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Welcome to the 10th Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, Farmington, Utah

It is a great accomplishment to reach the 10th anniversary of the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival. This reflects the hard work of many dedicated volunteers, partners and sponsors who believe in spotlighting and sharing the wonders of Great Salt Lake. We have come a long way from offering eight field trips in 1999 to sixty-three field trips in 2008. These field trips cover the best bird watching areas in northern Utah, including many 'behind-the-gates' opportunities just for Bird Festival attendees. Each trip is guided by local bird watching experts.

Previous Keynote Speakers have included Michael O. Leavitt, Pete Dunne, Terry Tempest Williams, Kenn Kaufman, Kent Clegg, John Acorn, Al Batt, Arthur Morris, and Ron Rohrbaugh. Special Guests have included Don Paul and Denny Olson (Professor Avian Guano). 2008 Keynote Speaker, Bruce Thompson, and Special Guest Rosalie Winard are excellent additions to this impressive list. A theme during this 10th anniversary Festival is to review the many ways Great Salt Lake interacts with the human and wildlife populations along its shores.

One of our favorite birding and wildlife destinations is Antelope Island State Park. In fact Antelope Island has been voted as one of the ten Wonders of the Top of Utah. The Festival offers several field trips to Antelope Island, the largest island in Great Salt Lake. You can enjoy Antelope Island by car, van, horseback, boat, or DUCK, with experienced birder guides.

The 2008 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival committee invites you to come and enjoy all the 10th annual Festival has to offer!

Festival Committee: Neka Roundy – Chair, Scott Baxter, John Bellmon, Betsy Beneke, Barry Burton, Steve Carr, Kathi Dysert, Bill Fenimore, Debbie Goodman, Jolene Hatch, Jayne Johnson, Wayne Martinson, MarJean Muhlstein, Ann Neville, Deedee O'Brien, Justina Parsons-Bernstein, Don Paul, Lee Shirley, Jerry Thompson, Roberta Wheritt.

As part of our 10th year Festival, we are proud to announce committee member, Bill Fenimore, will be signing copies of his new book, "Backyard Birds of Utah", from the new Backyard Guide series at the Wild Bird Center Booth throughout the festival. Bill is an author, educator, naturalist, and field birder. He owns and operates the Layton, Wild Bird Center.



Thursday, May 15: #2 Deseret Ranch Field Trip, co-leader
Saturday, May 17: 8 am Birding for Beginners Workshop, room 3
Monday, May 19: #53 Deseret Ranch Field Trip, co-leader

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