

YELLOW RAILS & RICE FESTIVAL
2013

Banding Workshop

Workshop fee: \$100.00/person

Banding Workshop includes banding activities as outlined in schedule and is not considered a Festival Package, nor does it include other Yellow Rails and Rice Festival 2013 activities such as receptions, tours, or combine rides.

Limit: 20 participants

REGISTER ONLINE:

http://www.snowyegretenterprises.com/Snowy_Egret_Enterprises/online_registration.html

Registration closes when workshop is full.

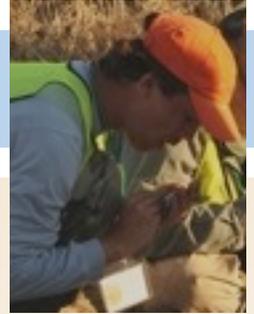


Workshop participants are responsible for their own transportation, food, and beverages. Knee boots or other sturdy footwear is highly recommended, and participants should plan to dress appropriately for hot or cold weather conditions.

Building on the popularity of the previous two year's mist-netting and banding during harvest operations, this year the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival will again offer a bird banding workshop designed to demo banding techniques, improve novice/intermediate bander knowledge of bird molt, and teach skills to successfully age birds in the field.



The workshop will be led by Dr. Erik I. Johnson, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Louisiana at National Audubon Society and adjunct faculty, School of Renewable Natural Resources at Louisiana State University.



The Banding Workshop is divided into three parts, one classroom session, and two field sessions.



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General Merchandise
Museum
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Jennings, Louisiana
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CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Classroom Session. Thursday, 24 October, 6:30pm – 9:00pm.
Begin the workshop with an interactive classroom session at the quaint Tupper Museum in Jennings, Louisiana to introduce bird banding, bird plumages and molt, and how to age and sex birds in the hand. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

FIELD SCHEDULE

Field Session I. *Friday, 25 October, 7:00am – 11:00am*
(weather backup day is Saturday, 26 October).

To practice techniques discussed during the class workshop, we will set up mist-nets to capture rails, sparrows, and other species along the edges of cutover rice fields. We will be actively flushing birds into nets and also placing nets in areas to passively net birds. Some physical activity may be necessary (but not mandatory) to participate in this exercise. This field session will provide hands-on experience as we will practice setting up and moving nets, and birds captured will be assessed in hand for age, plumage, and molt. Data collected for each bird will be recorded using North American Bird Banding Program Bird Banding Laboratory format. Workshop coordinators and assistants will be available to help answer questions and work closely with workshop participants.

Field Session II. *Friday and Saturday, 25 and 26 October, 11:30am – 4:30pm* (weather permitting).

On each day, we will capture and band more rails, sparrows, and other species flushed out of rice fields being cut by combines. YRARF participants will be allowed to view banding operations, but only workshop participants will be directly involved with capture and processing of birds, under supervision of the lead bander and his assistants.

The workshop is co-sponsored by National Audubon Society, Baton Rouge Audubon Society, Bluebonnet Bird Monitoring Project, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and hosted by the W. H. Tupper Museum.