Meeting Announcement

The 2019 Spring meeting of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society (OOS) will be held May 3 – 5, in Wister, OK. The keynote address at the Saturday night banquet will be given by Jona Tucker and Steve Patterson and is entitled, "Thomas Nuttall's Travels Between the Arkansas and the Red: Birds, Bison, and Beaver". Jona Tucker and Steve Patterson coordinate the Thomas Nuttall Bicentennial that commemorates and teaches about the first scientist to explore the Arkansas River valley.

All meeting activities will be held at the Community Building at Lake Wister State Park, Wister. The Community Building is located north of the Lake Wister dam on US-HWY 270. To reserve cabins, call 918-655-7212. There are lodging options at the state park, including 14 cabins, and a 15% discount for senior citizens and/or total disability:

1. 2 BD LAKEVIEW ($122.48/night)
2. 1 BD LAKEVIEW ($90.53/night)
3. 1 BD PARKVIEW ($79.88/night)
4. Primitive Camping: $14/night

Hotel lodging available in Poteau includes Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, SureStay Plus Hotel, and the Express Inn. There is also the Green Country Inn in Heavener. Driving distances to Wister State Park from these cities: Poteau 11 mi; Heavener 11 mi.

Planned field trips consist of tours of Wister WMA to search for Swainson's Warblers on Saturday morning, birding in Wister State Park on Saturday morning, and a trip to native prairie of the Poteau River Valley on Saturday afternoon. You do NOT need a Conservation Passport or hunting/fishing license in your possession to access Wister WMA. There are multiple dining options in Wister, Poteau, and Heavener. The Community Building comes with a kitchen. Catering for the Saturday night banquet will be provided by Maria’s Restaurant and consists of Mexican food such as fajitas, enchiladas, vegetarian options, etc.

Historically, the Poteau River Valley has been occupied by multiple Native American cultures that used prescribed fire to manage wildlife and to maintain prairie openings. French trappers established a camp at the base of Cavanal Hill and named it Poteau, for “post”. English naturalist Thomas Nuttall studied flora and fauna in the area in 1819. Lake Wister is an impoundment of the Poteau River and the Fourche Maline Creek that was completed in 1949 by the Army Corps of Engineers. Lake Wister State Park and Wister WMA surround the lake, and the area is a mixture of lacustrine shore, river bottoms, upland, and foothills. Bottomland consists mainly of hardwood species, upland areas consist of native prairie grasses and forbs, and foothills consist of a mixed oak/hickory/pine forest.

Please bring any items you would like to contribute to the silent auction.

Please register for the OOS spring meeting through the normal OOS channels online at okbirds.org, or by mail using the registration form on the last page.
## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY MAY 3

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<td>5:00 PM-8:00 PM</td>
<td>Registration at Lake Wister Community Building. Jona Tucker and Steve Patterson will give a talk on the Poteau River valley’s unique landscapes.</td>
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<td>8:30 PM-</td>
<td>Night walks Lake Wister State Park. Socialize and listen for Whip-poor-wills and owls.</td>
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### SATURDAY MAY 4

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<td>7:00 AM-12:00 PM</td>
<td>Field Trip to Fourche Maline, Wister WMA (Leader: Mia Revels). Meet at Community Building at Lake Wister State Park. Search for Swainson’s Warblers along the Fourche Maline on Wister WMA.</td>
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<td>7:30 AM-12:00 pm</td>
<td>Field Trip at Wister State Park (Leader: TBD). Meet at Community Building at Lake Wister State Park. Bird on hiking trails on the state park. Multiple hiking trails are present, ranging from 0.4 mi to 6.2 mi and from easy to intermediate difficulty.</td>
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<td>12:00 PM-1:00 PM</td>
<td>Lunch: On your own. Full kitchen at community building is also available to those who wish to cook.</td>
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<td>1:00 PM-3:00 PM</td>
<td>Board Meeting</td>
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<td>1:00 PM-5:15 PM</td>
<td>Silent Auction</td>
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<td>3:00-5:00 PM</td>
<td>Field Trip to Poteau River Valley Prairie (Jona Tucker). View historic native prairie, mima mounds, and grassland birds east of Poteau.</td>
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<td>5:30 PM-8:00 PM</td>
<td>Dinner and Keynote Speaker, 5:30-8:00 pm. Keynote address given by Jona Tucker. Program title is “Thomas Nuttall’s Travels Between the Arkansas and the Red: Birds, Bison, and Beaver”.</td>
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<td>8:00 PM-8:30 PM</td>
<td>Species List, and announce Sunday morning field trip itinerary.</td>
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### SUNDAY MAY 5

Field Trip (Optional)….bird local parks, trails, and lakes for spring migrants. Leader: TBD; or bird on your own.

For questions, contact Jeff Tibbits at (405-535-7382) or jeff.tibbits@odwc.ok.gov
Spring 2019 OOS Meeting --- Registration Form

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: _______________________

Telephone: ________________________ Email: _________________________________

Meeting Registration
# ________ @$15/person total amount $_______________

Meeting Registration (Student)
# __________ @$5/person total amount $_______________

Saturday Evening Dinner (Fajitas/Enchiladas)
# ________ @$15/person total amount $_______________

Saturday Evening Dinner (Vegetarian)
# ________ @$15/person total amount $_______________

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS/MEALS/DONATIONS $_______________

*****PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR BANQUET CHOICES BY APRIL 29 WE NEED A FIRM HEADCOUNT TO NOTIFY THE CATERERS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET. You may still register for the meeting and pay for the banquet on site when you arrive.

You can send the registration/banquet form with payment (made out to OOS) to:
Nadine Varner
7845 NE 18th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73131

You may also register using PayPal on the OOS website at www.okbirds.org