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## Alabama Coastal BirdFest 2017 Registration Now Open

Registration is underway for the 14th annual [Alabama Coastal BirdFest](#), October 4-7, 2017.

BirdFest invites birders from across the United States, Canada, and abroad to enjoy prime bird- and wildlife-watching opportunities on the Alabama Gulf Coast during fall migration.

“The birding potential on the Alabama Gulf Coast is phenomenal and fall migration is the best time to enjoy it,” John Borom, event founder, said. “We have boat and walking trips every day to prime spots, including the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and Forever Wild Grand Bay Savanna, both of which are recognized for amazing biological diversity. Dauphin Island is considered one of the nation’s top locations for seeing migrations. More than 370 bird species have been counted at various locations along the Alabama coast.”

This year’s BirdFest also includes trips focused on seeing alligators, dolphins, wildflowers, and more. There are 36 expertly guided trips—including several new trips—two evening speaker events, workshops, and a free, family friendly Bird & Conservation Expo on the Coastal Alabama Community College campus in Fairhope on Saturday, October 7.

Trip, evening event, or workshop fees range from \$15 to \$80. Trips and evening events require advance registration. Popular trips sell out early. Visit [www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com) to register. Registration is open through Friday, September 22.

Since 2004 Alabama Coastal BirdFest has raised more than \$100,000 to help preserve and protect vital coastal wildlife habitat and raise awareness about the great biological diversity of the Alabama Gulf Coast.

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BIRD SPOTTING ON CRUISE: Eager bird watchers scan the shoreline for birds during an Alabama Coastal BirdFest boat trip on Mobile Bay. To learn more about BirdFest, visit [www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com)

GREG HARPER-2017 KEYNOTE: Keynote speaker for this year's Alabama Coastal BirdFest is Greg Harber, past president of Birmingham Audubon and Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries. An avid photographer and longtime birder, Harber's talk will highlight the Alabama Gulf Coast's abundant bird life and address concerns for the future as we balance rapid growth with wildlife habitat conservation. To learn more about BirdFest, visit [www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com)