

OOS SPRING FIELD MEETING 2013

Idabel, Oklahoma, Friday April 26 through Sunday April 28, 2013

Please join us for the OOS Spring Field meeting at **Idabel** and the warm, birdy climes of southeastern Oklahoma. Field trips to the **Little River National Wildlife Refuge, McCurtain County Wilderness Area, and Red Slough** are planned. The Friday evening registration and social, and the Saturday evening dinner and presentation will all be held at **The Museum of the Red River**. The featured presenters on Saturday will be Dr. Douglas James and Dr. Ragupathy Kannan who will present a talk entitled: the Ecology and Conservation of the Great Hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*) in the Western Ghats of southern India.

Southeastern Oklahoma is a great place to be in April. We hope to see all of you there. This is a fantastic opportunity to watch and learn about the birds of southeastern Oklahoma. It is also a wonderful time to see old friends and make new ones. Please consider bringing along folks who might be interested in joining OOS as this is a great showcase for our organization. We look forward to seeing you there!

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

OOS has reserved a block of 12 rooms at Comfort Suites (580-286-9393) at a conference rate of \$89.99 +tax.

There are also other accommodations nearby at the Super 8 Idabel (580-286-2888), and at Broken Bow at the Microtel Inn and Suites (580-584-7708) and the Broken Bow Inn (580-584-9103).

MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:00–7:00 PM Registration table opens at Museum of the Red River.
6:00-7:00 PM OOS Executive Board meeting. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

Other Options: Join us for a social mixer after you register. A projector will be provided to show any photos from recent bird trips. This is a fun way to look at exciting birds from near and far and interact with fellow OOS members. There will also be nocturnal birding trip to find owls, nightjars, and other nocturnal critters on the museum grounds. Meet outside the museum to participate.

SATURDAY

(Breakfast on your own, Comfort Suites has agreed to make their complimentary breakfast available at 5:00 am)

Field Trips –For all field trips, bringing snacks and water is strongly encouraged. Also, insect repellent and sunscreen might serve you well.

7:00–Noon Morning field trip to Little River National Wildlife Refuge led by Mia Revels. Meet at the Museum. Trip caravan will leave at 7AM.

Noon–1:30 Lunch on your own

1:30–4:30 Afternoon field trip to McCurtain County Wilderness Area led by John Skeen. The group can caravan/carpool to the Wilderness Area from the Museum departing by 1:30.

5:00–7:00 Dinner at the Museum. Please pay **in advance**. Dinner will be self-serve with vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

7:00–8:15 Dr. Douglas James and Dr. Ragupathy Kannan will give a lively and highly entertaining presentation on the Ecology and Conservation of the Great Hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*) in the Western Ghats of southern India.

SUNDAY

(Breakfast on your own, Comfort Suites has agreed to make their complimentary breakfast available at 5:00 am)

8:00-?? Morning Field trip to Red Slough led by David Arbour

You may register in advance (preferred) by completing this form and mailing it, **with your payment**, to the address listed below. Please note that to qualify for the early registration discount, mailed applications must be postmarked no later than April 16th, 2013. You may also register on-line by visiting www.okbirds.org. The registration fee helps cover the day use cost for the Museum of the Red River, as well as our costs for organizing the meeting. Prices are per person.

Registration Fees

	<u>Early (4/16/13)</u>	<u>On Site</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u> .
<u>Registration fees</u>				
Student	\$10	\$15	_____	_____
Member	\$20	\$30	_____	_____
Non-member	\$25	\$35	_____	_____
 <u>Saturday night dinner</u>				
Sat. Dinner	\$12.00		_____	_____

NAME (S) _____

AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Send form with check made out to OOS to: Nadine Varner, 1117 West Griggs, Mustang, OK 73064.

THE MUSEUM OF THE RED RIVER

812 East Lincoln Road
 Idabel, Oklahoma, 74745
 (580) 286-3616

From Oklahoma City: Take I-235 S / US-77 S. Merge onto I-40 E via EXIT 1A on the left toward I-35 N / Wichita / US-62 E / Ft Smith. Merge onto Indian Nation Turnpike S via EXIT 240A toward McAlester / Dallas (Portions toll). Indian Nation Turnpike S becomes US-70 E. Turn right onto US-70 / County Road N4605. Continue to follow US-70. US-70 becomes W Lincoln Rd. 1812 E LINCOLN RD is on the right.

From Tulsa: US-75 S / US-64 W / OK-51 W toward I-244. Merge onto I-244 W / US-75 S via the exit on the left toward Okmulgee /Okla. City. Keep left to take US-75 S via EXIT 2 toward Glenpool / Okmulgee. Merge onto Indian Nation Turnpike S (Portions toll). Indian Nation Turnpike S becomes US-70 E. Turn right onto US-70 / County Road N4605. Continue to follow US-70. US-70 becomes W Lincoln Rd. 812 E LINCOLN Road is on the right.

From Bartlesville: Merge onto US-75 S. Keep right at the fork to go on US-75 S / Cherokee Expy. Merge onto I-244 W via the exit on the left toward Okla City. Keep left to take US-75 S via EXIT 2 toward Glenpool / Okmulgee. Merge onto Indian Nation Turnpike S (Portions toll). Indian Nation Turnpike S becomes US-70 E. Turn right onto US-70 / County Road N4605. Continue to follow US-70. US-70 becomes W Lincoln Rd. 812 E LINCOLN RD is on the right.

