

ANNOUNCING
The Georgia Ornithological Society Winter Meeting
16-19 January 2015
Savannah Hilton Desoto
15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

SATURDAY NIGHT'S KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

***"Expanding Your Personal Range Map – Exploring the
Outer Limits of Birder Ecology"***

by

Dr. J. Drew Lanham
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina



J. Drew Lanham, a native of Edgefield S.C., is a Certified Wildlife Biologist, holds a B.A. and M.S. in Zoology and a PhD in Forest Resources (Wildlife Ecology) from Clemson University where he is currently a Master Teacher and Alumni Distinguished Professor teaching and conducting research in the area of wildlife management, land and conservation ethics, hunting ethics/philosophy and field and conservation ornithology. Drew is a member of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation Executive Board and serves as the organization's affiliate representative to the National Wildlife Federation. He also serves on the Advisory Board of South Carolina Audubon, is a member of the Important Bird Areas Technical Committee, a past Board Member of the Bird Education Network and past member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Wildlife Professional and former Associate Editor for the Journal of Wildlife Management. He currently serves on the Ethnic and Gender Diversity Committee of the Wildlife Society and recently joined the Board of Directors of the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

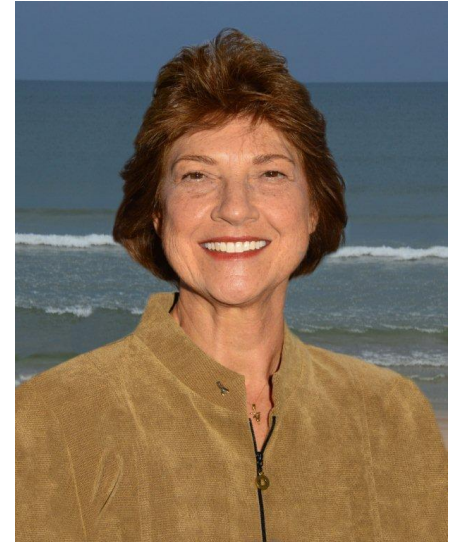
Drew is an emerging author, writing creatively about conservation and nature through essays and poetry. He has contributed to several anthologies including a retrospective on one of the great naturalists of the colonies entitled *Bartram's Living Legacy; The Travels and Nature of the South* (Mercer University Press 2010); about deer hunting in *Outdoors Adventures in the Upcountry* (Hub City Books 2010); and on travels to South Africa in *The Colors of Nature* (Milkweed Editions 2011). He is published in magazines including *Orion*, *The Wildlife Professional*, *Forest Landowner*, and *Palmetto Wild*. Dr. Lanham's first solo work, *The Home Place, Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature* (Milkweed Editions-publisher of Janisse Ray's acclaimed work *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*), is due to be published in 2015.

A lifelong birder, Drew inspired and leads the South Carolina Wildlife Federation sponsored Palmetto Pro Birder program in an effort to enlist more citizen scientists into the "army of conservationists". He leads tours in the Jocassee Gorges; the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival in McAllen, Texas; The Biggest Week in American Birding in northwestern Ohio; and at the Tucson Wildlife Festival in southeastern Arizona. He has birded abroad in South Africa and in the Peruvian Amazon and counts birds listed in 38 states. His favorite birds are the ones with feathers. He prefers to bird with an intense focus on not just identifying birds, but telling their stories so that birders become conservationists. Drew's blog at wildandincolor.blogspot.com provides insight into his passion for birds, conservation and nature. He is also a contributor to the Bird is Fun blog and recently was welcomed to the Nature Travel Network. He lives in Seneca, SC with his wife Janice Garrison-Lanham. They have two adult children; daughter Alexis and son Colby. They share their lives with an indoor cat named Zeke, and two dogs - Kate and Avery.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT'S PRESENTATION
*"Confronting the Link Between
Songbird Predation and Schizophrenia"*
by
**Dr. Judith Milcarsky, DVM
Daytona Beach, Florida****

Judith Milcarsky grew up in Orlando, Florida. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Laboratory Technology from Auburn University in 1982 and earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Florida in 1986. Dr. Milcarsky has had a mobile, small-animal practice in Daytona Beach for over twenty years. For the past decade, she has publicly addressed the association between feral cats and the fatal disease that is rabies. A 2013 Business Partner relationship with a local high school launched public health concerns for both elementary school children and the homeless population, and confronted the link between *Toxoplasma gondii* (a parasite found in cat feces) and the serious mental illness that is schizophrenia. In July 2014 she became one of the lead investigators for a nationwide study The Silver Leash Project - a collaborative investigation with the USDA - to determine if owned dogs can be a sentinel for environmental contamination with *T. gondii*.



Meeting Hotel Details

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Call (912) 232-9000 for reservations.

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Use the group code "GOS" to receive the \$109/night group rate.

There is a \$16/night fee to park in the hotel deck.

Cut-off date for GOS rate is 30 December 2014.



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, 16 January 2015

6:15 AM - First Field Trip Departs

5:30 to 6:30 PM - Dinner on Your Own

6:30 to 7:30 PM - Registration and Flocking (w/cash bar)

7:30 to 8:30 PM - Speaker: Judith Milcarsky, DVM
“Confronting the Link between Songbird Predation and Schizophrenia”

8:30 to 8:45 AM - Discussion of Saturday Field Trips

Saturday, 17 January 2015

Breakfast on Your Own

6:15 AM - First Field Trip Departs

5:30 to 6:45 AM - Flocking (w/ cash bar) and Meet and Greet with Dr. Drew Lanham

6:45 to 7:45 PM - President's Address, Announcements, and Banquet Dinner

7:45 to 8:45 PM - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Drew Lanham
***“Expanding Your Personal Range Map:
Exploring the Outer Limits of Birder Ecology”***

8:30 to 9:15 PM - Discussion of Sunday Field Trips and Species Countdown

Sunday, 18 January 2015

Breakfast on Your Own

6:15 AM - First Field Trip Departs

5:30 to 6:30 PM - Flocking (w/ cash bar) and Discussion of Monday Field Trips

6:30 PM - Dinner on Your Own

Monday, 19 January 2015

Breakfast on Your Own

6:30 AM - First Field Trip Departs

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Name(s) (for name tags, so print legibly please):

Note: Children under 16 must be registered but are charged no registration fee.

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ **Registration for GOS Member(s) @ \$25.00 per person (Note: Spouse
/immediate family may register at the member rate)** \$ _____

_____ **Non-GOS Member(s) @ \$35.00 per person** \$ _____

_____ **Reservation(s) for banquet @ \$42.00 per person** \$ _____

_____ **Reservation(s) for Keynote Speaker only (no banquet) @ \$10 per person** \$ _____

_____ **Postmarked after 1/9/2015 or at the door add \$10 late fee** \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Cut-off date for banquet reservations is 9 January 2015

Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to:
Ed Maioriello, 340 Milledge Heights, Athens, GA 30606

Note: No portion of registration, field trips or banquet fees is tax deductible.

Registration, field trip, or banquet cancellations received after 9 January 2015 will NOT be refunded.
Should you need to cancel, notify Ed at 706-296-5275 or edm@maioriello.com

RELEASE

GOS requires registration for participation in the meeting and field trips, and also requires all registrants to sign the following release. If the participant is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign this release.

Each registrant named, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society (GOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the GOS and its officers, committee members, and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrant's participation in this meeting.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

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FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY

1ST CHOICE: _____

2ND CHOICE: _____

3RD CHOICE: _____

SATURDAY, 17 JANUARY

1ST CHOICE: _____

2ND CHOICE: _____

3RD CHOICE: _____

SUNDAY, 18 JANUARY

1ST CHOICE: _____

2ND CHOICE: _____

3RD CHOICE: _____

MONDAY, 19 JANUARY

1ST CHOICE: _____

2ND CHOICE: _____

3RD CHOICE: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR FIELD TRIPS (IF APPLICABLE): \$ _____

**PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS AND MAIL THE ORIGINAL FORM
ALONG WITH YOUR MEETING REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:**

**Ed Maioriello
340 Milledge Heights
Athens, GA 30606**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Field trips are subject to change and could be cancelled if there are not enough participants. You may combine your payment for field trips, registration and the banquet into one check. Make your check payable to GOS. You may assume that you are on your first choice of field trips if you do not hear from us before the meeting.

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FORT STEWART

Leader: Larry Carlile. Depart: 6:15 AM. Return: 12:30 PM. Limit: 15 people and 5 SUV-type vehicles. Cost: \$0.00

Meet Larry at the Love's Truck Stop in Richmond Hill (SW side of I-95 Exit 90). You'll leave Love's promptly at 7:00 AM and travel to a Fort Stewart Red-Cockaded Woodpecker cluster as the woodpecker family group exits their cavities at sunrise. We'll explore longleaf pine forests and visit bottomland hardwoods associated with the Canoochee River. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, sturdy boots, sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, and water. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with some walking over uneven ground.***

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND BOAT TRIP

Leaders: Captain Rene Heidt and Russ Wigh. Depart: 11:30 AM. Return: 5:30 PM. Minimum attendees: 4 people. Maximum attendees: 12 people. Cost: \$60.00.

Join Captain Rene and Russ on a boat tour of marshes and in-shore waters, and then head out to Little Tybee Island, an uninhabited State Natural Heritage Preserve barrier island with wintering shorebirds, gulls, and terns. You also should see marsh sparrows, loons, gannets, grebes, and ducks. We'll be departing on the incoming tide. Bring layers of warm clothing (including wet weather gear), sunscreen, insect repellent, water, snacks, and scope. ***Trip rigor: Moderate, but be prepared for wet weather and rough water. Note: The boat will depart at 12:00 PM from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp.***

PELAGIC TRIP – NEAR SHORE (10-20 MILES OUT)

Leader: Steve Calver. Depart: 6:15 AM. Return: 3:30 PM. Minimum/Maximum attendees: 14 people. Cost: \$150 (includes tip for mate).

Join Steve as you target species like Manx Shearwater, scoters, loons, gulls, and terns. Weather conditions will determine how far out the Captain will go. If the trip is cancelled due to weather or lack of attendance, your money will be refunded. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP DAYS. If you cancel and don't find someone to take your seat, you will forfeit your payment. The boat will depart from the Lazaretto Creek Marina @ 7:00 AM. Bring layers of clothing (including wet weather gear), a small cooler with your lunch and water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Challenging - be prepared for rough water.***

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, JASPER COUNTY, SC

Leader: Dot Bambach. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 12:00 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0.00.

Join the current President of the Ogeechee Audubon Society on a trip to a fantastic birding destination. Savannah NWR is a premier spot for wintering waterfowl, waders, rails, raptors, and sparrows. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a scope. ***Trip rigor: Easy.***

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DARIEN BOAT TRIP

Leaders: Captain Phillip and Jennifer Hilburn. Depart: 7:00 AM. Return: 11:00 AM. Minimum 10 people, maximum 14 people, Cost \$30.00

Meet Jennifer in Darien @ 8:30 AM where you will board Captain Phillip's 15-passenger boat for a tour of rivers, cuts, and brackish marshes adjacent to Darien and the Altamaha Wildlife Management Area. Target species include ducks, grebes, waders, and marsh sparrows. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather (including wet weather gear), snacks, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Easy, but be prepared for choppy water.***

FORT PULASKI/TYBEE ISLAND

Leader: James Fleullan. Depart: 8:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$5.00/person entry fee (unless you have an annual pass). Also be prepared to feed the Tybee Island parking meters.

Join James Fleullan at historic Fort Pulaski, a 5400-acre National Monument situated on the Savannah River. Fort Pulaski is a great place to find scoters, ducks, and shorebirds, and is often reliable for brown creeper. After Fort Pulaski, you'll also visit Tybee Island for gulls, terns, and purple sandpiper. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a scope. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with quite a bit of walking.***

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Captain Rene Heidt and Larry Carlile. Depart: 11:30 AM. Return: 5:30 PM. Minimum attendees: 4 people. Maximum attendees: 12 people. Cost: \$60.00

Join Captain Rene on a boat tour of marshes and in-shore waters on the way to Little Tybee Island, an uninhabited State Natural Heritage Preserve barrier island with lots of wintering shorebirds, gulls, and terns. We should also see marsh sparrows, loons, gannets, grebes and ducks. Bring raingear, layers of warm clothing, hat, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a scope. ***Trip rigor: Moderate, but be prepared for wet weather and rough water. Note: The boat will depart at 12:00 PM from the Lazaretto Creek public boating ramp.***

LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND

Leader: Steve Holzman. Depart: 7:15 AM. Return: 5:00 PM. Limit: 9 people. Cost: \$50.00 (all funds will be transferred to LSSI)

Meet Steve at the hotel at 7:15 AM for the drive to the Hampton River Marina on St. Simons Island. The boat will pick you up at 9:15 AM for a 15-minute ride to the island. You'll board a truck equipped with benches and set off to explore the island's maritime forests, diverse wetlands, and beaches. LSSI will provide water, coffee/tea service, sodas, bug juice, and sunscreen. Bring layers of clothing appropriate for the weather, rain gear, lunch and snacks, and a scope. Once you leave the Lodge compound, there will be no restrooms, but plenty of trees and bushes. You will depart LSSI by boat at 3:00 PM. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with quite a bit of walking. Be prepared for choppy water.***

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PELAGIC TRIP – NEAR SHORE (10-20 MILES OUT)

Leader: Malcolm Hodges. Depart: 6:15 AM. Return: 3:30 PM. Minimum/Maximum attendees: 14 people. Cost: \$150 (includes tip for mate).

Join Malcolm as you target species like Manx Shearwater, scoters, loons, gulls, and terns. Weather conditions will determine how far out the Captain will go. If the trip is cancelled due to weather or lack of attendance, your money will be refunded. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP DAYS. If you cancel and don't find someone to take your seat, you will forfeit your payment. The boat will depart from the Lazaretto Creek Marina @ 7:00 AM. Bring layers of clothing (including wet weather gear), a small cooler with your lunch and water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Challenging - be prepared for rough water.***

SKIDAWAY ISLAND HOTSPOTS

Leader: Russ Wigh. Depart 7:30 AM. Return 12:00 PM, Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0.00

Explore The Landings, a gated community on Skidaway Island, with resident Russ Wigh. Locations include 2 marinas, numerous lagoons, salt marshes and tidal creeks, and the "Sparrow Field". Bring water and snacks. Meet Russ at the main entrance of The Landings at 8:00 AM. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and scope. ***Trip rigor: Easy.***

SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE, JASPAR COUNTY, SC

Leaders: Ellie Covington and Steve Calver. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people and 5 SUV-type vehicles. Cost: \$0.00

Join Ellie and Steve for a rare chance to bird this restricted area. The site is a US Army Corps of Engineers dredge spoil facility. Habitats include grassy levees, mudflats, and impoundments. This area holds ducks, shorebirds, waders, sparrows, and raptors. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sturdy hiking boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a scope. Expect to sign a waiver at the site. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with a good deal of walking.***

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE, SOLOMON TRACT, CHATHAM COUNTY, GA

Leader: Nathan Farnau. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0.00

Nathan will lead you to the Chatham County portion of the Savannah NWR. This is a heavily wooded site with upland and bottomland hardwoods, a Ducks Unlimited impoundment, and a couple of open fields. Target species include rails, bitterns, sparrows, wintering warblers, and ducks. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sturdy hiking boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Moderate, with a lot of walking.***

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DARIEN BOAT TRIP

Leaders: Captain Phillip and Nathan Klaus. Depart: 7:00 AM. Return: 11:00 AM. Minimum 10 people, maximum 14 people, Cost \$30.00

Follow Nathan from the Hilton DeSoto to Darien where you will board Captain Phillip's 15-passenger boat for a tour of rivers, cuts, and brackish marshes adjacent to Darien and the Altamaha Wildlife Management Area. Target species include ducks, grebes, waders, and marsh sparrows. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather (including wet weather gear), snacks, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Easy, but be prepared for choppy water.***

FORT PULASKI/TYBEE ISLAND

Leader: Stan Gray. Depart: 8:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$5.00/person entry fee (unless you have an annual pass).

Join Savannahian Stan Gray at historic Fort Pulaski, a 5400-acre National Monument situated on the Savannah River. Fort Pulaski is a great place to find scoters, ducks, and shorebirds, and is often reliable for brown creeper. After Fort Pulaski, you'll also visit Tybee. Also be prepared to feed the Tybee Island parking meters. Island for gulls, terns, and purple sandpiper. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and scope. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with quite a bit of walking.***

LITTLE TYBEE ISLAND

Leaders: Capt. Rene Heidt and Bob Sargent. Depart: 11:30 AM. Return: 5:30 PM. Minimum attendees: 4 people. Maximum attendees: 12 people. Cost: \$60.00

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PELAGIC TRIP – NEAR SHORE (10-20 MILES OUT)

Leader: Bill Lotz. Depart: 6:15 AM. Return: 3:30 PM. Minimum/Maximum attendees: 14 people. Cost: \$150 (includes tip for mate).

Join Bill as you target species like Manx Shearwater, scoters, loons, gulls, and terns. Weather conditions will determine how far out the captain will go. If the trip is cancelled due to weather or lack of attendance, your money will be refunded. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP DAYS. If you cancel and don't find someone to take your seat, you will forfeit your payment. The boat will depart from the Lazaretto Creek Marina @ 7:00 AM. Bring layers of clothing (including wet weather gear), sunscreen, insect repellent, and a small cooler with your lunch and water. ***Trip rigor: challenging - be prepared for rough water.***

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SAVANNAH HOTSPOTS

Leader: Joel Ludlam. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 15 people, Cost: \$0.00

Join Savannah resident Joel Ludlam as you visit birding hotspots around Savannah. Likely destinations include Lake Mayer, Chatham County Botanical Gardens, airport ponds, and Forsyth Park. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sunscreen, insect repellent, water, and snacks. ***Trip rigor: Easy.***

SAVANNAH SPOILS SITE, JASPAR COUNTY, SC

Leader: Ellie Covington and Steve Calver. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people and 5 SUV-type vehicles. Cost: \$0.00

Join Ellie and Steve for a rare chance to bird this restricted area. The site is a US Army Corps of Engineers dredge spoil facility. Habitats include; grassy dykes, mudflats, and impoundments. This area holds ducks, shorebirds, waders, sparrows, and raptors. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sturdy hiking boots, water, snacks, and a scope. Expect to sign a waiver at the site. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with a good deal of walking.***

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, JASPER COUNTY, SC

Leader: James Fleullan. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0.00

Join the James on a trip to a fantastic birding destination. Savannah NWR is a premier spot for wintering waterfowl, waders, rails, raptors, and sparrows. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, and a scope. ***Trip rigor: Easy.***

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE, SOLOMON TRACT, CHATHAM COUNTY, GA

Leader: Steve Wagner. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0

Steve will lead you to the Chatham County portion of the Savannah NWR. This is a heavily wooded site with upland and bottomland hardwoods, a Ducks Unlimited impoundment, and a couple of open fields. Target species include rails, bitterns, sparrows, wintering warblers, and ducks. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sturdy hiking boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, and insect repellent. ***Trip rigor: Moderate, with a lot of walking.***

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CHATHAM COUNTY WETLAND MITIGATION SITE / SAVANNAH OGEECHEE CANAL

Leader: Steve Wagner. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0

Steve will lead you to this relatively new county property with lakes, freshwater marshes, and bottomland hardwoods near the Ogeechee River. From there you will travel a short distance to the historic Savannah Ogeechee Canal. You'll walk the old canal through a beautiful hardwood floodplain out to the Ogeechee River and back. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, sturdy shoes, water, and snacks. ***Trip rigor: Moderate with a good bit of walking.***

PELAGIC TRIP – NEAR SHORE (10-20 MILES OUT)

Leader: Ken Blankenship. Depart: 6:15 AM. Return: 3:30 PM. Minimum/Maximum attendees: 14 people. Cost: \$150 (includes tip for mate).

Join Ken as you target species like Manx Shearwater, scoters, loons, gulls, and terns. GOS members will have priority if the trip exceeds 14 attendees. Weather conditions will determine how far out the captain will go. If the trip is cancelled due to weather or lack of attendance, your money will be refunded. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP DAYS. If you cancel and don't find someone to take your seat, you will forfeit your payment. The boat will depart from the Lazaretto Creek Marina @ 7:00 AM. Bring layers of clothing (including wet weather gear), a small cooler with your lunch and water, and sunscreen. ***Trip rigor: Challenging - be prepared for rough water.***

RICHMOND HILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Leader: Peter Range. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0.00

Meet Peter at the Richmond Hill High School parking lot at 8:00 AM. He will lead you to the facility to look for ducks, rails, wintering warblers, and sparrow. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, water, snacks, bug spray, and sunscreen. ***Trip rigor: Easy.***

TYBEE ISLAND HOTSPOTS

Leader: Diana Churchill. Depart: 7:30 AM. Return: 1:30 PM. Limit: 20 people. Cost: \$0.00, but be prepared to pay the Tybee Island parking meters.

Diana, a Tybee Island resident, will lead you to some of the best birding spots on Tybee Island. Meet Diana at the Jaycee Park parking lot. From there you will travel around the island together. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather, water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a scope. ***Trip rigor: Moderate, with quite a bit of walking on the beach.***