



2009 MOS FALL MEETING
September 25-27
Vicksburg, MS

The Fall Meeting will be held at the Battlefield Inn in Vicksburg (take Exit 4B off I-20) - Toll free number is 1-800-359-9363. Rooms are \$66 plus tax - includes a complimentary breakfast that begins at 6:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION FORM IS ON NEXT PAGE.**

FRIDAY EVENING – SEPTEMBER 25

6:30-7:30 p.m.	Battlefield Inn – Social Hour – Light Refreshments
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Plans for field trips on Saturday and Sunday
8:00 p.m.	Board Meeting

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 a.m.	Gather at the parking area at the Battlefield Inn for field trips.
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Banquet at the Battlefield Inn
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Business Meeting and Species Tally
8:00 p.m.	SPEAKER – Matt Smith’s talk is titled "The Woodpecker's Tale: Mississippi History in a Bird's Eye View."

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 a.m.	Field trips – meet at the Battlefield Inn parking lot
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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Matt Smith is a lifelong naturalist and Jacksonian who has birded on six continents, but still prefers the Pearl River woods of his childhood. After completing his master's degree in geography at Florida State University, Matt returned home and currently works as a mapmaker and GIS analyst at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. He also serves as a board member and webmaster with the Jackson Audubon Society, writes a quarterly birding column for Delta Wildlife magazine, and speaks regularly on natural history topics. Meanwhile, he is pursuing a second master's degree in creative writing for children, with a focus on science and nature writing. His talk is tentatively titled "The Woodpecker's Tale: Mississippi History in a Bird's Eye View." This would serve as a colorful tour of the environmental history of our state, as told through the stories of its birds -- from the Peregrine Falcon's role in pre-Columbian mythology to the Sandhill Crane's role in the modern conservation movement, and from the destruction of our virgin forest and the Ivory-billed Woodpecker's downfall to the Least Tern perseverance through coastal development and Hurricane Katrina.

