

## 2012 Southeast Partners in Flight Meeting

Feb. 6-9, 2012 [Clarion Hotel](#), Raleigh, NC

### Monday, 2/6

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1130-1330 Travel to [Weymouth Woods](#)

1330-1730 [Weymouth Woods Field Trip](#)

1730-1900 Return to Raleigh

**1900-2100 Steering Committee Meeting (business meeting) –**

Meeting Room A1, NC Museum of Natural Sciences (through front door, down elevator on left to floor A1)

### Tuesday, 2/7

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0730-0830 Registration

0750-0810 Welcome/Meeting Overview

**0810-0910 Opening Speaker – [Dr. Ted Simons \(North Carolina State University\)](#) – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

0910-0930 Break (light breakfast items provided)

**0930-1130 Urbanization Session – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

0930-0950 [Feral Cats/TNR Overview—History/Policy/Strategic Actions](#) – Steve Holzman (USFWS Refuge I&M Program and Georgia Ornithological Society)

0950-1010 [Feral Cats, Land Management and Human Dimensions](#) – Chad Anderson (USFWS Key Deer NWR)

1010-1030 [Communication Towers and Migrating Songbirds in Arkansas](#) – Erin T. Macchia (Arkansas State University)

1030-1050 [Landscape-scale Effects of Urbanization](#) – [Dr. Jaime Collazo \(North Carolina State University\)](#)

1050-1110 [Urbanization Modeling](#) – [Dr. Todd Fearer \(Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture\)](#)

1110-1130 [The Effects of Soil Calcium and Invasive Plants on Urban Forest Breeding Birds](#) – Dr. Greg Shriver (University of Delaware)

1130-1300 Lunch (on your own – [see map of local restaurants](#))

**1300-1500 Alternative/Renewable Energy Session – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

1300-1330 [Coastal Wind Farms and Birds](#) – [Dr. Beth Gardner \(USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center\)](#)

1330-1400 [Effects of Wind Farms on Birds in Wisconsin: Lessons Learned for the Southeast](#) – Steven M. Grodsky

1400-1430 [Communicating the Risks of Renewable Energy to Birds](#) – [Curtis Smalling \(North Carolina Audubon\)](#)

1430-1500 [Potential Effects of Woody Biomass Harvests on Avian Habitat Quality](#) – [Dr. Chris Moorman \(North Carolina State University\)](#)

1500-1530 Break (light snacks provided)

**1530-1730 Workshop & Panel Discussion (concurrent sessions)**

**1530-1700 Green Growth Toolbox Demonstration – Hobnob Room**

Kacy Cook and Jeff Marcus of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission will present the Green Growth Toolbox (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/greengrowth/>), a technical assistance tool designed to provide communities, local governments, land use planners, planning boards and developers with data and recommendations for conservation of priority wildlife habitats that can be used in local land use planning, land use policy-making and development design. Participants will learn about the Toolbox, our approach and lessons learned, and how they can become involved in conserving wildlife habitat through the land use planning process.

**1530-1700 Public Participation in Scientific Research (PPSR) Panel Discussion – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

In this panel discussion, we have invited leaders and organizers of projects related to citizen science to discuss and debate the merits of public participation in scientific research (PPSR). Our goal is to come away with a guidance document summarizing the collective discussion, including several resources for evaluating and initiating a PPSR project.

**1800-2100 Poster Session & Museum tour** (light hors d'oeuvres/cash bar) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, [NC Museum of Natural Sciences](#)

Wed, 2/8

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0730-0830 Registration

**0800-1000 Using Fire to Conserve Avian Habitats – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

- 0800-0825 [Grassland Bird Response to Restored Prairies in the West Gulf Coastal Plain of Texas](#) – Clifford E. Shackelford (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)
- 0825-0850 [Restoring fire dependent communities in the Southern Appalachians; implications and impacts on bird conservation](#) – Dean M. Simon & Gordon Warburton (North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission)
- 0850-0915 [Active Management of Streamhead Pocosin Benefits Sandhills Songbird Community](#) – Jeff Marcus (North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission)
- 0915-0940 [Effects of Prescribed Burning on Swainson's Warbler Spatial Use and Habitat in Eastern Arkansas](#) – James C. Bednarz (Arkansas State University)
- 0940-1005 [Effects of Prescribed Burning on Golden-winged Warbler \(\*Vermivora chrysoptera\*\) Habitat and Populations in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee](#) – Katie L. Percy (University of Tennessee)

1005-1030 Break (light breakfast items provided)

**1030-1230 Southeast Partners in Flight Update Session – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

The objective of this session is to provide an overview on new partnerships, programs, and projects that have large southeastern scopes and may be of interest to the diverse Southeast Partners in Flight membership.

- 1030-1050 [A Field Guide to Southeast Bird Monitoring Protocols and Programs](#)– Dr. Ed Laurent (American Bird Conservancy)
- 1050-1110 *Making Sense of the Many Moving Parts: An Update on LCCs and Other Large Landscape Conservation Efforts (GCPOLCC and SALCC)* – Dr. John Tirpak (Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative) and Dr. Rua Mordecai (South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative)
- 1110-1130 [Status and Trends of the USFWS Southeast Regional Inventory and Monitoring Network](#) – Laurel Barnhill (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
- 1130-1150 [Desired Forest Conditions for Southern Pine Ecosystems](#) – Randy Wilson (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
- 1150-1210 [The Partners in Flight Strategic Plan 2012-2017: Where do Regional PIF Working Groups Plug In?](#) Terry Rich (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
- 1210-1230 [Southeast Partners in Flight Working Group Update](#) – Sergio Harding (SEPIF Working Group Chair)

1230-1400 Lunch (on your own - [see map of local restaurants](#))

**1430-1900 Field Trip (transportation provided)**

Tour the nearby [NC Museum of Natural Science's Prairie Ridge Ecostation](#), a 45 acre preserve 4.5 miles from downtown Raleigh. Composed largely of restored Piedmont prairie and bottomland forest, the Ecostation is a platform for experimentation with habitat management, sustainable building, educational programs, and citizen science projects. While visiting the station, Dr. Ted Simons will have a "Ribbit Radio" demonstration, a modified version of the All-Bird Radio equipment used to evaluate [factors affecting detectability in aural bird surveys](#). We will also tour [Schenk Forest](#), an NC State University research and demonstration forest nearby. Finally, if all goes well, we will try our luck to see and hear American Woodcock mating displays, a relatively common sight in the area.

Thu, 2/9

**0800-0915 Contributed Session – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

- 0800-0815 [Feasibility of predicting the effects of sea level rise on birds of tidal wetlands](#) – Bryan L. Nuse (University of Georgia)
- 0815-0830 [Measuring management: Using qualitative and quantitative tools to optimize shorebird habitat at Cobo Rojo Wildlife Refuge, Puerto Rico](#) – Louise B. Alexander (North Carolina State University)
- 0830-0845 [Landscape Factors Affecting Density of Clapper Rails and Seaside Sparrows in the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#) – Anna Joy J. Lehmicke (University of Georgia)
- 0845-0900 [Nesting Productivity of Black Skimmers in Coastal Louisiana Following the BP Oil Spill](#) – Brehan C. Furfey (Arkansas State University)
- 0900-0915 [Distribution, Landscape-Level Habitat Associations, and Current Status of the Cerulean Warbler in the Roanoke River Basin of North Carolina](#) – John P. Carpenter (North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission)

0915-0945 Break (light snacks provided)

**0945-1100 Contributed Session – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**

- 0945-1000 [Do Low Nesting Success and Diversity of Passerines in Bottomland Hardwood Habitat in Eastern Arkansas indicate the need for Forest Management?](#) – Amy L. Wynia (Arkansas State University)
- 1000-1015 [Landscape permeability of southern pine forests for Prairie Warblers and Bachman's Sparrows at Ft. Benning, GA](#) – Clark D. Jones (University of Georgia)
- 1015-1030 [Detection probability and shrub distribution influence estimates of golden-winged warbler patch occupancy](#) – Lesley Bulluck (Virginia Commonwealth University)
- 1030-1045 [Monitoring Northern Bobwhite Breeding Populations in the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region](#) – Christopher M. Lituma (University of Tennessee)
- 1045-1100 [Working with Citizen Scientists and Getting Results -- The Painted Bunting Observer Team Project](#) – James A. Rotenberg (University of North Carolina Wilmington)

1100-1130 Break

**1130-1300 Closing Speaker/Lunch – [Future of SEPIF](#) – [Dr. Bob Cooper \(University of Georgia\)](#) - Top of the Tower Restaurant – Clarion Hotel**

(Lunch is catered, included in registration cost)

**1300-1700 Steering Committee Meeting (general discussion) – Four Sisters/Clambake Room**