2026 WFO Conference Participation Waiver

Western Field Ornithologists (WFO) require all participants of the 2026 WFO Annual Conference to acknowledge and agree to the following Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release.

Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release

I agree and acknowledge, as a registrant for the 2026 WFO Annual Conference and all associated events conducted or arranged by WFO in which I may participate, that participation in such events has the potential to include a variety of risks and dangers. Those dangers may include but are not limited to, the hazards of vehicular and/or foot and/or other forms of travel; weather, temperature, high winds, flooding, and other forces of nature; and the possibility that an accident or illness could occur in remote places without access to immediate or timely medical treatment or facilities. With knowledge that these or other potential dangers may exist by virtue of my participation in the conference, I agree that I, not WFO, or anyone working for, with, or on behalf of WFO, am responsible for the well-being of myself and any minors who accompany me while participating in conference events, including field trips, and for any financial or other costs arising from any injuries or illness to me or any minors who accompany me during any conference event.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the 2026 WFO Annual Conference, such field trips and/or in other activities conducted by or arranged by WFO, **I voluntarily waive, release, and hold harmless WFO, its agents, field trip leaders, officers, directors, third parties, and anyone else acting on behalf of WFO in connection with the 2026 conference, from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, damages, costs, losses, disputes, and liens whatsoever on account of, or in any way arising out of personal injury, loss of life, loss or damage to property, illness, and any consequences thereof, directly or indirectly, resulting from, incidental to, in connection with, or arising out of my participation in conference activities**. The terms hereof shall serve as an assumption of risk, waiver, release, and indemnity for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, and for all members of my family or other persons under my supervision, including any minors accompanying me at the conference.

I have read and accept the above Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release, which

contains the entire and final agreement related to the subject matter hereof. The terms of this document are contractual and not mere recitals. This instrument shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Washington.

Safety Terms and Conditions:

Staying home when appropriate

- Attendees should stay home if they have tested positive for COVID or are showing symptoms of COVID.
- Monitor your health if you have had close contact with a person who had symptoms within the last 14 days.

As a participant in any of the 2026 WFO Annual Conference field trips, I will:

- Stay with the group.
- Notify the trip leader and the driver of the vehicle in which I am riding, if carpooling, of any plans to leave the group.
- Make sure all carpool participants are in the vehicle when we leave any destination.
- Not undertake any endeavor that would endanger my health, or the health of others, as I know it.
- Observe all applicable rules of conduct, policy, regulation and law, whether on public or private lands.
- Adhere, to the best of my abilities, to the American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics.

Non-smoking Policy: Smoking is not permitted at any time or any place during the 2026 conference, including field trips and outdoor activities.

Pet Policy: No pets are allowed at the 2026 WFO Conference, including field trips, workshops, receptions, banquet, and science sessions.

Conference Refund Policy: Conference passes, field trips and event tickets are non-refundable. Thank you for understanding.