

EAGLE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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2021-2022



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Eagle Audubon Mission

As a chapter of the National Audubon Society, we seek to increase interest and involvement in our local and state environment, its history, wildlife, preservation and restoration.

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EAGLE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Monthly Programs
2021-2022

We welcome you to our monthly programs. Our October 21 meeting will be held in the Kings Point Clubhouse Banquet Room. Effective November 15, all meetings will move to the Social Hall in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd W, Sun City Center. Meeting dates and times are listed below. The doors open at 1:20 PM for a social and sign-up time, the general public is invited. There will be no refreshments at this time, but you may bring your own beverage. The meeting and program begin at 2:00 PM.

Note: We will follow current CDC guidelines and we ask for courtesy toward mask wearers.

Thursday, October 21, 2021
Tom Heitzman
Sweet Bay Nursery
Birds, Butterflies and Native Plants

Monday, November 15, 2021
Florida's Endangered/Threatened Birds: Two Case Studies
Julie Stocksdale
Eagle Audubon

Florida is home to many unique habitats, and thus we have a number of rare, threatened, and endangered species. Two of these species are the red-cockaded woodpecker and the Florida scrub jay. Julie will discuss the natural history of each of these birds, why they have become so rare, and what efforts are being made to save them. A field trip on December 1 to Oscar Scherer State Park will focus on Florida scrub jays and their habitat needs.

Monday, December 13, 2021
The West Florida Shelf: A Diverse Marine Ecosystem
Daniel Roberts, Contract Scientist
Mote Marine Laboratory, Center for Electronic Fishery Monitoring

The West Florida Shelf encompasses the offshore area along Florida's Gulf Coast between around 65 to 650 feet deep from the Dry Tortugas to the northern Florida Middle Grounds, an area almost as large as the terrestrial state of Florida. Although gently sloping as it grades to the edge of the continental shelf, there are many high-relief structures such as drowned barrier islands, the deltas of ancient rivers, sand waves, hard bottom, chemosynthetic communities, submarine canyons and brine seeps. Natural and man-made disturbances, including over 100 years of fishing, have had a negative effect on the ecology of the shelf. We will discuss some of these environmental insults and their resultant impacts.

Monday, January 17, 2022

Christmas Bird Count in the Alafia Region

Charles Fisher

Coordinator of the Christmas Bird Count for the Alafia Region

Monday, February 21, 2022

Quest Ecology

Translocation of Burrowing Owls

Monday, March 21, 2022

Rocky Milburn

Sierra Club

Florida Birds

Monday, April 18, 2022

TBD



EAGLE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Field Trips and Events
2021-2022

Note: We do not charge for field trips unless our destination requires an entrance or tour fee, but membership is required to participate in any field trip. Trip leaders do not collect membership fees. If you wish to participate in trip, contact the trip leader within 3 months of the date of the trip.

General recommendations for bird watching walking shoes, cameras, binoculars, water, sun screen. Eagle Audubon will not be responsible for personal injuries or losses incurred by anyone while taking part in its suggested activities. Carpooling is not recommended due to Covid.

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Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Myakka River State Park
13208 State Rd 72, Sarasota

Meet at the Myakka River State Park Birdwalk Pier at 9:30 AM. Upper Myakka Lake is a magnet for water birds, both shore birds and swimmers. A boardwalk and pier run along the shore and out into the lake for maximum viewing opportunities. Benches along the pier and at the end provide spots to sit and enjoy the view. There often is a member of a local Audubon group with a spotting scope to help see the birds on the far shore. Bring binoculars and a bottle of water. After our stop at the Birdwalk, we may stop at a bridge along the park road to see more shore birds (and a plethora of gators). Another option is to climb to the Canopy Walkway for a spectacular view. If the café is open, we can have a casual lunch there at your expense. Cost: \$6 per vehicle park entry fee. Limit: 15. Leaders: John and Julie Stocksdale. To sign up for this trip, please call Julie Stocksdale at 727-418-5119. The first 15 to call will get a spot. Please leave your contact information with Julie when you call.

Monday, October 25, 2021
Sunken Gardens
1825 4th Street N St. Petersburg

Meet at the parking lot of Sunken Gardens at 9:30 AM. Come tour with a horticultural specialist at Sunken Gardens, a 100-year-old tropical paradise with more than 50,000 tropical plants, cascading waterfalls, beautiful demonstration gardens, flamingos, and other exotic birds. Lunch is on your own. Limit 15 people. Cost \$10. Trip leaders are Don and Liz 642-0434.

Thursday, October 28, 2021
Sweet Bay Nursery
10824 Erie Road, Parrish

Gather at the nursery with a member of the Native Plant Society at 9:15 AM. Limit 25. Leader: Anne Whitehall 413-364-6948. Cancelled because of rain.

Friday, November 12, 2021

**Lettuce Lake Park
6920 E Fletcher Av. Tampa**

Meet at the parking lot near the Lettuce Lake Visitors Center at 8:45 AM. Come join us birding on a boardwalk with Mary Keith, an expert birder and co-founder of Bird Fest. Great opportunity to see herons, ibis, limpkins, egrets, woodpeckers, and warblers. Limit 20 people. No cost. Trip leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Latitudes Boat Eco Tour of Tampa Bay and the Little Manatee
580 Bahia Beach Blvd, Ruskin**

Meet at 9:15 AM for boarding at Slip 10. The cost is \$23 per person. Limit 24 members. Leader: Anne Whitehall 413-364-6948. Payment is due now. Call Anne if you want to go or have signed up and haven't paid by November 8. I have to give them a list per boating regs.

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Oscar Scherer State Park
1843 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey**

Meet at the Nature Center at 9:30 AM. Oscar Scherer State Park is an example of Florida sandy scrub habitat, which is home to our state's only endemic bird: the Florida scrub jay. Our hike will take us into this habitat where we may see warblers, woodpeckers, vireos, possibly an eagle or two, and, if we're lucky, a family of scrub jays. We'll hike for about 2 hours on soft sand substrate, so sturdy shoes are recommended. Please bring binoculars and a bottle/thermos of water. Lunch will be at Casey Key Fish House at your expense. Limit 15. Leaders: John and Julie Stocksdale 727-418-5119.

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021
The James Museum & Brick Street Farms
(James Museum) 150 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg
(Brick Street Farms) 2233 3rd Ave S, St. Petersburg**

Meet at the James Museum at 9:45 AM in downtown St. Petersburg. We will divide into smaller groups at the museum for docent-led tours. The special exhibition at this time is Warhol's West. Lunch, at your own expense, will be at Datz, which is attached to the museum. Limit 30. Admission fee. \$15. After lunch, we'll visit Brick Street Farms in St. Petersburg's Warehouse Arts District. This is an all-inclusive farming and retail company that has self-contained, environmentally sustainable THRIVE containers used in the vertical farming industry – especially important in urban centers. Leader: Joanne Finney 954-540-5985

**December 13, 2021
Bahia Beach Preserve
2513 W. Shell Point Road, Ruskin**

Meet at the preserve parking lot at 9 AM. Bring your binoculars and bug spray. See ducks, roseate spoonbills, kingfishers, and many other birds. Limit 20 people. No cost. Trip leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Lake Morton Birding in Lakeland
Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland

Meet 10 AM at Lake Morton. This will be an easy walk around Lake Morton observing different birds. There are also many statues of swans around the lake. Last year we recorded 28 different species of birds, including white and black swans. Leader: Joanne Finney 954-540-5985.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Tampa Bay Watch Birding Boat Trip
3000 Pinellas Bayway South, St. Petersburg

Meet at Tampa Bay Watch building parking lot at 8:45 AM. Go out on the Tampa Bay Watch boat birding with one of the top birders in Florida, Eric Page. You will see shorebirds on the sandbars, terns, gulls, and other water birds. Limit 20 people. Cost is \$25. Leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

Saturday, February 5, 2022
Eagles Nest Tour

Meeting time is 7:45AM at the Celery Fields, 6893 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota for a morning bus ride to about 6 active nests in Sarasota County. The cost is \$35 per person. Limit:12. There are a few openings. Lunch TBD. Call Leader: Anne Whitehall 413-364-6948

Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Circle B Bar Preserve
4399 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland

Meet at 9:30 AM at the parking lot near the Circle B Visitors Center. Hopefully the trams will be taking groups out to bird, otherwise we will be walking the preserve. Either way you will see many birds such as terns, whistling ducks, wood storks, herons etc. Limit 25 people. Cost \$5. Trip leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Birding at Rock Ponds
4221 Lavender Road, Ruskin

Meet at 8:45 AM at Borrow Pit Central Gate on Lavender Road. After 3 years we will hopefully tour the Rock Ponds with Nancy Norton, Site Engineer for South West Water Management. She will give us information on the building of the site and then take us on a birding trip around the north ponds to see many different shore birds. Limit 25 people. No cost. Leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Duette Preserve Wagon Tour
2649 Rawls Road, Duette

Time to meet 9:15 AM. We will have a 2.5 hour guided tour by wagon. Many species of birds are found here: scrub jays, burrowing owls and snowy egrets. Many native plants and butterflies are also found in this area. Limit 20 people. Cost: \$15. Bring a lunch or snacks to eat on the wagon or immediately following the tour. Leader: Anne Whitehall 413-364-6948

March 14, 2022
Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation
Little Red Wagon
4107-B Henderson Blvd, Tampa

Time to meet is 9:45. There will be a presentation at 10:00 AM showing butterflies in different stages and the plants needed to sustain them. Limit 30. Lunch to be arranged. Leader: Joanne Finney 954-540-5985.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Carefree Learners Audubon Birding Boat Trip
2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota

Meet at 11:00 AM at 2 Marina Plaza. A boat trip out in the Sarasota Bay to bird with Megan Ehlers. She and the captain plus a naturalist from Florida Audubon will help identify the birds as we cruise the Bay and circle Bird Key Rookery. Limit 20 people. Cost \$20. Lunch at O'Leary's Tiki Bar. Trip leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

Monday, April 25, 2022
Birding at Ft. DeSoto
3500 Pinellas Bayway S., St. Petersburg

Meet at the flagpole as you enter Fort De Soto at 9 AM. Spring migration brings all the warblers to the Oaks in Fort De Soto, and we will be there to see them. Later we will walk over to the Gulf side and view the shore birds. Limit 25 people. No cost. Lunch-bring your own or buy at the snack bar. Leaders are Don and Liz. 642-0434.

HAPPY BIRDING!



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