



# The Osprey

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**From Your IFBR President:**

Welcome to a new year of birding adventures! Like me, I hope you're eagerly anticipating the many new species to be seen at our next convention field trip in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

See inside for a report on the Birmingham field trip, arranged by member John Doiley Clutton. I sincerely hope that you will plan to stay after the 2010 convention to join other IFBR members and friends on another exciting venture! Remember the date: Thursday, 24 June 2010.

I'd like to extend special thanks to those members who helped with the booth at Birmingham, especially John Doiley Clutton, who took charge.

Did you notice the mention of working the booth? We very much need members to help in the booth at the Montreal convention. Please contact me if you are willing to give a couple of hours. I have always had fun working the booth, talking to Rotarians from everywhere about birds. I hope many of you will join me!

Another important matter is also at hand: We need a project for this year. In the past, we of the IFBR have contributed to a bird sanctuary in India, a school in Botswana, and a sanctuary for vultures in South Africa. If you are aware of other bird/wildlife-related projects to which we could contribute, please let me know at [steve.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:steve.leonard@comcast.net).

As a Fellowship that spans the globe, finding leadership can be difficult. At each convention, we see only a handful of our members, and those who attend are usually asked to help lead the group. As always, all offices will be open. Please consider taking on one of these responsibilities. The Fellowship will hold its annual general meeting and election on the field trip after the Montreal convention

Happy Birding,  
Steve

# **Annual Birding Field Trip, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

## **Birmingham Area, West Midlands, United Kingdom**

*by John Doiley Clutton, leader*

RSPB Reserve, Middleton

Additional sightings at Hall Lakes, Tamworth; Warwickshire Wildlife Trust,  
Brandon Marsh Reserve, Coventry

Black Headed Gull
Blackbird
Blue Tit
Buzzard
Canada Geese
Carrion Crow
Cetti Warbler (H)
Chaffinch
Chiff Chaff (H)
Collared Pigeon
Common Tern (with young)
Coot (on Nest with Young)
Great Crested Grebe
Great Spotted Woodpecker
Great Tit
Green Finch
Green Woodpecker
Greenshank (with young)
Grey Heron (on nest)
Greylag Geese
House Martin
House Sparrow
Jackdaw
Jay
Kestrel
Kingfisher
Little Ringed Plover
Mallard
Long Tailed Tit
Marsh Tit
Moorhen
Mute Swan
Nuthatch
Oystercatcher
Peewit (Lapwing)
Pied Wagtail
Redshank

Reed Bunting
Reed Warbler (H)
Ringed Plover
Robin
Rook
Sand Martin (nesting)
Sedge Warbler
Siskin
Stock Dove
Swallow
Swift
Tufted Duck
Whitethroat
Willow Tit
Wood Pigeon
Wren



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## **At the Booth . . .**

At Birmingham, workers at the booth garnered several offers to organise Tours for birding;

Rtn Dr Vyankatesh S Metan Solapur East, Dist 3132, India near Mumbai  
District Chairman, International Service. Has organised various exchanges for his District in the past. Offering Birding Tour and Home Hospitality for a visiting group for birding and culture.

Rtn Steve Yashita Alaska Homer Bay, Dist 5010, USA

President of ITHF (travel & hosting)

Offering birding & wildlife tour and home hospitality for a visiting group – offering similar to ITHF.

Rtn Andath. Kerala, India

Offering birding tour and home hospitality.

Rtn Mike Lakin also talked of another possible trip in Botswana.

If you have an idea for a trip, please share with all of us so we can get something organized soon.

## **Help Kenn Kaufman and BSBO Spread the Joy of Birding!**

*By Julie West, VP of IFBR*

In the spring of 2005, Kenn Kaufman's *Birds of North America* became the first field guide to the birds of the U.S. and Canada to ever to be published in the Spanish language. *Guia de campo a las aves de North America* is a testimony to Kenn's commitment to championing the cause of nature. Kenn funded this project himself in the hopes that this book would help to recruit scores of new birders from among the more than 28 million Americans who speak Spanish at home.

In today's world our natural resources are facing countless threats. Kenn's idea is that the more people we can awaken to the beauty and importance of our natural world, the more support we win for conservation. Black Swamp Bird Observatory believes in Kenn's vision. They have entered into a partnership with an organization known as the Sonoran Joint Venture (SJV) to distribute copies of Kenn's Spanish language bird guide to people across the southwestern US and northern Mexico.

The SJV is a partnership of organizations and individuals striving to conserve the unique birds and habitat of this region. Visit [www.sonoranjv.org](http://www.sonoranjv.org) to learn more about this dynamic organization

Here's how you can help! - BSBO has arranged to purchase copies of the book at the discounted price of \$12.00. - You purchase a book (or books!) at this special low price.

- You sign the name plate inside the book that recognizes you or the recipient of your gift as the donor.

- BSBO then ships the books to our partners at SJV to be distributed to people such as teachers, naturalists, environmental educators, and youth groups.

**ANNUAL FIELD TRIP  
THURSDAY, JUNE 24  
MONTREAL  
DETAILS AT THE CONVENTION  
DON'T FORGET TO PLAN YOUR STAY ACCORDINGLY!!!**

***A hearty IFBR Welcome to the following 15 new members who joined in Birmingham:***

Allen, Neil	Michigan, USA	Rash, Chris	London, UK
Cox, Pat	Bolton, UK	Shah, Jaya	Kathmandu, Nepal
Green, David	Ontario, Canada	Shrestha, Ambica	Kathmandu, Nepal
Kurunen, Juha	Tammisaari, Finland	Sikora, Marie	California, USA
MacKenzie, Ken	West Lothian, Scotland	Tyler, John	Smethwick, UK
Marsh, Helen	Manitoba, Canada	Woodall, Paul	Coldfield, UK
Payne, Harry	Southminster, UK	Yoshida, Steve	Alaska, USA
Platnaver, John	West Midlands, UK		

Thanks also to those continuing members who paid dues and/or updated their information with us. If you have not done either, please complete the form below and remit with check, if applicable:

**TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

**If you did not pay your dues at the 2009 International Convention, please do so by completing this form and remitting your dues as noted.**

**The International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians**

Please **PRINT** clearly:

Last or Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with a check to cover the **annual dues of \$15 US—or \$60 for 5 years (1 yr. free!)**—to:

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