

**Field Plant Identification:**  
**Wetland and Transitional Habitats of Coastal Mississippi**  
April 13 ~ April 15, 2011

**Directions to Workshop Locations**

\*\*If you get lost, Avia's cell # is 228-697-0205\*\*

***Wednesday April 13, 2011***

**Grand Bay NERR**

1. Take I-10 to Exit 75 (Franklin Creek Road).
2. Head South on Franklin Creek.
3. You will come to a stop sign at Highway 90.
4. Turn right (west) onto 90.
5. About 1/2mi down the road you will see the large brown sign for the NERR directing you to turn left onto Pecan Road.
6. Follow the road until it turns to the left, then make an immediate right onto the road that crosses the railroad tracks (~.75 miles from 90).
7. Cross over the railroad tracks and turn right (This is Bayou Heron Road).
8. The NERR office is 1 mile down Bayou Heron Road on the right.
9. Parking is available in front of the office.

**Grand Bay NERR Salt/Brackish Marsh (Bayou Heron)**

1. Continue south on Bayou Heron past the NERR Coastal Resources Center
2. At the end of the road you will reach the boat ramp at Bayou Heron. Park and meet on the dock.

**Lunch Recommendations**

Bring Lunch -or-

There are several fast food options west on 90 in Pascagoula (~15 - 20min drive).

**Grand Bay NERR Freshwater Marsh (across from Pascagoula shooting range)**

1. Continue south on Bayou Heron past the NERR Coastal Resources Center.
2. About 0.75mi on the left you will see the Pascagoula Shooting Range.
3. The trail to the marsh will be on your right.

## ***Thursday April 14, 2011***

### **Grand Bay NERR**

1. Take I-10 to Exit 75 (Franklin Creek Road).
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4. Turn right (west) onto 90.
5. About 1/2mi down the road you will see the large brown sign for the NERR directing you to turn left onto Pecan Road.
6. Follow the road until it turns to the left, then make an immediate right onto the road that crosses the railroad tracks (~.75 miles from 90).
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9. Parking is available in front of the office.

### **Grand Bay NERR Pine Flatwood/Maritime Forest (Birding Trail)**

1. Continue south on Bayou Heron past the NERR Coastal Resources Center.
2. About 1mi down the road you will see the sign for the Birding Trail.
3. Pull into the parking lot on the left and meet at the trail head.

### **Lunch Recommendations**

Bring Lunch -or-

Eat out near 12 Oaks:

Pizza Hut or Acapulco Mexican Restaurant on Hwy 90 across from 12 Oaks.

Feel free to scavenge up and down Hwy 90 for fast food, Mellow Mushroom Pizza, McAlister's, etc.

### **12 Oaks, Ocean Springs**

1. Take I-10 to Exit 50 (MS 609/Washington Ave).
2. Head south on MS 609/Washington Ave for about 3mi.
3. Turn left onto Hwy 90/Bienville Road.
4. Turn left onto Hanley, next to Goodyear. Master Grill will be on the south side of 90.
5. The road dead ends, but if you take a left and the gravel driveway, it will wind around to the 12 Oaks property.
6. We will meet in the parking lot in front of the house.

## ***Friday April 15, 2011***

### **Grand Bay NERR**

1. Take I-10 to Exit 75 (Franklin Creek Road).
2. Head South on Franklin Creek.
3. You will come to a stop sign at Highway 90.
4. Turn right (west) onto 90.
5. About 1/2mi down the road you will see the large brown sign for the NERR directing you to turn left onto Pecan Road.

6. Follow the road until it turns to the left, then make an immediate right onto the road that crosses the railroad tracks (~.75 miles from 90).
7. Cross over the railroad tracks and turn right (This is Bayou Heron Road).
8. The NERR office is 1 mile down Bayou Heron Road on the right.
9. Parking is available in front of the office.

#### **Pine Savanna (adjacent to NERR Coastal Resources Center)**

1. Meet in NERR parking lot.
2. Walk to savanna under powerlines.

#### **Pine Savanna (Hwy 90)**

1. From GBNERR parking lot Take Bayou Heron Road north to Pecan road.
2. Turn right on Pecan Road and take it to Hwy 90.
3. Turn right on Hwy 90 (East) and after a quarter mile pull over to the right shoulder and park.
4. Meet group at trail head into savanna

#### **Lunch Recommendations**

Bring Lunch -or-

Eat out on the way to Ward Bayou:

The Shed BBQ Restaurant is on Hwy 57, you will see it on your left 0.25mi after turning North on Hwy 57 from I-10 (recommended option).

#### **Ward Bayou**

1. From I-10 take Exit 57 (Hwy 57).
2. Head north on Hwy 57 towards Vancleave (aprox 7mi.). You will drive for several miles through Vancleave (~3.5 miles through the center of town and past the high school).
3. Turn right onto Poticaw Bayou Road. This intersection has a traffic light. Just before the light you will see a sign on the right side of the road for Sue's Florists and other businesses.
4. Take the first left about a half mile down Poticaw onto Old River Road. You will see a very small brown sign on the right side of the road for Ward Bayou. You will be on Old River Road for aprox. 2.8 miles.
5. Turn right onto Old River Road Loop. You will be on this road for about one mile. Just after crossing the bridge look for a small brown sign for Ward Bayou on the right.
6. Turn right onto Ward Bayou Road just after the brown sign.
7. Go past the office (stay to the right) and pull into the parking lot at the bottom of the hill on the right just before crossing the next bridge.
8. We will meet here in the parking lot.