



The Chattanooga Chat
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The Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society
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TOS FALL STATE MEETING IN CHATTANOOGA

OCTOBER 13-15

The Chattanooga TOS Chapter invites you to the 2023 TOS Fall Meeting, October 13-15. Please join our Friday evening reception with refreshments and field trip sign ups at the Fairfield Inn in Lookout Valley, 40 Starview Ln, Chattanooga, beginning at 5:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Time. Saturday's presentations and the TOS Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Baylor School.

Field trips will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Please register for the meeting using the form by October 1, whether you use lodging or not.

TRAFFIC INTO CHATTANOOGA VIA I-24 IS NOTORIOUSLY HEAVY WITH FREQUENT DELAYS ON FRIDAYS! We strongly advise non-locals to arrive in the area by 3 PM, Friday, October 13.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at two adjacent hotels in Lookout Valley. Rooms are \$161/night plus \$27.77 in taxes and fees. For that rate, rooms **must be reserved by Wednesday, September 13**. A full breakfast is included at both. (If you are booking for just one night, you must "Edit Stay", then "Update" on the reservation form).

Fairfield Inn: [Book your group rate for TN Ornithological Society](#) or call 423-664-4222 and mention TOS.

Hampton Inn: [Book your group rate for TN Ornithological Society](#) or call 423-602-5350 and mention TOS.

The region has many accommodations but they fill quickly, and we are sorry to say that Chattanooga weekend rates are higher than normal during this eventful season. For information on other places to stay, contact Sharon Klein at smkbirder17@gmail.com

Due in part to the high cost of lodging, CTOS is not charging a registration fee or holding a banquet.

We very much look forward to hosting you and sharing Chattanooga's excellent field trip sites and leaders. For general questions, contact Barbara at chimneyswifts423@gmail.com

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TOS Fall Meeting Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

email _____ cell phone _____

TOS chapter _____

Is this the first time you've attended a TOS state meeting? _____ Yes

Please register with CTOS by October 1. (**Note Sept 13 deadline to reserve blocked hotel rooms!**)

Mail registration form to:

Barbara Johnson/CTOS, 672 E. 17th St, Chattanooga, TN 37408

or email to: chimneyswifts423@gmail.com

August Program

There is no August program. Future programs will take place on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Ascension Lutheran Church

729 S. Germantown Road, East Ridge, Tennessee 37412

October Field Trip

In conjunction with the Knoxville chapter of TOS, our Chattanooga chapter will offer a field trip to Seven Islands State Birding Park just outside Knoxville on Sunday, October 1. We plan to drive up together on Saturday afternoon and dine together that evening. Possible hotel suggestions are forthcoming. Many thanks to the Knoxville chapter for serving as our hosts! We'll do the same for them soon.

Join Chattanooga TOS

You can now join online.

<https://chattanoogatos.org/joining-or-renewing-as-a-member/>

You can also send a check to

Fran Hiestand CTOS Treasurer 8935 N. Hickory
Valley Road Chattanooga, TN 37416

Individual memberships are \$28.

Family memberships are \$32.

Student memberships are \$15.

Lifetime Memberships are \$460.

