



MISSOURI BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 18–19, 2017 • COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
PEACHTREE CATERING & BANQUET CENTER

CONFERENCE THEME

Celebrating 40 Years of Missouri Natural Areas: The Importance of Natural Areas to Bird Conservation in Missouri

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18			
5:00 pm	Registration	10:15 am–10:30 am	Project poster session combined with break
6:00 pm–7:30 pm	Social time, with heavy hors d'oeuvres	10:30 am–11:35 am	2, 20-Minute presentations from USFWS and TNC on how each agency addresses their role in the Natural Areas Program including area designations and ecosystem maintenance and impacts to bird populations. USFWS (Paul McKenzie: Ecological Services Biologist) TNC (James Cole: Director of Conservation Programs)
7:30 pm–8:00 pm	Welcoming remarks/housekeeping. (Rick Thom)	11:35 pm–12:30 pm	Lunch with presentation: Missouri Ozark Ecosystem Forest Project update (Sarah Kendrick: Wildlife Programs Supervisor, MDC)
8:00 pm–9:00 pm	Open Silent Auction	12:30 pm–2:00 pm	3, 20-Minute presentations from USFS, DNR and MDC on how each of these agencies address their role in Natural Area designation, ecosystem maintenance and impacts to birds. USFS (Brian Davidson: Natural Resources Program Manager, Mark Twain National Forest) DNR (Ken McCarty: Chief, Natural Resource Management Section, MoDNR, Division of State Parks) MDC (Mike Leahy: Natural Areas Coordinator, MDC)
8:00 pm–9:00 pm	Keynote speakers: Rick Thom & Ken McCarty A brief history of the Missouri Natural Areas Program. (Rick Thom: Former Natural Areas Coordinator, MDC) A discussion of how natural area designation has changed the way we restore habitats and how our natural areas are important to managing bird populations (Ken McCarty: Chief, Natural Resource Management Section, MoDNR, Division of State Parks)	2:00 pm–3:00 pm	Moderated interactive session in which the audience discusses issues covered and provides next steps to be considered by the organization. (Gene Gardner, moderator)
9:00 pm–10:00 pm	Continue Social	3:00 pm–3:30 pm	Wrap-up and closing comments summarize ways we can make a difference for birds. (Allison Vaughn)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19			
7:15 am	Coffee/tea for conference registrants		
8:00 am–8:40 am	Opening, highlights of the year, and General Assembly Meeting. (Allison Vaughn: Chair, MoBCI Steering Committee)		
9:10 am–10:15 am	3, 20-Minute presentations on specific Natural Areas and their importance: Don Robinson State Park in the LaBarque Hills. (Ron Colatskie: Natural Resource Steward, MoDNR) Proposed Huzzah Conservation Area Natural Area Designation. Cerulean warbler data will be featured prominently as a justification for the Huzzah Conservation Area to be considered for Natural Areas designation during the fall of 2017. (Andrea Schuhmann: Natural History Biologist, MDC). Missouri River Hills. MoBCI has supported restoration work on private lands within the Missouri River Hills since the inception of the organization. Presentation will cover baseline bird data tracking the impact of the work being implemented. (Chris Newbold: Natural History Biologist, MDC).		



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7 *To help us plan for Friday night activities, please indicate if you plan to attend on Friday:*
ATTENDING FRIDAY? Yes No

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120 East Nifong Boulevard • Columbia, Missouri**

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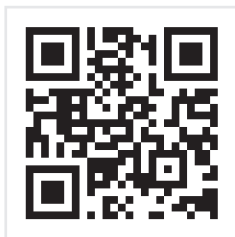
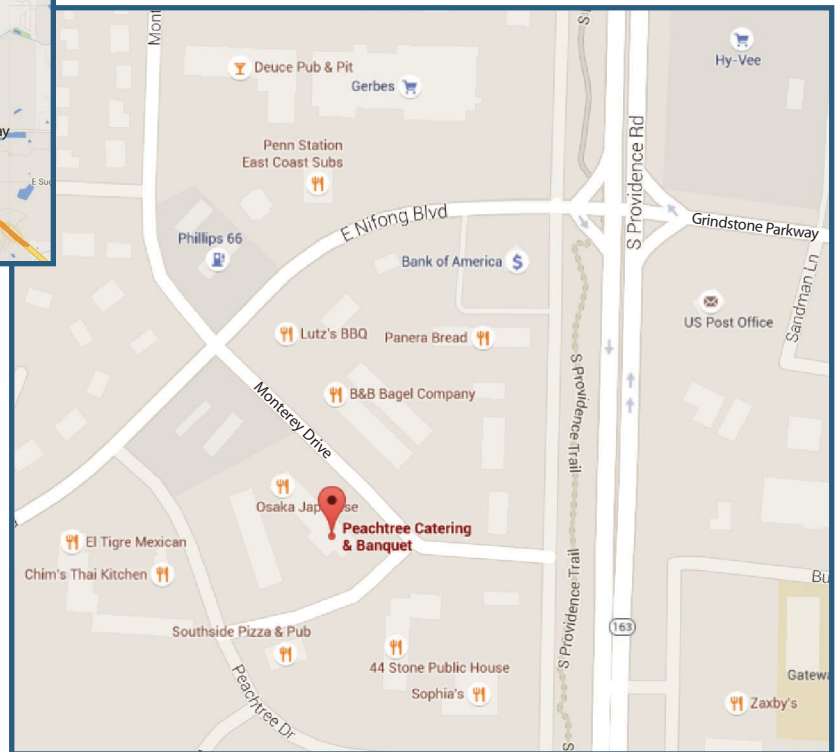
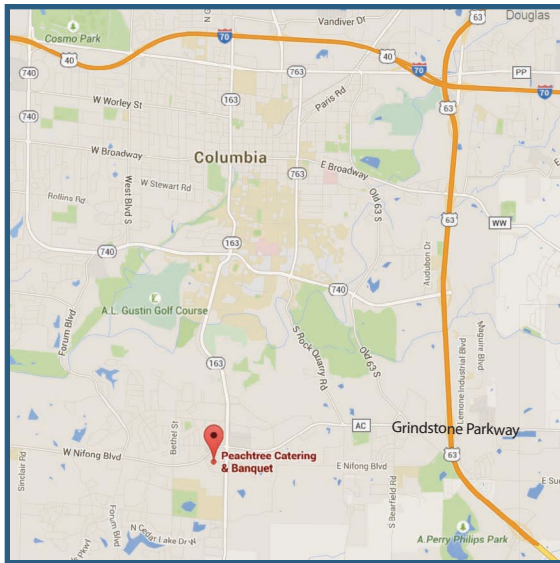
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