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## Nocturnal flight calls: an introduction to identification, recording, and monitoring

Speaker: Robert Dobbs, Nongame Avian Ecologist, LDWF

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. program

Community Church Unitarian Universalist, 6690 Fleur de Lis (Lakeview).

Most species of migratory birds make long, uninterrupted flights at night, and many of these migrants give species-specific vocalizations while in flight. Recording and identifying these nocturnal flight calls is an esoteric birding niche that also has many potential conservation and monitoring applications. This talk will provide an introduction to the methods and challenges involved in nocturnal flight call monitoring and a window into the always fascinating results.

Robert Dobbs is the nongame avian ecologist for the Wildlife Diversity Program, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, where he works to identify the status and distributions, habitat associations, and factors limiting populations of bird species of greatest conservation need, and to facilitate management actions and research and monitoring programs for their benefit. Rob is an avid birder in his free time, is active in the birding community, particularly through the Louisiana Ornithological Society, and is involved in numerous outreach efforts to engage the public in birding and the value of Louisiana's avifauna. Rob lives in Lafayette with his wife Meribeth, their two boys Gabriel and Benjamin, and their dog Blaze.

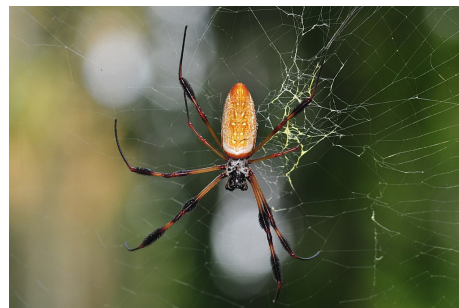


## Mastering the Web: A Fascinating Journey through the Natural History of Spiders

Speaker: Dr. Aimée K. Thomas

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. program



Golden silk orb weaver

Community Church Unitarian Universalist, 6690 Fleur de Lis (Lakeview).

Dr. Aimée K. Thomas is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the interdisciplinary Environment Program at Loyola University New Orleans. She has an interest in promoting environmental awareness by 1) researching the natural history of invertebrate species, particularly local and tropical spider communities, and 2) effective communication of science through community-engaged learning research, teaching, and outreach. Her recent projects have focused on spider communities in Belize, New Orleans City Park, and Jean Lafitte National Park, insect pollinators in urban landscapes, using urban landscapes as a learning lab, and STEM education in informal learning environments. She currently serves as PI on the funded project “Transforming a public work into a learning laboratory” where they are studying ways to empower New Orleanians to sustainably live with water. Aimée will discuss her passion for and fascination with spiders.



## OAS Spring Banquet

**Western Australia and the Northern Territory, August 2022**

Presenters: Ken Harris and Joelle Finley

Tuesday, May 21

Times: 6:30 p.m. cash bar, 7:00 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. program

Location: Porter & Luke’s Restaurant, 1517 Metairie Rd, Metairie, LA 70005 Cost: \$45.00 per person. Reservations required. See banquet reservation form on page 10.

The states of Western Australia and the Northern Territory contain vast tracts of uninhabited desert wilderness and thousands of miles of unspoiled and stunning coastlines, all filled with birds. Travel along with Ken and Joelle as they make their way from Perth in the southwest to the outback and the MacDonnell range in Alice Springs, and finally to tropical and humid Darwin in the far north, discovering along the way the fun-loving Aussie lifestyle including very strange boat races. We finished the trip with around 300 bird species birding from the Southern Ocean shores to deserts to tropical forests.



## OAS Birding Trips

Bring binoculars, field guides, bug spray, rain gear, sunscreen and refreshments. Boots and cell phones may be useful. Snacks and drinks are recommended. Contact the trip leader if you have questions. Any last minute changes will be posted on OAS's website, so check the events page for updates: <https://jjaudubon.net/events/>

At the discretion of the leader(s) trips will be divided into groups if the number of attendees becomes too large. eBird users: Please share your eBird account email address with the trip leader and the trip leader or designee will keep the trip list to share with participants.

### **Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge – half-day trip Saturday, March 30, 8:00 a.m.**

Meet at the Bayou Ridge Trail entrance located on the left side of U.S. 90 (Chef Menteur Highway). Take the I-510 Exit off of I-10, turn left on Chef Hwy and proceed about 4 miles. Leader: Peter Yaukey, (504) 400-3286, [pyaukey@uhcno.edu](mailto:pyaukey@uhcno.edu)

### **Grand Isle – all-day trip Saturday, April 13, 8:00 a.m.**

Meet at Moran's grocery/gas station (It is now open!) on the corner of Hwy. 1 and Hwy 3090 (Fourchon Rd.) right where you come off of the new bridge. Note: The new bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway is a toll bridge. Leaders: Ken Harris and Joelle Finley, 504-715-2647, [jjf1946@gmail.com](mailto:jjf1946@gmail.com)

### **Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge – half-day trip Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.**

Meet at the Bayou Ridge Trail entrance located on the left side of U.S. 90 (Chef Menteur Highway). Take the I-510 Exit off of I-10, turn left on Chef Hwy and proceed about 4 miles. Leader: Peter Yaukey, (504) 400-3286, [pyaukey@uhcno.edu](mailto:pyaukey@uhcno.edu)

### **Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, Barataria Unit – half-day trip Saturday, May 25, 8:00 a.m.**

Meet in the Bayou Coquille Parking Lot. Take the Crescent City Connection, about 5 miles after reaching the West Bank, take Exit 4B, the Barataria Boulevard Exit. Follow the signs for the National Historic Park  
Leader: Peter Yaukey (504) 400-3286, [pyaukey@uhcno.edu](mailto:pyaukey@uhcno.edu)

## **St. Bernard Bird Festival**

Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Los Islenos Museum Complex, 1357 Bayou Road, St. Bernard, LA 70085 <https://saintbernardbirdfestival.org/>

Dr. Erik Johnson of Audubon Delta, will band neo-tropical migratory birds on site. Glenn Ousset will lead birding tours. Linda van Aman will give several walking tours along the Nature Trail, identifying native plants and their importance. Charlotte Clark, representing Common Ground Relief, will have saplings available. She will discuss the usefulness of these trees in our environment. Several woodcarvers will again display their beautiful work depicting local birds.

The Friday presentation by Krista Adams will focus on Purple Martins and their habitat in the Amazon Valley. She will reveal her findings during her recent trip to Brazil. On Saturday Dr Erik Johnson will give a presentation on hummingbirds.



# Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration

April 19 and 20, 2024

<https://www.townofgrandisle.com/events/grand-isle-migratory-bird-festival/>

Registration is at the Grand Isle School, where you will receive your arm band. Arrive at the school and/or the site of the tour at least 15 minutes prior.

## Friday, April 19, 2024

1:00 PM Queen Bess Rookery Tour Meet at WildLife & Fisheries Facility, 194 Ludwig Lane, go through 2 sets of double gates, park on the gravel lot near the Parking Sign, FREE  
3:00 PM Queen Bess Rookery Tour - See instructions above  
3:30 PM State Park Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
3:30 PM Cox Fields Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
4:00 PM Landry/LeBlanc/GrilleHa Tracts Meet at School \$15.00  
5:00 PM Queen Bess Rookery Tour - See instructions above  
6:00 – 7:30 PM Evening Calls-Social Time at Post Lane \$15.00

## Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:00 AM Landry/LeBlanc Tract, Meet at school, then walking \$15.00  
8:00 AM Queen Bess Rookery, Meet at Wildlife & Fisheries Lab, see instructions above  
8:00 AM State Park Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
8:00 AM Cox Fields Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
8:30 AM Elmer's Island Road & Shoreline Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
9:30 AM Landry/LeBlanc/GrilleHa Tract Meet at School, then walking \$15.00  
10:00 AM Queen Bess Rookery Tour Meet at Wildlife & Fisheries Lab, see instructions above  
Lunch. Please enjoy our local restaurants.  
1:00 PM Guest Speaker Meet in School Cafeteria FREE  
2:00 PM Photography Tour Meet at School, then walking with George Ritchie \$15.00  
2:00 PM Landry/LeBlanc/GrilleHa Meet at School, then walking \$15.00  
3:00 PM Queen Bess Rookery Tour Meet at Wildlife & Fisheries  
3:00 PM State Park Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
4:00 PM Cox Fields Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
4:00 PM Elmer's Island Meet at School, then carpool \$15.00  
5:00 PM Queen Bess Rookery Tour Meet at Wildlife & Fisheries

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**GiveNOLA Day is Tuesday May 7**



## Changes in OAS Leadership

Two long-time Directors, Dan Purrington and Todd Hymel, recently stepped down from the OAS Board of Directors due to family obligations, and Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion joined the our leadership team. The good news is that Dan and Todd are not going anywhere, so both are still a part of OAS, and we still see them at OAS functions. Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion was already attending OAS Board meetings because she is spearheading the Rooftop Nesting Bird Program, so she's a natural fit for the Board. OAS would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan and Todd for their many years of service and give Chloe a warm welcome.

**Dr. Robert “Dan” Purrington** joined the OAS Board of Directors in 1996 and stepped down in October of 2023. During his 27 years of service, he was a member of the Conservation, Sanctuary, Finance and Nominating committees. One of his most notable accomplishments while on the board was to help establish the Lafitte Woods Preserve, a sanctuary for migratory birds, on Grand Isle. Dan also authored “A Bird Finder’s Guide to Southeast Louisiana” which is no longer in print, but which OAS now makes available in a digital format on our website. Another notable contribution was Dan’s advice and insistence that the Board invest OAS’s surplus funds to insure the financial security of the organization. Dan has also led birding trips, has lectured at OAS membership meetings, contributed articles to The Ibis newsletter, participated in numerous Christmas Bird Counts, and served as the compiler of the Venice CBC. It is our great fortune that Dr. Purrington, a physics and astronomy professor emeritus, also cares deeply about birds and the environment.

Professor **Todd Hymel** joined the OAS Board in January of 2009 and stepped down in August of 2023. During his nearly 14 years as a Director, Todd has served continuously on the Conservation Committee. His contributions while on the board include leading grassroots advocacy in response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster and serving as OAS’s liaison for Louisiana-based land trust organizations. He also recruited Chieko Hunter to the Board and gave lectures at OAS membership meetings.

OAS’s leaders are thrilled to have **Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion** join the Board! She came on board in January. Chloe received a Bachelor of Sciences in Biology from ULL. She then worked as a field technician for National Audubon Society in southeastern Louisiana where she studied and monitored coastal beach-nesting birds. She is currently the Coastal Bird Technician for Audubon Delta and spearheads the rooftop nesting birds monitoring program. Talents she brings to the board include her bird survey and monitoring experience, bird banding, and being an ace birder. Her dedication to bird conservation and boundless enthusiasm are certainly going to come in handy. Her employment with Audubon Delta will also facilitate more exchange and collaboration between OAS and Audubon Delta, the National Audubon Society’s regional organization, representing Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.



In the photo, Chloe is holding a Yellow Rail.

Here’s what Chloe has to say about working with birds, Audubon and joining the OAS Board: “I’ve loved birds since I was a kid; I was raised by birders! I used to borrow my parents’ field guides and just flip through them in my free time for fun. I suppose it was only natural that that innate love for birds translated itself into a career. Working for Audubon is an amazing experience, because I get to spend every day making a tangible difference to help better the lives of the birds I grew up with. As one of the leaders of New Orleans’ rooftop-nesting bird program and OAS’s newest board member, I want to protect our urban seabirds and help establish bird-friendly practices within the city that will encourage the return of these species to nesting areas for years to come.”

# Louisiana Needs to Get the Lead Out of Hunting and Fishing

By Jennifer Coulson

The dangers of lead exposure to humans are well known, but lead also poses a serious threat to Louisiana's native birds and other wildlife. Birds are most often exposed to lead when they ingest lead in the environment. Lead toxicity can also occur when a bird survives being shot and retains lead in its tissues. Major sources of lead in the environment, lead which wildlife might ingest, are spent lead ammunition and discarded lead fishing tackle (Rattner et al. 2008, Pain et al. 2019).

As someone who has treated wild raptors with lead poisoning, I can tell you that lead is a severely debilitating toxin and one which causes considerable suffering. Lead poisoning affects the bird's central nervous system and is often lethal. Clinical signs of lead toxicity in birds include: incoordination, weakness, altered mental activity, lack of appetite, weight loss, paralysis of the legs, circling, tremors of the body and head, droopy wings/posture, seizures, blindness, excessive thirst, regurgitation, pale color of mucous membranes, and red to brown discoloring of droppings, green watery diarrhea, or excessively wet droppings (Pain et al. 2019). Lead also suppresses cell-mediated immunity in birds, making them more susceptible to infections (Vallverdú-Coll 2019). Birds suffering from lead poisoning might either die directly from lead toxicity or indirectly because their loss of motor skills, coordination and/or immunity render them more vulnerable to predation, collision, starvation, or disease.

A diverse group of wild birds have been documented ingesting spent lead ammunition under a number of circumstances. Predatory and scavenger birds ingest lead when eating animals that either were wounded or died and were not recovered by the hunter. When Bald Eagles and vultures scavenge carcasses or gut piles that hunters leave in the field, they may inadvertently ingest small lead fragments imbedded in the meat. Waterfowl (e.g., swans, ducks, and geese) and upland birds (e.g., Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, Mourning Doves) often ingest lead shot because they mistake it for grit or seeds. Gamebirds and doves need grit in their gizzard to help grind seeds. Exposure to lead from ammunition has also been documented in a variety of other birds, including cranes (Whooping Crane, Sandhill Crane), rails (Clapper Rail, King Rail, Virginia Rail, Sora), gulls (Herring Gull), shorebirds (e.g., Long-billed Dowitcher, Black-necked Stilt), American Crow, Brown Thrasher, Dark-eyed Junco, even and warblers (Yellow-rumped Warbler; Tranel and Kimmel 2009).

A number of bird species ingest lead fishing tackle under several conditions. Fish-eating birds like Osprey, Bald Eagles, and Brown Pelicans sometimes ingest lead tackle when hunting fish (Rattner et al 2008). Common Loons usually ingest lead tackle (e.g., sinkers, jigs) as a result of human fishing activity (Specht et al. 2019). Loons sometimes strike at bait as it is being retrieved, or strike at a fish that is being reeled in, or ingest a fish that has broken a line and has ingested or attached tackle. Loons and grebes also ingest small pieces of lead tackle (e.g., slip shot) from the lake bottom when they mistake it for grit needed for the gizzard.

**Non-lead Regulations.**—Recognizing that poisoning from lead shot was killing an estimated two million ducks every year, in 1991 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) banned its use nationwide when hunting ducks, geese, swans, and coots (Bryne 2023). The regulations requiring non-lead ammunition were expanded in the mid-1990s to include hunting for snipe, rails, and gallinules and required the use of non-lead shot for hunting these species with muzzleloading shotguns. These lead bans clearly had a positive effect on duck populations: for example, Anderson et al. (2000) estimated that on the Mississippi Flyway, mallard deaths due to lead shot poisoning were reduced by 64%.

In addition to the lead shot ban when hunting waterfowl, the USFWS and locally Southeast Louisiana Refuges now also require that anyone hunting small game with shotguns on federal refuges and waterfowl production areas must use non-toxic shot. Non-toxic ammunition is also required when hunting doves and nutrias on any of Louisiana's state-owned Wildlife Management Areas. These are all positive measures but we could be doing more to phase out lead ammunition used for hunting large game and lead fishing tackle.

In 2017, the USFWS issued Order No. 219 to phase out lead ammunition for hunting game other than waterfowl on national wildlife refuges and added the phasing out of lead fishing tackle on national wildlife refuges. While the order had good intentions, it caused an uproar among hunters and fishers because there had been no stakeholder involvement. The incoming Interior Secretary immediately overturned the order.

**Still too Much Lead in the Environment.**—Unfortunately, lead poisoning from spent ammunition and fishing tackle remains a serious problem for wildlife. According to our partners at the American Bird Conservancy, an estimated 16 million birds are poisoned by lead every year. In New Hampshire, lead poisoning is the leading cause of mortality in Common Loons, accounting for 48.6% of deaths (Grade et al. 2018). Grade et al. (2018) estimated that lead poisoning reducing the New Hampshire population of loons by 43% during the years of the study (1989–2012). In response to loon mortality on the breeding grounds, four northeastern states now prohibit the sale and/or use of lead jigs or sinkers that weigh 1 ounce or less. In their nationwide study, Slabe et al. (2022) evaluated the lead exposure of 1210 Bald and Golden Eagles, including 620 live eagles, and discovered unexpectedly high frequencies of lead poisoning. Demographic modeling indicated that lead poisoning may be suppressing the growth rate of North American populations of the Bald Eagle by as much as 3.8% and the Golden Eagle by 0.8%. Franson et al. (2003) found that 2.7% of 365 Brown Pelicans sampled had ingested lead fishing weights.

The switch to non-lead hunting and fishing products remains highly controversial among the stakeholders. Lead products are cheaper, and because lead is a much softer metal, it tends to cause less damage to gun barrels. Another argument hunters use to continue the use of lead ammunition is that lead shot kills more birds outright, rather than non-toxic alternatives which might only wound them.

Considering solutions moving forward, both The Peregrine Fund and The Wildlife Society recommend a voluntary phase-out of lead ammunition and fishing tackle. The Wildlife Society's 2022 goals regarding wildlife and lead toxicity include: "advancing the voluntary replacement of lead-based hunting ammunition and fishing tackle with non-lead products, encouraging the ammunition industry to develop additional capacity to produce non-lead products and to develop new ones to meet consumer demand, and advocating for policies that promote the phase-out of lead-based hunting ammunition and fishing tackle (particularly tackle that weighs less than 2 ounces)." However, it should be noted that Minnesota's extensive 10-year education and outreach campaign to encourage the switch to non-lead tackle was a failure (Grade et al. 2019).

In February, The Peregrine Fund hosted a raptor conservation event for hunters in Broussard, Louisiana, that included lead-free ballistics demonstrations. The Peregrine Fund has also been in discussions with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries about encouraging voluntary use of non-lead ammunition. After the event in Broussard, Tom and I met with two of representatives of the Peregrine Fund, Chris McClure, Director of Global Conservation, and Heather Meuleman, Vice-President of Development, to discuss the changeover to non-lead ammunition campaign.

### Ways Fishers Can Help

- Switch to lead-free tackle made from non-toxic materials such as bismuth, tin, tungsten, steel, and ceramics (Note: Zinc-containing tackle is toxic to wildlife.)
- Dispose of old lead tackle properly
- Ask your local sporting goods store to carry lead-free fishing tackle
- Educate others about the dangers of lead fishing tackle and ask them to use non-lead alternatives

### Ways Hunters Can Help

- Switch to lead-free ammunition made of non-toxic materials such as copper, tin, tungsten and steel
- If you do use lead ammunition, remove a wide girth of the gunshot area before disposing of the carcass. Lead rifle ammunition can peel off and become lodged in tissue as much as 14 inches from the point of bullet entry.
- Ask your local sporting goods store to carry lead-free ammunition
- Educate others about the dangers of lead ammunition to humans and wildlife and ask them to use non-lead alternatives

Clearly, education and outreach will be key to cleaning up the environment. We can all do our part to help spread the word about the harmful effects of lead to humans and wildlife.

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X-ray of American White Pelican with lead poisoning reveals fishing hook and lead sinker in digestive system. Photo courtesy of Raptor Education Group, Inc.



## John (Jack) Palmer Sevenair Ph.D.

October 12, 1943 – January 20, 2024

John Sevenair (known as Jack to his family) was born in Somerville, New Jersey on October 12, 1943, and grew up in North Bellmore, New York. He received his undergraduate degree from MIT and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Notre Dame. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Georgia Tech, he arrived in New Orleans where he spent his professional career at Xavier University in the Department of Chemistry achieving the rank of Professor and Chairman of the department. John was a philanthropist who would loan Xavier students tuition money for medical school. Upon retirement he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus.



John loved Xavier, teaching and his students. He was deeply committed to student success and pioneered an innovative learning system that resulted in outstanding achievement for students of Organic Chemistry, a system that has long been mimicked by other departments as well as other universities across the nation. John co-authored 7 publications in peer reviewed journals related to educating minorities in STEM fields. He also wrote 9 books (textbooks/ test banks/student manuals) during his tenure at Xavier University.

**Once in New Orleans, John immersed himself in the New Orleans Group of the Sierra Club, the Louisiana Ornithological Society and the Orleans Audubon Society. He was an adventurer, a birder, a backpacker, a spelunker, a history buff, an astronomer (chasing solar eclipses across the country), a scuba diver and a world traveler. He once joined a group and drove from the tip of South Africa to the Mediterranean telling wild stories of the transit of the Central African Republic rivers with no bridges. He lost a tremendous amount of weight on that trip. He crawled into most of the caves in Louisiana and elsewhere. He traveled the world in search of birds and has seen almost 6,000 of the birds of the world. He enjoyed searching for mammals around the globe, especially whales and dolphins. He gave marvelous slide shows of his adventures.**

John was able to sleep whether lying down, sitting down or standing up. As Gwen Smalley explained “John had such a high IQ that his batteries would run down frequently and needed recharging”! John enjoyed many meals at the home of Gwen and Al Smalley along with the home of Ann Duffy among others. Gwen always called John “an eager eater”. He often “napped afterwards” in a living room chair.

John wrote/edited The Sierra Club Guide to the Delta Country, Trail Guide to the Delta Country, and Guide to Louisiana Trails and the Delta Country which included maps and details to SE Louisiana for birding, cycling, hiking, camping and canoeing. He worked along with the New Orleans Group of the Sierra Club to get Jean Lafitte National Park established. He did a scientific survey of Monk Parakeets in the New Orleans Area and successfully fought to get the bird listed on the Official Louisiana Bird List. John also wrote several unpublished science fiction novels.

John is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Peter and Becky Sevenair of Rhode Island, a cousin Joan Lillevand of California and long-time great friends Lydia Guillot and Gwen Smalley and a plethora of friends who loved and respected him.

John’s ashes will be spread across the Gulf of Mexico where he enjoyed many hours on a boat searching for sea birds and mammals as well as diving among the coral reefs of the Flower Garden in the southern Gulf.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 2PM to 5PM at the Community Church Unitarian Universalist, 6690 Fleur de Lis, New Orleans, 70124. Contact Joelle Finley, jff1946@gmail.com for further information. If you have any photos of John that you would like to share for a presentation, please send to Joelle.



## OAS-only Membership Renewal

Renewals: OAS-only memberships expired on December 31, 2023.

Become an Orleans Audubon Society member and support Louisiana conservation. Note: Using this option, you will not become a member of National Audubon or receive Audubon Magazine. Please donate a minimum of \$20.00 to become an OAS-only member.

Join/renew at the \$100.00 donation level and receive a fine art giclée of a Brown Pelican: Along with your usual membership, you will receive a signed and numbered limited edition fine



art giclée of a watercolor painting “Pelican in Couturie Forest” by Joan Garvey (11" x 14" with 1" border).

Join/renew at the \$150.00 donation level and receive a fine art giclée of Swallow-tailed Kites: Along with your usual membership, you will receive a signed and numbered limited edition fine art giclée of a watercolor painting “Swallow-tailed Kites” by Joan Garvey (11" x 18" with 1" border, to fit a 16" by 20" frame). Joan’s painting was inspired by William Kleinfelder’s photograph.

Join/renew at the \$200.00 donation level and receive the fine art giclée of a Tri-colored Heron: Along with your usual membership, you will receive a signed and numbered limited edition fine art giclée of a watercolor painting “Louisiana Heron” by Joan Garvey (14" x 18" with 1" border; fits into a 16" x 20" frame).

Become a lifetime member of OAS. Join/renew at the \$300.00 donation level and receive a fine art giclée of a Reddish Egret: Along with your usual membership, you will receive a signed and numbered limited edition fine art giclée of a watercolor painting “Reddish Egret” by Joan Garvey (18" x 24" with 1" border).

To join or renew by check, please make your check payable to “Orleans Audubon Society” and mail it to:

Orleans Audubon Society Attn: Mary Joe Krieger, Treasurer 3623 Nashville Avenue New Orleans, LA 70125

Please also provide your name, mailing address and email address.

To join or renew using PayPal, please visit: <https://jjaudubon.net/join/>



Rooftop nesting Least Terns courtesy of Audubon Florida

## Call for volunteers: Rooftop-Nesting Bird Program



Rooftop-nesting bird season begins in May! Before the breeding season commences, our new board member, Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion, will be holding a virtual training session for those interested in volunteering to help monitor Least Terns, Black Skimmers, Gull-billed Terns and Common Nighthawks in NOLA. Date of the training TBA, but please email Chloe ([chloe.sgvermillion@audubon.org](mailto:chloe.sgvermillion@audubon.org)) if you are interested in attending so that she can add you to an invite list.

Black Skimmer with chicks on a rooftop,  
Photo by: Kara Cook/Audubon Florida

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RESERVATIONS RECEIVED MAY 7-10 COST \$50/PERSON

Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses \_\_\_\_\_

For each person attending, choose one appetizer and one entrée:

House Salad \_\_\_\_\_ or Gumbo \_\_\_\_\_ or Turtle Soup \_\_\_\_\_

Veal Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_ Pecan Catfish \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_

Panne Chicken with Pasta Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert: Bread Pudding

NOTE: NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 10

IF PAYING BY PAYPAL, PLEASE ADD THE ADDITIONAL TRANSACTION FEE.

\$45 BECOMES \$46.31; \$50 becomes \$51.49. Thank you.

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