



**THE OSPREY**  
The Official Newsletter of the  
International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

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**Lisbon Birding Day-Trip Information**

Dear Donald,

We are still looking for responses to the **birding survey** we sent out last month. See article and link in right hand column.

**We are also still looking for help with leadership of IFBR for the coming year.** The job is not large, but SOMEONE must do it if we are to continue. You could be that SOMEONE! Please tell me of your desire to take on a role in IFBR. Email me at

[steve.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:steve.leonard@comcast.net)

Then plan to attend the **Annual General Meeting** at noon on Wednesday, 26 June in Lisbon to discuss future plans and elect our new officers.

We WILL NOT have a booth at the Convention in Lisbon; however, you will be able to sign up and get

**BIRDING DAY TRIP**  
**THURSDAY 27 JULY**  
**LISBON**

**WE NEED TO KNOW  
IF YOU WILL GO!!!!!!**

Tejo Estuary  
8:00h - Group leave the hotel, for 30 min drive crossing the estuary to Alcochete  
8:30h - Birdwatching at the tidal mudflats of Hortas  
10:00h - Birdwatching at Barroca rice fields and reed beds  
11:30h - Birdwatching in Panca's cork oak forest and grasslands  
13:30h - Travel back to Lisbon

Our guide will be provided at no charge by the Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds.

There will be a charge for transportation but we do not yet have an estimate. (Usual costs for

printed information about the **Thursday, 27 June field trip** in the All-Fellowships booth. PLEASE RESPOND NOW IF YOU WANT TO GO ON THE TRIP. See information on the right >>>>>>

We hope to hear from you soon!

Steve

### Featured photos and videos

These photos of very smart European Starlings just came through our mailbox:

[Birds in the Coin Machine](#)

The Ospreys we watched last year are back in Montana, USA -see them at

[Ospreys nesting](#)

Great Blue Heron nest in New York, USA at

[Great Blue Heron Webcam](#)

Take a look at the project of a sculptor who is memorializing 5 extinct North American birds at

[Lost Bird Project](#)

Videos from past newsletters that we have enjoyed:

[this video of a bird fishing](#),

David Attenborough's recording of a [lyre bird](#)

Please send links to your favorite videos and other bird-related "stuff" so we can all enjoy them! Email items to [susan.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:susan.leonard@comcast.net)

**YOU ARE THE FUTURE**

transport have averaged \$40 US.) We will use 9-passenger vans and need a rough count as soon as possible to make arrangements.

We will determine a central location for pick-up when we know who is going.

If you think you would like to go, please send your name and Lisbon hotel name to:

[susan.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:susan.leonard@comcast.net)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR FELLOW IFBR MEMBERS ENJOY BIRDING EVEN MORE?

By providing information about birding activities in your area and by volunteering to host fellow members when they visit your area!

Since some of IFBR members may have had trouble opening it, we are including the survey in this newsletter. Please respond!

Please complete the [birding activities survey](#) to provide your fellow members with the information they need.

Thank you!



IFBR Members in Lumphini Park,

## OF IFBR

As mentioned in the March 2013 Osprey, IFBR began as the vision of Dick Tafel of Ontario, Canada in 1991. He served as President, and he and his wife Elsa manned the booth for MANY years before turning over the reins to other leaders, including Mike Lakin of Botswana.

For several years now, Steve and Susan Leonard have taken the roles of President and Newsletter Editor and the convention booth But they no longer wish to take all this responsibility.

**The question is simple: How can YOU make sure that IFBR continues?**

To volunteer, email President Steve at [steve.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:steve.leonard@comcast.net)

Bangkok, May 2012.

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