



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the

International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators

February 7-10, 2007
Tacoma, Washington USA

Where Inspiration Takes Flight!



HOTEL

Sheraton Tacoma

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The Sheraton features many amenities and a great location in downtown Tacoma within walking distance of the waterfront, the Washington State History Museum and a variety of shops and

restaurants. For reservations, call **1-800-325-3535**. We have secured the discounted rate of \$119.00 (plus a 13.5% tax) for either a single or a double room. You must mention your affiliation with IAATE when making your reservation. The hotel will be holding a block of rooms for us until **January 14, 2007**. The conference rate is available from February 2-14, 2007. Secure parking is available for \$12 daily, or \$6 daily for overnight guests.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are flying, book your flight into Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). The airport is 30 minutes north of the hotel. Airport shuttle

service is available. Reservations are required 48 hours in advance and can be made by calling Capital Aeroporter at (800) 962-3579. The cost is \$24 one way and \$41 round trip. Taxi fare is approximately \$50 one way. Once in Tacoma, you can take advantage of the free Light Link Rail to reach a variety of downtown destinations.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

IAATE is pleased to welcome David Hancock as keynote speaker for the 2007 Conference. As a biologist, conservationist, writer, publisher, and lecturer, David has spent most of his life studying raptors and other wildlife of the West Coast and the Arctic. David's presentation, "*The Urban Bald Eagle*" will

highlight his work studying this Northwest wildlife icon and its increasing presence close to humans.

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

The conference features two full days of papers presented by top avian experts on topics such as training and behavior, shows and education, conservation, medical issues, animal management, and more.

ICEBREAKER

Meet and mingle with your fellow conference delegates at this opening event, held at the hotel.

HOSPITALITY

Come and enjoy some Northwest hospitality in this year's *huge* hospitality suite. We have secured a private bar and lounge space for enjoying snacks and other donated food and drink. It's the perfect place for catching up with old friends and making new ones. The multi-level seating means everyone will have a great view of show videos you bring to share. There's even a dance floor for showcasing the Bird Mating Dance contest!

WORKSHOPS Expanded for 2007!

Space is limited. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Payment reserves your space.

Workshops are a great opportunity for in-depth, interactive learning. Due to popular demand there will be two workshop sessions this year, offering eight workshops.

Cost: \$10 Each

Evening Workshops at the Sheraton (Select One)

- **Raptor Equipment: Beginning** – In this workshop you'll learn how to craft basic leather raptor equipment. Participants will make an anklet and jess and receive a variety of written handouts on leather working and equipment.
- **Raptor Equipment: Advanced** – If you've already mastered the basics, join this workshop to learn the art of crafting equipment using nylon cord. Featured equipment will be flying jesses and braided leashes.
- **Secrets of Successful Bird Photography**
Join award-winning photographer John Hendrickson for this special session on getting the best shots of your favorite bird subjects. You are invited to bring 3 photos from home for group critique.
- **Enrichment** – Learn the theory and practice of bird enrichment in this hands-on workshop. Participants will also construct a parrot toy to take home.

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Zoo Day Workshops (Select One)

- **Avian Anatomy & Disease**—The Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium's veterinarians will provide an overview of avian anatomy through slides and discussion. Participants will also work

in teams to conduct their own avian dissections for learning about avian anatomy first hand!

- **Telemetry Fundamentals**—This interactive workshop will teach you the skills you need to start using this important tool. You'll have a chance to put your newly found skills to the test as you look for "lost" birds throughout Zoo grounds!
- **Bird Photography: Photo Session**—Both beginning and expert photographers will find this workshop in the field a great chance to improve their skills. Live bird models will be included to help you work on both portrait and action shots.
- **Training 101**—You asked for it...Here's your chance to get a firm grasp on all those training techniques everyone's always talking about! Led by IAATE President Barbara Heidenreich and designed for the entry-level trainer, this interactive workshop will be a great introduction to the basic tools of training.

PRE-CONFERENCE TRIPS, February 7

*Pre-register for **ONE** trip on the conference registration form if interested. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Payment reserves your space.*

1. Hawk Walk with Brad Wood and Northwest Winter Birding

We'll start this bird-filled day with a stop at the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge to observe the variety of wetland birds that winter in the 3,000 acre refuge. After a box lunch, Brad Wood, owner of Northwoods Limited, will give us a first-hand look at the sport of falconry as the group divides to either go rabbit hunting with Harris' hawks or duck hunting with peregrines.

Cost: \$35 Limit: 20

2. Mt. Rainier Snowshoeing and Northwest Trek Adventure

Experience the breathtaking winter beauty of one of the region's natural icons on a ranger-led morning snowshoe journey. Next, encounter some of Washington's native wildlife up close during a guided visit to Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Includes a box lunch.

Cost: \$35 Limit: 20

3. Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle

Sightseeing Trip

Grab a cup of real Seattle coffee and watch out for flying fish as you visit the Emerald City's world famous Pike Place Market! Spend the afternoon at Woodland Park Zoo to see their birds in action and enjoy a lunch hosted by the Zoo.

Cost: \$35 *Limit: 25*

****New!* POST-CONFERENCE TRIP, February 11**

Skagit Valley Bald Eagle Float Trip

Spend an extra day after the conference experiencing Northwest nature on a guided trip to the Skagit River Valley, the region's premier winter birding spot. You'll enjoy a float trip down the river to spot bald eagles that winter on the shores by the hundreds, feasting on salmon. We'll also observe large numbers of other birds in the area including flocks of geese and swans and lots of raptors! *You must book trip before 1/1/07.*

Cost: \$85 (includes lunch)

NIGHT OUT

Edgeworks Climbing Indoor Rock Center

Get a taste of Northwest adventure during our night out at Tacoma's leading indoor climbing destination! Tailored for beginners, you'll receive personal instruction in a fun and safe setting while your friends cheer you on as you practice climbing, bouldering, and rappelling.

Cost: \$35 (includes dinner) *Limit 50*

POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM DAY

On Saturday, conference delegates will head to the Zoo to enjoy a day in this spectacular Puget Sound setting. We'll have workshops in the morning and lunch provided by the Zoo. In the afternoon, delegates can visit the Zoo's many all-new exhibits on their own, go on behind-the-scenes tours, and chat with our keepers and volunteers.

BANQUET

Our conference will conclude with the banquet on Saturday evening at the hotel. The banquet will feature conference awards, photo contest

winners, raffle drawings, and a silent auction. After dinner, celebrate with music and dancing with all your new friends!

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

Help support IAATE! You will be able to purchase tickets for raffle drawings held throughout the conference. We will also have a silent auction during the banquet. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the conference or contact Maureen O'Keefe at 253-404-3670 or mokeefe@pdza.org.

CONFERENCE AWARDS AND PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to apply for the conservation awards and grants, the husbandry and show behaviors of the year, and interpretive behavior award. We'll also have the photo contest again, so start shooting! See the website for more information on the awards, grants, and photo contest. **Deadlines are prior to the conference this year, so be sure to submit your entries early!**

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of papers presented will be available on a CD for \$15.00. Reserve your copy in advance on your registration form.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

Share your knowledge, expertise, and experience with IAATE members. This year we are soliciting papers and posters on the following topics:

- Training and Behavior
- Shows and Education
- Conservation and Research
- Animal Management and Veterinary Medicine

30 minutes will be allotted for each paper presentation. (20 minute presentation/10 minute question and answer) Posters will be on display throughout the conference with time allotted to meet with the authors.

If you would like to present a paper or poster, please send an abstract by October 1st, 2006 to:

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Electronic submissions are preferred. Please submit documents in Microsoft Word. Abstract and paper guidelines can be found at www.iaate.org



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2007 Conference Itinerary

Date	Activity	Time
Wednesday, February 7	Pre-Conference Trips Ice Breaker	7:00 am-5:00 pm 6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Thursday, February 8	Presentations Night Out Or Hospitality Suite Bird Mating Dance	8:00 am-5:00 pm 5:30 pm-9:30 pm 7:00 pm on 10:30 pm
Friday, February 9	Presentations Open Board Meeting Workshops	8:00 am-5:00 pm TBA 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Saturday, February 10	Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Day Workshops Banquet	7:30 am-4:00 pm 9:00 am-11:00 am 6:00 pm-11:00 pm
Sunday, February 11	Post-Conference Eagle Float Trip	7:00 am-7:00 pm