



# Connecticut Ornithological Association

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Saturday, March 24, 2012

Chapman Hall • Middlesex Community College, Middletown, CT  
**Schedule of Events**

**8:00 – 9:00 Registration / COA Marketplace** – includes complimentary continental breakfast

**9:00 – 9:30 Welcome / Business Meeting**

Ken Elkins, COA President, will present a brief overview of COA's activities during the past year, followed by election of officers and board members.

**9:30 – 10:30 Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know about Gulls but Were Afraid to Ask**

**Alvaro Jaramillo**, author of *The Birds of Chile* and the "Identify Yourself" column in *Bird Watcher's Digest* will give us some pointers for easy gull identification while dealing with aspects of biology, taxonomy, and conservation. But the real story is about how much fun and excitement there is to gull watching in North America and how birders might be missing out on something that is actually a good time!

**10:30 – 10:50 Presentation of COA Awards**

- \* Mabel Osgood Wright Award - presented annually to a person or persons in Connecticut who have made a significant contribution to the knowledge, study, and conservation of birds.
- \* Betty Kleiner Award - honors the memory of Betty Kleiner, whose name is synonymous with *The Connecticut Warbler*, COA's flagship publication. The award recognizes a deserving author or artist in the field of ornithology.
- \* President's award - acknowledges from time to time outstanding service to the COA and birding community.
- \* COA Mini-grants Award – awarded annually to the applicant(s) whose project most benefits Connecticut birds.

**10:50 - 11:05 Break - COA Marketplace**

A time to socialize, purchase COA Raffle tickets and check out vendors' offerings of bird-related items.

**11:05 - 12:05 Unfamiliar Facts About Familiar Faces**

**Wayne Petersen** is himself familiar to many COA members as the Director of Mass Audubon's IBA program, and a long-time lecturer and field trip leader to birding hotspots around the world. His presentation will investigate how much we really know about some of the most familiar bird species of our backyards, and give us a brief look into the lives of some of our more regularly encountered New England bird species. Their life stories are almost stranger than fiction.

**12:10 – 1:10 Lunch at Founder's Hall Cafeteria** – New menu this year!

Chicken Francese, Mashed Potatoes, Ziti with Meatless Sauce, Vegetable Medley, Garden Salad

**1:20 - 2:20 Past, Present, and Future**

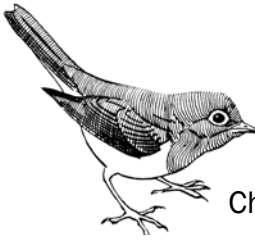
**Richard Crossley** is the author of the highly regarded *Crossley ID Guide: Eastern Birds*, which revolutionized field guide design by providing the first real-life approach to identification. Mr. Crossley will enlighten and entertain us with his tales of lessons learned while growing up in the wild British birding scene, and provide some insight into his innovative approach to birding, and his thoughts on our relationship to the natural world, TV, advertising, books, and business. A book signing will follow immediately.

**2:30 – 3:00 COA Raffle**

The ever-popular Raffle will conclude our day with many prizes including avian artwork and valuable birding equipment donated by generous artists and vendors. This year's raffle includes a carving of a White-tailed Tropicbird by Keith Mueller. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day.

For map and directions: [www.mxctc.commnet.edu](http://www.mxctc.commnet.edu) or call: 860-343-5800

Please bring this program with you to the Annual Meeting. Additional copies on-line at [www.ctbirding.org](http://www.ctbirding.org)



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## REGISTRATION FORM

**Early Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ **\$20.00** (pre-pay only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be received by March 16) **[Registration at the door: \$25.00]**

**Hot and cold buffet lunch:** \_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ **\$17.00** (pre-pay only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print** name(s) as you would like to have it appear on name tag(s):

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Address:

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Send check (made out to COA) & registration form to:

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