

Workshop Agenda

SCSCB Waterbird & Wetland Monitoring Training Workshop

February 22 - 25, 2010, Negril, Jamaica

DAY 1 - Monday, February 22nd, 2010

- 08:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:30 Welcome, Introduction to SCSCB, Caribbean Birdwatch Program and the Workshop, Plan for the Week, Logistics - Lisa Sorenson & Ann Sutton, Society for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds
- 09:30 – 10:00 Round-robin Introductions – Lisa Sorenson
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- 10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break
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- 10:15 – 12:30 Presentations – Why Monitor? Introduction to the Caribbean Waterbird Census (CWC)**
- 10:15 – 10:45 What is Monitoring? Why Monitor Birds? – Lisa Sorenson
- 10:45 – 11:30 eBird: Levels A – C Monitoring, What these Data Show and How it can be Used for Conservation Planning and Management – Jeff Gerbracht – eBird Project Manager, Cornell Lab. of Ornithology
- 11:30 – 12:00 Introduction to Caribbean Waterbird Census: Goal, Objectives, Proposed Structure, Why and How to Get Involved, Outline of Steps to Implement Program – Ann Sutton
- 12:00 – 12:30 Choosing your Site, Asking Questions, Setting Your Objectives, Site Reconnaissance – Ken Kriese, Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service
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- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
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- 13:30 – 15:00 Presentations – Designing Your CWC Monitoring Program**
- 13:30 – 14:15 General Considerations in Designing your Monitoring Program: Challenges of Counting Waterbirds – Jeff Gerbracht
- 14:15 – 15:15 Levels of Monitoring and CWC Protocols: Species Inventories, Point Counts and Areas Searches – Lisa Sorenson
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- 15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break
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- 15:30 – 16:00 Presentations – Count Training Tools and Habitat Monitoring**
- 15:30 – 15:50 Bird Identification 101 & Waterbirds of the Caribbean – Lisa Sorenson

- 15:50 – 16:30 Describing Your Site, Habitat Surveys and IBA Monitoring – Ann Sutton
- 16:30 – 18:00 Field Trip to Royal Palm Reserve: Bird ID and Area Search Count Practice**
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- 19:00 – 20:00 Dinner
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- 20:00 – 21:00 Waterbird Monitoring in Cuba – Antonio Rodriguez, University of Havana, Cuba
Informal Discussion

DAY 2 - Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010

- 06:30 – 08:30 Field Trip to Sewage Ponds – Bird ID and Point Counts**
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- 08:30 – 09:00 Breakfast
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- 09:00 – 10:15 Presentations - Data Entry and Basic Descriptive Statistics**
- 09:00 – 09:40 Data entry (eBird) and analysis from field trips – Jeff Gerbracht
- 09:40 – 10:15 Examining the Data: Simple Approaches to Data Analysis – Ken Kriese
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- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
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- 10:15 – 12:30 Presentations – International Programs for Biodiversity and Wetland Conservation**
- 10:15 – 10:45 IABIN/WHMSI and Caribbean Activities – Richard Huber, Chief, Biodiversity Section, Department of Sustainable Development of the Organization of American States
- 10:45 – 11:25 Ramsar in the Caribbean – Ainsley Henry, Manager, Ecosystems Management Branch, National Environment and Planning Agency
- 11:25 – 11:50 Regional Cooperation a MUST for the Conservation of Caribbean birds: the SPAW Protocol Framework – Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, Programme Officer, Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 11:50 – 12:30 Distribution of Migratory Anatidae in Latin America and the Caribbean: An Analysis of Survey Data and Band Recoveries – Ken Kriese
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- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
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- 13:30 – 15:00 Presentations – Monitoring Data Sample Analyses and Count Training**
- 13:30 – 14:30 What can you Learn from Monitoring Data? Sample Analyses from Ongoing Waterbird Monitoring in St. Croix and Antigua – Jeff Gerbracht
- 14:30 – 15:00 Wildlife COUNT program: Training tool on CD – Ken Kriese

15:00 – 15:15 Working with Volunteers to Establish a Monitoring Program: Opportunities and Challenges
– Lisa Sorenson

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:15 Presentations – Reporting Monitoring Results and Implementing the CWC

15:30 – 16:15 WIWD Monitoring Data from Antigua and Barbuda 2003-2009 – Lisa Sorenson

16:15 – 17:15 Organizing and Promoting the CWC: Proposed Structure and Group Discussion – Lisa Sorenson

19:00 – 12:00 Dinner and Shaggy Concert at the Hotel

DAY 3 - Wednesday, February 24th, 2010

06:30 – 18:30 All Day Field Trip to Various Wetlands in Southwestern Jamaica to Practice Counting Techniques, Site Description, Habitat Measurements and IBA Monitoring

06:45 Depart from hotel with packed breakfast

07:15 Big Bridge – freshwater herbaceous wetland, abandoned rice field

09:45 Spring Pond – small freshwater pond

11:15 Parottee Pond – Shallow mangrove lagoon/Salinas

12:15 Hill Top – small freshwater ponds

12:30 Lunch at Treasure Beach (Jack Sprat) and swim

14:45 Great Pedro Pond - large saline pond

16:30 Black River Lower Morass – herbaceous wetland with rivers – Irie Safari Boat Tour

19:30 Return to hotel

20:00 Dinner

DAY 4 - Thursday, February 25th, 2010

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

08:30 - 12:30 Data Entry and Analysis, Preparing Reports, Training Observers

08:30 – 10:15 Data entry and analysis from Wednesday field trip – Jeff Gerbracht

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30 Avian Knowledge Network (AKN) – Jeff Gerbracht

11:30 – 12:00 How to Prepare Reports and Communicate your Results to Decision Makers – Ann Sutton

12:00 – 12:30 Training Observers for the CWC – Jeff Gerbracht

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13.30 – 15:15 Preparing Grant Proposals

13:30 - 14:00 Funding Opportunities and How to Write a Grant Proposal – Ann Sutton

14:00 – 15:15 Participants Work on Writing Small Grant Proposals for the CWC with Assistance from Facilitators

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Proposal Writing (cont) and Wrap-up Session, Workshop Evaluation – Ann Sutton

19:30 – 21:00 Farewell Dinner at Catcha' Falling Star – Workshop Trivia Quiz, Presentation of Awards and Certificates

DAY 5 - Friday, February 26th, 2010 - Participants depart