

great salt lake bird festival



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Great Salt Lake Bird Festival is excited to announce the 2014 Keynote Speaker for May 17, 2014 will be The Nature Conservancy's worldwide GIS programmer and expert birder Tim Boucher.

"We have no control over what we are going to see or find," says Tim Boucher, explaining the rush and challenge of birding. "But you can improve your chances by learning their songs and calls, their different habitats, and learning to sit patiently and wait for them to arrive. It's an extraordinary tension."

When interviewed by Melissa Milgrom, Boucher says, "The majority of birders probably refer to this preoccupation as a hobby." The article notes- for him, it's more of a beloved affliction. His goal is to see and hear members of all 227 bird families; he has only 27 to go. Birding dictates his personal travel itineraries, and it fills his house with kitchy-birdy knickknacks. It introduced him to his wife, and it led him to his career in conservation. - See more at: <http://magazine.nature.org/features/the-birding-effect.xml#sthash.7M2BXvm7.dpuf>
We look forward to Tim's expertise and his fun accent!

In addition to giving the Keynote address, Tim will also guide fieldtrips to Antelope Island and Farmington Bay and offer a workshop on *Learning Bird Calls*. Tim's Keynote address will be *Birding in West Africa-Ghana & Cameroon*.



Tim Boucher Dinner Tickets are available on-line **now** at www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com

Pre-orders for t-shirts and 'hoodies' are also available now.

Registration for field trips for the 2014 Festival begins March 3, 2014. Vendor applications are currently being accepted. www.GreatSaltLakeBirdFest.com

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