



**I would like to invite you to join us for the 2024 joint meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists, the Society of Canadian Ornithologists, and the Wilson Ornithological Society.** The three societies are working together to plan a dynamic scientific program to share the latest scientific work around ornithology and avian conservation in Peoria, Illinois from July 29 - August 1, 2024.

This joint meeting will bring together professionals, students, and amateurs in ornithology and avian conservation from across the Western Hemisphere and beyond. We hope you will join us for an exciting meeting, including great talks, workshops, and plenaries.

Sincerely,

Auriel Fournier, PhD  
Scientific Program Chair & Local Host for  
AFO-SCO-SOC-WOS 2024

1st Vice President of the Wilson  
Ornithological Society



# AFO-SCO-WOS 2024 Joint Meeting

July 29–August 1, 2024 | Peoria, Illinois



[AFOSCOWOS2024.org](https://AFOSCOWOS2024.org)

**About the Conference:** The 2024 conference is a joint meeting of 3 professional societies, the [Association of Field Ornithologists](#), the [Society of Canadian Ornithologists](#), and the [Wilson Ornithological Society](#). The conference will offer a series of workshops, plenary talks by world experts in ornithology and avian conservation, oral and poster sessions by researchers, students and practitioners, as well as several symposia on ornithology and avian conservation. We will also offer training and career advancement events for students and early professionals.

Your sponsorship is especially important to a scientific conference such as ours. Academics, students, and professional ornithologists often have limited travel support for conference attendance. Your contribution will help keep registration costs affordable for many people who might not otherwise be able to participate in our conference. THANK YOU!

**Our attendees:** About half of our attendees hold advanced degrees and the vast majority are involved in bird-related research at universities, natural history museums, bird-banding stations, non-profit organizations and state and federal agencies, with interests in conservation and the biology of wild birds. Our meetings also strongly support the attendance of students and amateur ornithologists, who account for approximately the other half of the attendees. We expect 400–450 people to register at this meeting; most of them from the US and Canada, although we frequently have attendees from Mexico, Central and South America.

**Location:** Our 2024 meeting will be held in Peoria, Illinois. A major port on the Illinois River, Peoria is a trading and shipping center for a large agricultural area, and is home to Bradley University, as well as a variety of museums, restaurants, and breweries. The Illinois River Valley is one of the most modified river systems in the United States. It is also the site of several of the largest wetland restorations nationally, providing abundant recreation opportunities.

**Venue/Accommodations:** The conference is at the Peoria Civic Center. We have hotel blocks reserved at several hotels within walking distance of the Peoria Civic Center. For more details see the conference website [AFOSCOWOS2024.org](https://AFOSCOWOS2024.org)

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Exhibition Table	1 table, standard length	1 table, standard length	1 table, standard length	1 table, standard length	Shared large table with other small sponsors
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Brochure/Swag in Conference Bag	X	X	X	X	X

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