

Call for Papers for the 44th Annual Conference of Western Field Ornithologists

Abstracts are being accepted for scientific presentations at the 44th Annual Conference of **Western Field Ornithologists**, to be held 21-25 August 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Science sessions – perennially one of the highlights of WFO’s conferences – will be held on the afternoons of 23 and 24 August (Friday and Saturday).

Oral presentations should reflect original research or summarize existing unpublished information, and should be presented in a manner that will interest both serious amateur and professional field ornithologists. All researchers, including students, are encouraged to present.

Talks relating to the following themes are solicited:

- Status, distribution, migration, and population dynamics of birds
- Systematics and biogeography of birds
- Ecology, behavior, and evolution of birds
- New information on avian field identification problems
- Science-based conservation and management of birds
- Techniques for field study of birds, including censusing, monitoring, and other methods; and results of studies applying such techniques

Research described should apply to birds of the WFO region: western North America (from Alaska through Mexico, and the Great Plains to the Pacific coast) and the eastern Pacific Ocean. All talks should identify study objectives, describe methods and data analysis, present results, discuss the significance of the research, and propose future research directions. Oral presentations will be allotted 15 minutes, including 3 minutes for questions and discussion. We expect to have sufficient time in the schedule for 20-22 presentations.

Please submit an abstract of your presentation electronically to Steve Rottenborn at srottenborn@harveyecology.com no later than **1 June 2019**, following this format (all in Times, 10-point font):

YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME¹ and (if applicable) CO-AUTHOR FIRST NAME, CO-AUTHOR LAST NAME² [all caps]. **Title of your talk.** *¹Your affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if any, complete mailing address; e-mail address [all in italics]. ²Co-author affiliation and/or sponsoring organization(s), if different, complete mailing address, if different; e-mail address [all in italics].*

Brief (300-word maximum) summary of the objectives, methods, results, significance, and broader applicability of your study (Times, 10-point type).

Use superscripts only if co-authors have different contact information. Also, please include a brief (60-word maximum) bio for the presenting author. Presenters need not be members of WFO, but they must register for the conference (at least for one day).

Student presenters – the WFO is accepting applications for scholarships for the conference. New this year is a graduate student scholarship. More information on these scholarships, and how to apply, can be found at <https://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/scholarship.php>.

Contact Steve Rottenborn with any questions, and – for more information about the conference – please visit the WFO website at <http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/conference.php>. We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!