

Michigan Society of American Foresters Presents:



Feathers in the Forest

A technical field conference exploring
the interaction between forest
management and bird habitats

Cisler Conference Center

Lake Superior State
University

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

May 10 – 11, 2006

MISAF c/o John Hamel
3735 Co. Rd. 456
Skandia, MI 49885

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Today's date: _____ SAF Member: _____ \$85.00 Non SAF Member _____ \$95.00

SAF students: _____ No charge

\$10.00 Late Registration – Deadline 28, April, 2006 (please indicate any special dietary needs)

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See other side to select field trip
choices

Wednesday May 10th, Indoor Session

10:00 – 12:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:00 Chapter business meetings

11:00 – 12:00 State society business meeting

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Provided)

1:00 – 1:10 Welcome, Don Howlett, Chairman, Michigan SAF

1:10 – 1:55 Dave Ewert, The Nature Conservancy. *Bird Conservation & Forestry in Michigan: The Big Picture (Keynote Address)*

1:55 – 2:10 Break

2:10 – 2:45 Kim Hall, Research Fellow, Michigan State University. *Linking Northern Hardwood Forest Characteristics and Songbird Distributions in Northern Michigan.*

2:45 – 3:20 Karen Cleveland, MDNR/MI Bird Conservation Initiative. *Beyond the Specific: Michigan's Bird Conservation Initiative & Integrated Bird Conservation.*

3:20 – 3:35 Break

3:35 – 4:10 Katherine Brashear, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. *Variation in Bird Communities Among Three Silvicultural Treatments in Northern Hardwood Forests*

4:10 – 4:45 Jerry Edde, Ottawa National Forest. *Bird Population Trends in Managed and Unmanaged Northern Hardwood Forests.*

4:45 – 5:15 Q & A Panel

5:15 – 6:00 Break

6:00 – 7:30 Banquet (includes MI Bird Conservation Initiative ceremony)

7:30 – 9:00 SAF's direction and vision brainstorming session. Bernie Hubbard/ Don Howlett

Thursday, May 11th, Outdoor Field Trips

7:30 – 8:00 Meet at Cisler Center to pick up box lunches and field trip directions / maps.

Option 1. Field trip to Seney Wildlife Refuge led by Greg Corace, Refuge Forester limit 25. Arrange your own transportation to Seney. Plan to be at Seney Wildlife Refuge by 9:30 AM. Box lunch will be provided. This trip will take the better part of the day. Distance and travel time to Seney will not allow participants to attend a second trip in the afternoon.

Field trips 2 – 4 will start from a central staging area located ¼ mile south of M-28 at Strongs Corners. Busses will shuttle you to your morning field trip, return to the staging area at noon, shuttle you to your afternoon field trip and return you to the staging area at the end of the day. Plan to be at the staging area in the morning by 9:00 AM.

Option 2. Field trip to xeric conifer sites (Raco Plains), led by Steve Sjogren, Wildlife Biologist Hiawatha Nat'l Forest. Emphasis will be on Kirtland's warbler habitat management. Box lunch will be provided. Switch field trips with group 3 or 4 at noon.

Option 3. Field trip to northern hardwood sites, led by Kim Hall, Michigan State University. Emphasis will be on the dynamic nature of songbird responses to habitat, especially understory changes following timber harvests. Box lunch will be provided. Switch field trips with group 2 or 4 at noon.

Option 4. Field trip to Tahquamenon Falls State Park, led by Theresa Gratton, MDNR. A variety of sites will be visited with emphasis on species of concern and management techniques. Bring binoculars and a field guide, as we will be identifying those species we observe along the way. Box lunch will be provided. Switch field trips with group 2 or 3 at noon.

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Directions to Cisler Center, LSSU, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

I-75 to Sault Ste. Marie. Take the last exit before Canada (Easterday Ave, east). Turn right (east) on Easterday to the first stop light. Turn left at the light, proceed to the stop sign. The visitor parking lot is straight ahead at the stop sign. If the visitor lot is full, alternative parking is available by turning left at the stop sign to Lot E, behind the Cisler center or to Lot K, the Fine Arts center, across the street from the Cisler Center.

Lodging

A block of 50 rooms Have been reserved for a special rate at the Quality Inn and Suites, 3290 I-75 Business spur. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. **(906)635-6918**

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| Singles and Doubles | Triples and Quads |
| \$54.00 | \$59.00 |

To receive this rate you must reserve a room by **April 21**

Directions to field trip sites

To Seney National Wildlife Refuge. From the Soo take I-75 south to M-28. Go west on M-28 about 76 miles to M-77 at Seney. Go south on M-77, 5 miles to the main visitor center at Seney National Wildlife Refuge.

To field trip staging area. From the Soo take I-75 south to M-28. Go west on M-28 about 16 miles to Ranger Rd. Continue on M-28 another 3.2 mi. west to the staging area, a large opening on the south side of M-28.

Select the field trip(s) you want to participate in

Option 1. Seney Wildlife Refuge, Greg Corace. This is an all day trip limited to the first 25. Please indicate two other trips as alternates in case the trip is full.

Select two of the following

Option 2. Raco Plains, Steve Sjogren, xeric conifer

Option 3. North of Strongs, Kim Hall, northern hardwoods

Option 4. Tahquamenon Falls State Park, Theresa Gratton, multiple forest types