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Where's Bobby?



Harrison's Bird Photography Workshop

"Ding" Days workshop back by popular demand

There's room for only 15 passionate nature photographers, so **call immediately** to reserve your spot in Bobby Harrison's three-hour bird photography workshop along Wildlife Drive at the "Ding" Darling

Refuge on Sanibel Island. The workshop takes place Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, part of the 18th Annual "Ding" Darling Days birding festival and the 75th Duck Stamp Contest.

Harrison has gained recent fame for his ivory-billed woodpecker sighting in Arkansas' Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, but long before his obsession with the "Grail Bird," he was known as an award-winning nature photographer.

Harrison's workshop, which he conducted during 2006's "Ding" Days for the first time, will take participants to where birds live in the Refuge to learn about bird behavior, composition, exposure, depth of field, and use of tele-extendors and extension tubes.

"It was a very worthwhile workshop," said Terry Baldwin, an award-winning Sanibel nature photographer who attended last year's program. "Harrison's one-on-one group teaching style is very effective. Everyone participating had all their questions and concerns answered, and by addressing his responses to the entire group, I learned solutions to problems I had yet to encounter."

Harrison is the director of the art program at Alabama's Oakwood College and a charter member of the North American Nature Photography Association. His ivory-bill sighting with fellow birder Tim Gallagher--the first sighting since 1944 where two qualified

observers positively identified an ivory-bill in the U.S.--quickly led to the largest search ever launched to find a rare bird and ultimately to the announcement in April 2005 of the species' rediscovery.

Participation is limited to 15 people, and spots will go quickly, so make your reservations early. Cost of the workshop is \$100 each. Please call 239-472-1100 ext. 221 to reserve.

Harrison, along with FGCU's Dr. Jerry Jackson, will also be speaking about his ivory-bill obsession at a special "Ding" Days presentation at BIG ARTS on Wednesday, Oct. 10. For more information on his appearances and other "Ding" Days events, visit www.DingDarlingDays.com.

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