



# Ohio Ornithological Society

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Banquet

### May 16, 2009

Please join the Ohio Ornithological Society at our 2009 conference and annual banquet, and experience some of the best birding in the Midwest, at some of Ohio's premier natural areas.

Covering about 130 square miles of northwest Ohio, the Oak Openings is a naturalist's Eden. The botanical diversity is staggering, and more rare plants are found here than in any other region of the state. With all of those plants comes tremendous animal diversity, including birds. The "Oaks" is known for its specialty birds, in particular Ohio's only breeding population of Lark Sparrows. Other regional rarities are easily found, including Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, and Whip-poor-will.

Mid-May is a sensational time to be in the Oak Openings area, as many of the most interesting plants are in full flower, the animals are active, and all of the resident birds are back on territory. There will still be plenty of migrants streaming through, including coveted latecomers like Mourning and Connecticut warblers, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, and many more. Staging ground for the 2009 OOS conference is the beautiful Holiday Inn-French Quarter in Perrysburg, which is a stone's throw from the Oak Openings' best habitats. Many of the other northwest Lake Erie birding hotspots are within a half-hour drive, including Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and the legendary "Bird Trail", and many more outstanding birding sites.

While our conferences usually attracts between 100 to 150 birders, you'll want to register early in 2009, as this conference is likely to attract birders from all over the nation. Book now at our greatly reduced conference center rates to enjoy all the amenities of this first rate hotel. This Saturday-only conference will feature three nationally known speakers, and a full evening banquet. Visit our vendors, browse the educational displays, and enjoy good conversation with fellow birdwatchers.

And while you are in the area, choose a destination for Sunday; your conference packet will provide directions to seven great locations, ready to showcase the best they have to offer to our OOS membership. Pack a lunch and hit the road; there is lots to see in northwestern Ohio at the peak of spring migration!

Visit [www.ohiobirds.org](http://www.ohiobirds.org) for complete details!

This is a special one day conference on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Self-guided field trips are optional.



**ATTENDEE REGISTRATION**  
 \*\*Please fill out one registration form per attendee\*\*  
**The Ohio Ornithological Society**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**One Day Only- May 16, 2009**

Name:		Registration Deadline: May 6	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	
E-mail address:			
Attending Conference with:	Phone: (     )     -		

**Accommodations & Rates:** Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike, Route 20, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552  
 Room prices are special discount OOS rate of \$89.00 per night (tax not included). You must contact the  
 Holiday Inn Conference Center directly to reserve your room: 1-419-874-3111 or toll free 1-888-874-2592.

Saturday May 16	Holiday Inn French Quarter Conference Center	
3:00 PM	<b>Conference Registration Opens:</b> Hotel check-in starts, vendors open.	
4:00-6:00 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions:</b> Included in your OOS Conference pricing!	Consecutive Sessions
4:00 PM	<i>"So, I Married a Birder: The tales and trails of birders in love!"</i>	Kim Kaufman, BSBO
5:00 PM	Jim Berry, Ohio native, <i>Director of Roger Tory Peterson Institute</i>	Jim Berry, RTPI
6:00 PM	Mixer – Visit our vendors	
6:30 PM	<b>Buffet Dinner</b> (A buffet style meal, included with conference)	Emcee Bill Thompson III
7:30 PM	<b>OOS Annual Meeting and Evening Program</b>	
8:00 PM	<i>"Oak Openings: Desert of Diversity"</i>	Jim McCormac, OOS
Conference Price*	Conference package price for OOS members <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
	Conference package price for non-members <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65.00
Join OOS today! (optional)	One year dues for OOS Membership – Join or renew (optional)	
	Membership Levels: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 Family	\$25/\$40
Price* + Membership = Total price	Checks payable to: <b>O.O.S.</b> Registration Deadline: May 6 <b>PO Box 14051</b> <b>Columbus, OH 43214</b>	<b>Total Enclosed</b>
<b>Youth price:</b>	Special youth scholarship price –	\$25.00

<p><b>Enjoy some of Ohio's best birding hotspots during your visit to Perrysburg!</b>          Your OOS packet will provide information and maps to these self-guided destination options for Sunday.          These destinations offer expert naturalists (most are within 30 miles of our conference center)</p>
<b>Magee Marsh Wildlife Area-</b> Ohio's foremost warbler watching location: "The Boardwalk"
<b>Oak Openings, Toledo Metroparks-</b> Lark Sparrows, Blue Grosbeaks, visit the Nature Center
<b>Kitty Todd, The Nature Conservancy -</b> "Blue Weekend" offers a variety of activities
<b>Bird Banding at Springville Marsh-</b> Tom Bartlett lets you see birds up close and personal
<b>Black Swamp Bird Observatory-</b> Ohio's premier bird banding facility and research center
<b>Maumee Bay State Park-</b> Boardwalk birding and Maumee Bay Nature Center
<b>Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge -</b> 9,000 acres of habitat within the Lake Erie marsh region

\*Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be available after May 5, 2009. Questions or special needs? E-mail [Conf2009@ohiobirds.org](mailto:Conf2009@ohiobirds.org)

**SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT BONUS: Our preferred OOS rates will also apply for rooms booked for Friday May 15.**