

SBSC Weekly Highlights, September 9, 2007

SBSC Researcher Recognized for Scientific Contributions in Ornithology: USGS scientist Mark Sogge, of the Southwest Biological Science Center, was confirmed as an Elective Member of American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) during the group's 125th annual meeting in Laramie, WY, in August 2007. The AOU is the premier professional ornithological society in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the top avian research societies in the world. Elective Member status is bestowed for significant contributions to the field of ornithology and/or service to the AOU. Sogge was recognized for his bird-related research over the past 20 years, which has focused on the ecology and conservation of rare and endangered species. Contact: Mark Sogge, SBSC, Flagstaff, mark_sogge@usgs.gov

SBSC Cave Researcher Presents: J. Judson Wynne, cave research scientist of the USGS Colorado Plateau Research Station and Northern Arizona University biology doctoral student, presented a summary paper on Phase 1 of the NASA-funded Earth-Mars Cave Detection Program at the 10th Annual Mars Society Conference, held in Los Angeles, CA from August 30 to September 3. His team's findings include demonstrating detection of caves using thermal infrared is possible on Earth and identifying the most compelling evidence of cave-like structures on Mars. Contact: J. Judson Wynne, SBSC, Flagstaff, AZ, jut.wynne@nau.edu, 928-523-7757