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Annual Meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists September 13 through 15, 2001 • Cape May, New Jersey

You're invited to participate in the 2001 AFO meeting in Cape May, New Jersey. With help from friends and our local host, New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory (CMBO), we've arranged for two days of paper and poster sessions, banding demonstrations, a hawk banding workshop, field trips, and additional special events. See page 2 for the full agenda.

Cape May, a quaint Victorian seaside resort, is two hours by car from Philadelphia, three and a half hours from New York City or Washington, D.C., and 45 minutes from Atlantic City. The closest airport is Pomona International Airport in Atlantic City.

Cape May will be the perfect location for a September meeting. It is a "hot spot" for fall migration because southward-bound birds funnel through New Jersey, hesitating at Cape May Point before crossing Delaware Bay. There will be numerous opportunities to visit local birding areas including the hawk monitoring site at Cape May Point State Park, the banding station, and more. A "Birding Attack Pack," prepared especially for AFO members by the Cape May Bird Observatory, will be presented to you upon arrival. It will include a complete list of activities, including free passes. You can also view a comprehensive schedule of Cape May birding events on the CMBO web site at <<http://www.njaudubon.com>>.

A special treat at this meeting will be a hawk banding workshop and hawk aging seminar, presented by Bill Clark and his colleagues from the Cape May Raptor Banding Project, Inc. After the banquet on Saturday, Scott Sutcliffe, AFO president elect, will present a lively presentation about 100 years of birds at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

The paper/poster sessions and general business meeting (open to members) will be held at the Grand Hotel, located on the beachfront

at Cape May. On Friday night, dinner will be held at the nearby Chalfonte Hotel, a comfortable Victorian inn, just around the corner from the Grand Hotel.

Accommodations are available at either the Grand Hotel or the Chalfonte. A small number of rooms has been reserved at the Chalfonte for AFO members—call the Chalfonte Hotel directly to reserve a room (phone number below). A block of rooms has also been set aside for AFO members at the Grand Hotel—reserve a room by completing and mailing the enclosed reservation form directly to the Grand Hotel. The deadline for making reservations by mail is August 15. After August 15, reservations may be made by phone, but room price and availability are not guaranteed.

Turn the page to review a preliminary agenda of weekend events. Please complete the enclosed registration form as soon as possible and send it with your registration fee to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology by September 7, 2001. **Remember:** Send your meeting registration to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (deadline September 7), but send your Grand Hotel room reservation directly to the hotel (by August 15). Questions? Contact Scott Sutcliffe or Linda Hill at the Lab of Ornithology.

We're looking forward to a great conference!

Important Phone Numbers, Web Sites, and E-mail Addresses:

AFO

<http://www.afonet.org>

Chalfonte Hotel

<http://www.chalfonte.com> (609) 884-8409

Grand Hotel

<http://www.grandhotelcapemay.com> (800) 257-8550

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Scott Sutcliffe—sas10@cornell.edu

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Cape May Bird Observatory

<http://www.njaudubon.org>

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 13

- 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING at Chalfonte Hotel
2:00 – 6:00 P.M. Registration for members at the Grand Hotel
7:00 P.M. Council dinner at the Chalfonte Hotel—
AFO members cordially invited to join the Council

Friday, September 14

- 6:30 A.M. Coffee and early morning birding
6:30 – 9:00 A.M. Registration at the Grand Hotel
8:00 A.M. *Breakfast on your own*
9:00 A.M. Welcome from Local Host, response and
welcome by AFO President Jerry Jackson
9:15 – 12:00 P.M. Paper session at the Grand Hotel
12:00 P.M. *Lunch on your own*
1:30 – 3:00 P.M. Hawk Banding Workshop with Bill Clark,
Cape May Raptor Banding Project, at Cape
May Point.
3:30 – 4:30 P.M. Paper session at the Grand Hotel
3:30 – 4:30 P.M. Special Presentation at the Grand Hotel:
Molt in Raptors and its use in Aging. Bill
Clark, Cape May Raptor Banding Project
6:00 P.M. *Dinner at the Chalfonte* (by reservation)

Saturday, September 15

- 6:30 A.M. Coffee and early morning birding
8:00 A.M. *Breakfast on your own*
9:00 – 11:30 A.M. Field Trip: Cape May Research and
Education Center. Demonstration of Back
Yard Habitat for Birds and Insects
10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Banding Demonstration: Cape May
National Wildlife Refuge 2-Mile Beach
Unit Banding Station
12:00 P.M. *Lunch on your own*
1:00 – 1:30 P.M. AFO Business Meeting (open to members)
1:30 – 4:00 P.M. Paper Session, Grand Hotel
4:30 – 6:00 P.M. Poster Reception, Grand Hotel. Cash bar
reception with fruit and cheese
6:30 P.M. *Banquet at the Grand* (by reservation)
8:00 P.M. After-dinner Presentation: *From Gun
Canes to Microchips, 100 years at the
Cornell Lab of Ornithology*, Scott Sutcliffe

AFO's Mission

The Association of Field Ornithologists, Inc. (AFO) is a society of professional and amateur ornithologists dedicated to the scientific study and dissemination of information about birds in their natural habitats. Founded in 1922 as the Northeastern Bird-banding Association, AFO continues to be especially active in bird-banding and development of field techniques. Additionally, AFO encourages participation of amateurs in research, and emphasizes conservation biology of birds. The geographic focus is the Western Hemisphere, with contributions to the ornithology of the Neotropics particularly encouraged. The Association's annual meetings and its quarterly *Journal of Field Ornithology* reflect these goals.

SPEAKERS

William S. Clark

Bill Clark is a photographer, author, and lecturer with over 30 years experience working with birds of prey, including five years as Director of National Wildlife Federation's Raptor Information Center. He has published numerous articles about raptors; has travelled extensively studying, observing, and photographing raptors; and has led raptor and birding tours and workshops, worldwide, with his company, Raptours. He regularly teaches courses on raptor field identification and biology.

Bill has written a raptor field guide for Europe, and is writing another for Africa, as well as a companion photographic guide. He and Brian Wheeler coauthored the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* and the completely revised Peterson guide, *Hawks*, will be released in November. For over 30 years, Bill has coordinated the Cape May Raptor Banding Project in New Jersey.

Scott Sutcliffe

Scott Sutcliffe is Associate Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology where he has spent 16 years assisting in the design and funding of Lab research, education, and conservation projects. Prior to joining the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Scott directed a field office for The Nature Conservancy and before that he studied the nesting ecology of loons throughout much of New England. Scott received a BS from Cornell in 1975 and an MS from the University of New Hampshire in 1980, both in wildlife ecology.

His Saturday evening talk will touch on the Lab of Ornithology's role in the developing ornithological studies in the 20th century and will expand upon the exciting and innumerable opportunities for using the Web as a tool in bird monitoring and conservation efforts in the 21st century.

DINNERS

A dinner at the Chalfonte Hotel on Friday night and a banquet at the Grand Hotel on Saturday night have been organized for conference attendees. Please indicate on the reservation form which dinners you plan to attend. Dinners are \$31 per person.

Friday's dinner at the Chalfonte Hotel will include everything on their menu (from relish tray to dessert) including seafood, vegetarian fare, leg of lamb, and crab cakes.

Saturday's banquet at the Grand Hotel will feature three menu choices: prime rib, stuffed flounder, and a vegetarian dish. Please indicate your choice on the registration form.

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

AFO offers assistance to students presenting papers at AFO meetings. To apply for assistance, please send a one- to two- page expanded abstract, a budget (including registration fee), and one letter of recommendation to:

Cecilia Riley
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
103 West Highway 332
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

REGISTRATION FORM—AFO Annual Meeting

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Name(s): _____
 Employer or affiliation (for badge): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone (daytime): _____ FAX: _____
 E-mail: _____

Meeting Registration (per person cost):

Before 15 August
 General: ___ X \$30 ea. = \$ _____
 Student: ___ X \$25 ea. = _____
After 15 August
 General: ___ X \$35 ea. = _____
 Student: ___ X \$30 ea. = _____
 Friday Dinner: ___ X \$31 ea. = _____
 Saturday Dinner: ___ X \$31 ea. = _____
 Indicate choice: ___ Prime Rib
 ___ Flounder
 ___ Vegetarian

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Check should be made payable to Cornell Lab of Ornithology
 and sent with this part of the form to
 Linda Hill
 Cornell Lab of Ornithology
 159 Sapsucker Woods Road
 Ithaca, NY 14850*

RELEASE

*This release must be signed
 before registration can be accepted.*

Each registrant named, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists (AFO). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to AFO and their 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 registrants participation in this meeting.

Name (print): _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

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 Signature: _____
 Date: _____



GRAND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM—AFO Meeting, September 13–15, 2001

RETURN THIS PART TO **The Grand Hotel** *or FAX to: (609) 898-0341*
 1045 Beach Drive
 Cape May, NJ 08204

Reserve your room at the Grand Hotel by completing this form and mailing it to the Grand Hotel. **DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY. Reservations by mail will be accepted until August, 15, 2001.** After August 15 please make your reservations by telephone (1-800-257-8550).

The AFO room rate is \$96 per night for single or double occupancy. Rooms contain two double beds.

Number of guests _____
 I/We will be staying these nights:
 ___ Sept. 13 ___ Sept. 14 ___ Sept. 15
 (Please contact the Grand Hotel directly to reserve a room for other dates.)

Payment method (check one): Check Credit card: VISA
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Name on card _____

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Signature _____

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AFO Annual Meeting REGISTRATION INFORMATION INSIDE

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submissions are welcome on any ornithological topic for presentation at the meeting, either orally (15-minute time slot) or as a poster. Please follow the instructions below for submitting an abstract. Invited speakers are also asked to submit an abstract. **Deadline for receipt of abstracts is August 3.** Send them to Erica Dunn, preferably by e-mail <Erica.Dunn@ec.gc.ca>, although regular mail is acceptable (Canadian Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Research Centre, 100 Gamelin Blvd., Hull, Quebec K1A 0H3). Any questions should be directed to Alicia Craig (<craig@wbu.com>; telephone: 317-571-7100, ext. 121). Your abstract should not exceed 250 words in total, and should be in the format of the example shown below.

Skip a line after the abstract and then put in (1) the name and e-mail of the corresponding author (or other contact information, if no e-mail address), and (2) what kind of equipment you will need for your presentation. Slide, overhead, and computer image projectors will be provided, but please note that you must bring your own computer (for computer presentations), and any additional audio-visual equipment not listed here.

Example of abstract

Title of presentation (in bold text).

LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME, *short address of author in italics*, and LASTNAME2, FIRSTNAME2, *short address of next author*.

Start the text of the abstract indented, on a separate line. For multi-authored papers, put an asterisk at the end of the first name of the author who will be making the presentation (e.g. LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME*).

John Doe (jdoe@bixx.org)
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