

## Calendar of Meetings

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### January

- 3–8 **Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology**, Boston; [www.sicb.org/meetings/2009](http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2009)

### February

- 9–12 **Weed Science Society of America**, Orlando, FL; [www.wssa.net/Meetings/WSSAAnnual/Info.htm](http://www.wssa.net/Meetings/WSSAAnnual/Info.htm)

### March

- 22–26 **National Shellfisheries Association**, Savannah, GA; <http://shellfish.org/101stannualmeeting>

### April

- 1–4 **Association of Southeastern Biologists**, Jacksonville and Birmingham, AL; [www.asb.appstate.edu/meeting.php](http://www.asb.appstate.edu/meeting.php)
- 10–15 **Cactus and Succulent Society of America**, Tucson, AZ; <http://2009.tucsoncactus.org>

- 13–18 **Coastal Education and Research Foundation**, Lisbon, Portugal; [www.cerf-jcr.org](http://www.cerf-jcr.org)

- 16–18 **Cooper Ornithological Society**, Tucson, AZ; [www.birdnestings.org/cos2009](http://www.birdnestings.org/cos2009)

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