

Announcements

The Third Pan-European Duck Symposium (PEDS3)

will be held in **Jindřichův Hradec**, South Bohemia, Czech Republic (49.15 N, 15.0 E, 478 m a.s.l.) from the *25th to 29th April 2012*.

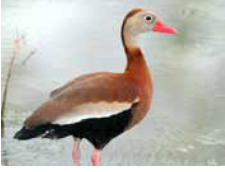
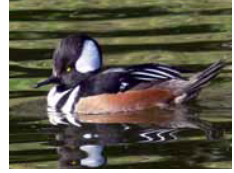
This forthcoming symposium will follow the successful first and second PEDS in Fuglsøcentret, Denmark, in March 2006 and in Arles, France, in March 2009.

Two full days of scientific talks, plenaries by leading speakers and an evening poster session are scheduled. All aspects of **dabbling, diving or seaduck ecology and conservation** will be considered. Scientists from non-European countries are also welcome. The deadline for registration, including abstract submission, is **6th January 2012** (see www.peds3.wz.cz).

A field trip will be organised to the Trebon Biosphere Reserve and the surrounding fishpond systems, built mostly in the Middle Ages for fish farming. Fishponds represent the most common wetland type in the Czech Republic, with about 20,000 fishponds covering 50,000 ha. Participants will be able to observe migrating ducks and other waterbird species, as well as their natural and man-made habitats. Furthermore, there will also be the possibility of post conference excursions.

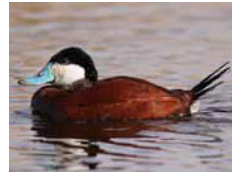
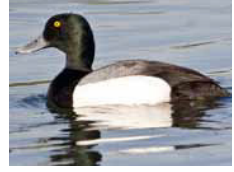
The conference will be held in **Hotel Concertino** in the centre of Jindřichův Hradec (in German: Neuhaus). The historical centre includes a unique and well-preserved castle complex and the “serf city” which developed in association with the castle. There are also alternative accommodation options for participants in the historical town of Jindřichův Hradec which are within walking distance of the venue. Jindřichův Hradec is connected by train and bus with Prague. Travel details will be published on the conference web page. We intend to organise shuttle bus transport between Prague Airport and Hotel Concertino on the 25th April 2012 and also at the end of the conference on the 28th and 29th April 2012.

For more detailed information concerning the conference, please do not hesitate to contact **Petr Musil**: p.musil@post.cz or the organising committee: peds3@seznam.cz, or to check the conference web page (www.peds3.wz.cz).



**Ecology and Conservation
of
North American Waterfowl**

A Symposium and Joint Meeting of
The North American Duck Symposium and Workshop,
The North American Arctic Goose Conference,
and The International Sea Duck Conference.
Local Organizer/Host: Mississippi State University



Why

Waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) are globally important ecologically, environmentally, and economically. No entire family of birds have been studied, hunted, and benefitted from conservation more than waterfowl. Given worldwide significance of waterfowl, scientists of the above organizations are planning an international symposium (ECNAW) for all people interested in waterfowl science and conservation. The symposium will feature experts addressing the (1) state of our understanding of the ecology and conservation of North American waterfowl and (2) future needs to sustain waterfowl populations, their habitats, and hunting. Manuscripts will be published in a special volume of the on-line journal, *Avian Conservation and Ecology*. Additionally, the symposium will provide a forum for students to present their research, gain professional experience, and network with waterfowl professionals from around the world. Forthcoming details will be posted on the NADS web site at www.northamericanducksymposium.org.

When

Sunday-Thursday, January 27-31, 2013

Where

The Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, a world-class venue near Memphis International Airport. The symposium will feature morning plenary and afternoon concurrent sessions, two evening poster sessions, workshops, special meetings (e.g., North American Waterfowl Management Plan-Joint Ventures), and opportunities for waterfowl hunting before the symposium. There will be evening entertainment and camaraderie. Your support and attendance are encouraged.

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