

2009 Schedule



- Thu, May 21** 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration Pick-up at the Host Hotel
- Fri, May 22**
Pre-trip 6:00 am – 12:00 pm A Morning with Bob Behrstock at Santa Ana NWR & other Mid-Valley Sites – Birds, Butterflies, Odonates, and more!!
- Fri, May 22** 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Registration Pick-up at the Host Hotel
- 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Welcome Social with Hors D'oeuvres at the Host Hotel & Silent Auction Opening
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Seminar: Bob Behrstock – Dragonflies 101
This session is for the beginner odonate fan. Learn how to ID odonates and their habitats. See what makes them so unique and fascinating.
- Sat, May 23** 7:00 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast at the Host Hotel
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Seminar – Greg Lasley - Chasing Dragonflies in South Africa
- 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Field Trip to Mid Valley Locations - Snacks provided (No Lunch)
- 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Field Trip to Lower Valley Locations - With Lunch Box
- 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Field Trip to Upper Valley Locations - With Lunch Box
Field trips will go to area wetlands with the most diversity of odonates. Two expert guides per trip. You must choose one of the three trips. Water, snacks and bug spray will be provided. Lunch on the Upper and Lower trips. Bring your close-focusing binoculars, wear sturdy shoes, outdoor clothing, and hats for sun protection.
- 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Beginner's Odonata Workshop Trip - Weslaco Locations
This trip is a great way to learn the most common odes. If you want to learn more about these fascinating creatures this is were to start. Great companion trip after attending Bob Behrstock's Friday evening 101 seminar!
- 5:00 pm – 5:05 pm Daily List Call of what was observed in the field (Seminar Room)
- 5:10 pm – 6:00 pm Seminar – Ro Wauer - Nature Superlatives Along the Rio Grande
- 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm On your own until the Banquet
- 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Social with free "spirits" at Estero Llano Grande Visitors Center - Shuttle available a 6:00 pm
- 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Banquet Dinner and Keynote Presentation –
John Abbott – Texas Dragonflies: Past, Present, and Future
At the Estero Llano Grande State Park - This is a banquet you won't want to miss!!
Silent Auction Closes!! Shuttle starts returns at 9:00 pm
- Sun, May 24** 7:00 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast at the Host Hotel
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Seminar - Martin Reid -Dragonfly Prey: A Look at What Odonates Eat and What Eats Them.
- 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Field Trip to Mid Valley Locations - Snacks provided (No Lunch)
- 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Field Trip to Lower Valley Locations - With Lunch Box
- 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Field Trip to Upper Valley Locations - With Lunch Box
- Please see Saturday's field trips for details.
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Refreshments served in the Seminar Room
- 4:30 pm – 4:35 pm Daily List Call of what was observed in the field (Seminar Room)
- 4:40 pm – 5:30 pm Seminar - Joshua Rose - An Oder's Guide to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.