



Black Skimmers photo by Andrew Haffenden

## Field Trips

**Andrew Haffenden, Chair**

The Field Trips Committee organizes field trips and field workshops for AOS meetings. The trips are operated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Spring and Fall meetings on Dauphin Island. Friday is a three quarter day off-island trip, Saturday has a choice of two morning trips on island and Sunday are morning trip on or off the island. The Winter Meeting always has a Saturday morning trip, usually a choice of two, and often an afternoon trip. When the meeting is at either Guntersville or Wheeler State Parks a Friday trip may be operated. From time to time Field Workshops are also operated.

Morning trips typically start at 7am, occasionally 6.30am and finish in time for the Saturday lunchtime social get-together. Trips are led by a birder experienced with the destination, are free and visitors are welcome. Car pooling is encouraged (in non-COVID-19 times). Trips for each meeting are described in the prior Yellowhammer, and most trips require a pre-meeting sign-up when possible.

The committee chair welcomes suggestions for both trips and workshops, and especially invites birders to share their knowledge and support bird conservation by leading trips.

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