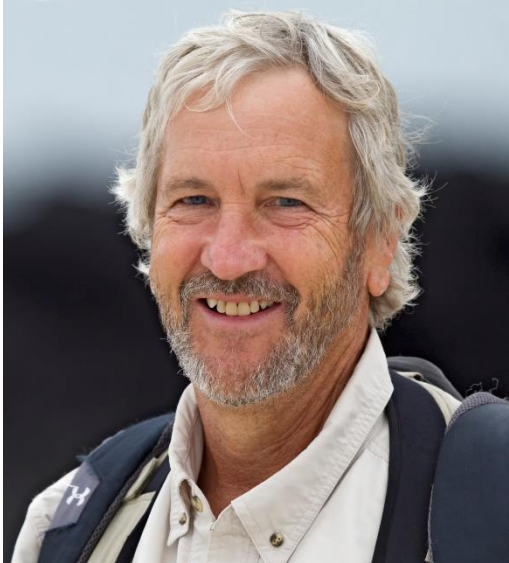




The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory is pleased to host:

Advanced Flight and Action Photography

With Kevin Karlson



[Kevin Karlson](#) is an accomplished birder, professional tour leader and wildlife photographer/instructor who has published many bird and nature related articles for magazines, books, and journals. He is a regular at Bird and Nature festivals in North America, where he gives keynote presentations, workshops on bird identification, and photo instruction. Kevin's books include *The Shorebird Guide*; *Birding by Impression: A Different Approach to Bird Identification*; *Birds of Prey* (all three Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers); and the upcoming *Gulls Simplified: A Comparative Identification Approach* (Princeton University Press, late 2018). His photography books include *The Birds of Cape May* and *Visions: Earth's Elements in Bird and Nature Photography* (Schiffer Publishing). Kevin also produced six photographic laminated foldout ID guides for Quick Reference Publishing (*Raptors of Eastern and Western North*

America (2012); *Waterfowl of North America* (2013); *Warblers of North America* (2016); *Shorebirds of North America* (2014); and *Owls and Nightjars of North America* (2017). Check out more of Kevin's work on his [webpage](#)



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Osprey

By Kevin Karlson

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Cost: \$80 for Saturday only or \$140 for Saturday and Sunday combined

Join wildlife photographer Kevin Karlson at GCBO's headquarters in Lake Jackson, TX as he shares basic and advanced techniques for photographing wildlife in action, and the crucial awareness of lighting principles to maximize your success. Digital photography allows us to capture flight and action images like never before. Even with these advances, it is important to learn how to capture a dynamic wildlife image with the most efficient field techniques and camera settings.

Topics covered will include: handheld versus tripod techniques; proper exposure/camera settings for different field conditions; subject acquisition; subject tracking/synchronous panning; advantages of manual exposure for quick light compensation; balancing white and dark subjects using exposure basics; artistic exposures and creative lighting. Each of these topics will be simply explained, with a variety of photos providing visual examples of each, often with camera setting information. This workshop is somewhat technical in nature, with knowledge of basic camera operation required.

Bring a photo for a critique session! The first 20 registrants can bring two jpeg photos* on a thumb drive to submit for critiquing and feedback by Kevin and the group as a whole. Participants will discuss alternative composition options and balance for photos providing a fun learning experience for everyone!

*photographs must be formatted on a PC (not a MAC).

Saturday workshop limited to 40 participants.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Cost: \$80 for Sunday only or \$140 for Saturday and Sunday combined

Join Kevin at the Smith Point Hawk Watch at Candy Abshier WMA in Smith Point, TX for an in-field session photographing raptors in flight, butterflies, wildflowers and whatever else we can find! This comprehensive interactive workshop will build on Saturday's workshop by putting to use the instructions and tips in field situations. Kevin will explain the principles of flight and action photography and how these techniques are best applied in field situations. Topics covered will include the basics of flight and action photography, including handheld technique; proper exposure; subject acquisition; subject tracking; advantages of manual exposure; and importance of practice with a variety of subjects. Each participant will get individual attention on how to best capture flight and action wildlife images. If you want to take your action photography to the next level, this is a good workshop for you. Remind - there are no services at Smith Point. Bring your lunch, sunscreen, hat, binoculars, camera, spotting scope, and plenty to drink.

Sunday workshop limited to 20 participants

Cost: \$80 for Saturday

\$80 for Sunday

\$140 for Saturday/Sunday combination

Please call GCBO at 979-480-0999 to reserve your spot and make payment

Location & Time:

Saturday, October 6, 2018: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory,
299 Hwy 332 West, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Sunday, October 7, 2018: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Smith Point Hawk Watch,
for directions [click here](#).



Proceeds will benefit the Smith Point Hawk Watch