



Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Biology in collaboration with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is pleased to announce the following lecture:

Topic: Conservation in Ecuador: How Eco-tourism and Citizen Science Help Protect Resident and Neotropical Migrant Bird Species

Speaker: Rudy Gelis

Date/Time: May 6, 2013 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Tom H. Jackson Building



Rudy Gelis, a graduate of Berea College and owner of Pluma Verde Tours, began his career in ornithology when he was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship in 1997. After studying nesting Andean Condors in Argentina and penguins on the Falkland Islands, he settled in Ecuador. Over the past decade, as an active member of the Yanayacu Natural History Group based in the cloud forest of northeastern Ecuador, he has collaborated in numerous publications in refereed ornithology journals.

Rudy instructs university-level natural history courses in Ecuador and frequently offers ecotourism courses and assists in professional workshops for guides and park guards in Latin America. Applying his strong background in botany and great interest throughout the natural world, Rudy leads birding and natural history tours throughout much of Ecuador and Peru. He is co-author with Murray Cooper of *Plumas: Birds in Ecuador*, a fine art photography book published in South America. He currently lives in Quito, Ecuador.

Rudy's 2013 U.S. speaking tour includes lectures at Brown, Cornell, and Middle Tennessee State Universities.

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http://www.mtsu.edu/parking/Map_2011-2012.pdf

(The Tom Jackson Building is located in map quadrant B3 and is labeled "JACK")



Cerulean Warbler
Dendroica cerulean

The Cerulean Warbler winters in Ecuador, and spends its summers in its breeding habitat in Tennessee. It is one