total of 300 species have been recorded on the Observatory and the adjacent Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, which together encompass almost 1,000 acres of active sand dunes, dune forest, riparian, estuary, and pasture habitats.

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**Call for Papers, Posters, and Demonstrations** (by 15 August). Paper and poster presentations can reflect original research, summarize existing information, or address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. Please submit abstracts for papers or workshops electronically by 15 August to Linda Long (lllong "at" fs.fed.us), specifying workshop, paper, or poster. Late abstracts might not be accommodated. For additional information on abstract submission or WBBA's 2014 meeting program, please visit the WBBA website at:

(<http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/next-meetings.html>), or contact Linda at 707 825-2947.

**Field Trips:** We have planned field trips to the nearby Humboldt Bay, the world-famous Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, old-growth redwood forests, and ponderosa pine mountainous forests, all within an hour of the Observatory. Indicate your interest in the registration form. We will rely upon carpooling for most trips; additionally, we may have a small van available at a modest cost.

**Meals and food:** We will have delicious buffet style meals catered from local redwood coast sources featuring organic and local foods, beer, and wine. Friday night will feature a traditional salmon bake, campfire, and live music by the Compost Mountain Boys.

**NABC Evaluation Sessions.** Trainer and bander evaluations will be held just after the meeting, beginning September 21. For more details, contact Kim Hollinger (krh "at" klamathbird.org).

**Hotels:** The Valley West Complex in Arcata is just 15 minutes from the Observatory (on Giuntoli and Janes Roads' intersection with US 101), and has several motels in a variety of price ranges. We have arranged for a discount at the very good Quality Inn Motel at 3535 Janes Road for a group room rate of \$99 per night double occupancy for attendees (contact information: 707 822-0409). Updated information will be posted on the WBBA website).

**Camping:** Primitive camping is available on the pasture adjacent to the Observatory with parking, water, shower, and toilet facilities available.

**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 welcomed as auction items. Come and share your extras, and have fun!

**Transportation:** Arcata-Eureka Airport is 20 minutes away and is served by United Airlines to San Francisco and Sacramento. There is a shuttle service from the airport which costs about \$30 per person (\$5 for each additional), and rental cars are available.

**Local Committee.** Jill Demers, Kim Hollinger, Josée Rousseau, Linda Long, Sherri Miller, and C.J. and Carol Ralph.

**For more information.** Contact CJ at [cjralph "at" humboldt1.com](mailto:cjralph@humboldt1.com) or [c.ralph "at" humboldt.edu](mailto:c.ralph@humboldt.edu). Telephone (707) 825-2992 cell: 707 499-9707 home: 707 822-2015

*Updates will be posted on the WBBA website: [www, westernbirdbanding.org/](http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/)*

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



### Thursday, 18 September

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

8:00 am. Parking open for camping. Those camping should try to arrive before 4 pm to insure adequate space.

5:00-6:30 pm. Registration and Social at the Humboldt Bay Observatory

7:00 pm. Dinner "out on the town" at the Samoa Cookhouse <http://www.samoacookhouse.net/>, 20 minutes from the Observatory, the last surviving cookhouse in the West, continues the tradition of serving lots of good food - lumber camp style - you will never leave hungry! Served family style, include entrée, soup, salad, bread, vegetable, potato, coffee, tea and dessert (\$17.90). Wine and beer are available.

8:30 pm campfire and social back at the Observatory.

### Friday, 19 September

#### **Banding Demonstrations and Workshops**

6:00-8:00 am continental breakfast at Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory(HBBO)

6:00-11:00 am banding at HBBO

8:00 am-2:00 pm Registration at HBBO

11:30 am-1:00 pm Catered Lunch

12:30-4:00 pm Workshops

12:30-4:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting at HBBO

5:00-6:00 pm Social

6:00 pm. Dinner-Local BBQ buffet with your choice of chicken, beef, or vegetarian entree

7:30 pm. Walks in dunes, swim, and music around the campfire with the Compost Mountain Boys.

### Saturday, 20 September

#### **Scientific Sessions**

6:00-8:00 am continental breakfast at HBBO

6:00-8:00 am birding and exploration on the dunes and slough

9:00 am-12:00 pm Scientific Session at **the Mad River RV Park**, next to Quality Inn 13 minutes from HBBO.

12:00-1:30 pm Catered Lunch, Mexican buffet

1:30-4:00 pm Scientific Session

4:00-5:00 pm WBBA Business Meeting

#### **Return to HBBO**

5:30-7:00 pm Poster Session and Social, Silent auction

7:00-10:00 pm Dinner including vegetarian options), and evening program with keynote speaker

Sunday, 21 September Field trips leave at 6:00am. Depending on interest: visiting shorebirds, redwood forests, or mountains

7:00 am NABC certification for banders and trainers begins