



COASTAL BIRDING AND GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

A *My Coast* COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is pleased to announce that on **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010**, Dr. Olivia Graves, a retired teacher and avid bird enthusiast, will present a short program that will highlight her recent participation in the American Birding Association's Annual Big Year of Birding for the lower 48 states. A brief social will be held at 6 p.m. and presentations will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude around 8 p.m. at the **Caylor Auditorium** located on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi's **Gulf Coast Research Lab in Ocean Springs, Miss.**

Graves worked tirelessly last year to seek out and document over 600 different bird species within the lower 48 states, but her program will primarily concentrate on birds that she has seen right here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. NERR Education Coordinator Jennifer Buchanan will demonstrate how anyone in the community can participate in Audubon's upcoming Great Backyard Bird Count which will take place Feb.12-15 and help document birds found in their community.

A variety of authors and photographers for the Reserve's newest field guide entitled "Selected Birds of the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Vicinity" will be on hand to sign copies of the free book after the presentations.

This activity is one in a series of the Reserve's My Coast community programs conducted in partnership with the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center, Gulf of Mexico Alliance and the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society.

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