

Activities & Trips

2012-2013

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Thursdays at OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK 8:30am every Thursday, October thru April. Bird walk to search for Florida Scrub Jays, N. Bobwhites, and other pine flatwood species. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/Nature Center (park fee). Park opens at 8am. Call Joyce with questions (508-737-8954)

Tuesday, Sept 25: CORTEZ FRIGATEBIRD ROOST Join Stu Wilson and John Ginaven (383-5133) to watch for frigatebirds come off their Cortez roost and soar into the sky. Call John for meeting time and place

Thursday, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Friday, Oct 5: NORTH LIDO KEY Join butterfly enthusiasts Stu Hills (922-5261) and Jeanne Dubi to locate and ID local butterflies. Meet at 9:30am on N. Lido at the small parking lot where Ringling Blvd. curves and becomes Ben Franklin Drive

Saturday, Oct 6: PINECRAFT PARK Look for fall migrants with Edith Miller (364-3637) at this local hotspot off Bahia Vista. Meet in Pinecraft Park parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Oct 9: ROBINSON PRESERVE Leaders: John Ginaven (383-5133) and Stu Wilson. Meet at 8am in the Robinson Preserve parking lot at the corner of 99th St NW and 17th Ave NW in Bradenton

Tuesday, Oct 16: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Saturday, Oct 20: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 7:30am. Leaders: Mary Heinlen (346-3335) and Claire Herzog

Monday, Oct 22: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK CLUB Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday, Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo (corner of Palmer & Raymond Rd) at 8am

BIRDING CLASSES WITH JEANNE DUBI AND RICK GREENSPUN Four Wednesdays: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, from 9:30 until 11:30am. See other side for details. Cost \$50

Tuesday, Oct 30: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 7:30am. Leaders Rick Greenspun and Kathryn Young (612-760-1771)

Thursdays, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: OSCAR SCHERER SP YES, we will have a walk on Thanksgiving! 8:30am

Saturday, Nov 3: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 7:30am. Leaders: Mary Heinlen (346-3335) and Claire Herzog

Sunday, Nov 11: PLANT WALK AT THE CELERY FIELDS Russ Hoffman of Beautiful Ponds will help us ID aquatic plants and show us how they can be used in our own backyard and association ponds to help filter the water that enters Sarasota Bay. Meet at the gazebo area at 9am. Contact russ@beautifulponds.com for more details

Saturday, Nov 17: LONGBOAT KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds. Meet at Broadway beach access on north end of LBK at 8am. Leader Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

Monday, Nov 19: NORTH LIDO BEACH & WOODS Find resident and migrant shorebirds and woodland birds in the newly restored N. Lido Woods. Meet at 8am in the small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd, on Lido. Leaders Marc Hayman and Kathryn Young (612-760-1771)

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Monday, Nov 26: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK CLUB Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo (corner of Palmer & Raymond Rd) at 8am

Tuesday, Dec 4: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Wednesday, Dec 5: MYAKKA RIVER SP This wildlife preserve always provides great birding. Meet at 8:15am in the first parking lot on your right just inside the park (fee). Note: park opens at 8am. Leader Owen Comora (378-5166). BRING LUNCH

Thursdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Saturday, Dec 8: LAUREL LANDFILL "PINELAND" with Barry Rosshem (387-5044). Meet at the BP gas station on the way to the Landfill on the corner of Laurel Road and Knights Trail Rd at 7:30am

Wednesday, Dec 12: HOLIDAY LUNCH Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch. Our annual holiday celebration includes a powerpoint presentation, table prizes and lots of camaraderie! See other side for details

Saturday, Dec 15: SOUTH LAKE MYAKKA RIVER SP Join Barry Rosshem (387-5044) as he takes the hike down to south lake (approx 5 miles round trip). This is a large lake that few visitors venture to. Possibility of finding many ducks and shorebirds. Meet at Twin Lakes Park (6700 Clark Rd just east of I-75) at 7:30am. BRING WATER & LUNCH

Monday, Dec 17: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Myakka River State Park. Ken Alvarez: kencalvarez@msn.com

Monday, Dec 24: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK CLUB Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-March at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo (corner of Palmer & Raymond Rd) at 8am

Thursday, Jan 3: LIDO BEACH & WOODS Find resident and migrant shorebirds and woodland birds in the newly restored N. Lido Woods. Meet at 8am in the small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd, on Lido. Leaders John Ginaven (383-5133) and Stu Wilson

Thursdays, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Saturday, Jan 5: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Annual bird count is lots of fun. To participate, contact glynis.withrington@btinternet.com

Tuesday, Jan 15: CIRCLE B BAR PRESERVE Over 150 bird species have been found on this 1,267-acre property in Lakeland, Polk County. Call Lynn Jakubowicz (355-4073) for more information. BRING LUNCH. Meet at Starbucks (University & I-75) next to Home Depot at 7am

Thursday/Friday, Jan 17-19: WEST PALM BEACH AND STATION 5 IN CLEWISTON Car caravan for an overnight to West Palm Beach to bird the wetlands at Green Cay and Wakodahatchee. These wetlands have 2 miles of boardwalks and lots of birds within easy viewing. Then on to STA-5 in Clewiston for one night—the next day we will bird STA-5. These remote, shallow-water marshes attract many species of birds. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. COST \$25. Kathryn Young (612-760-1771; kathwren4@gmail.com)

Friday, Jan 25: DUCK HUNT Join Jeanne Dubi (724-1709) and Martha Straub as they look for and help you identify wintering ducks at Lake Ackerman and the Celery Fields. Meet at Ackerman on Coburn Rd at 8am

Monday, Jan 28: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK CLUB Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-March at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo (corner of Palmer & Raymond Rd) at 8am

Tuesday, Jan 29: WINE AND WATCH Enjoy Plymouth Harbor's bird rookery on Coon Key (over the Ringling Bridge from downtown SRQ) as birds arrive to claim their evening roosts; from 5:30-6:30pm it's a lively scene. Lou Newman will provide commentary. Bring your own lawn chair and beverage and arrive by 5:15pm. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Maximum of 12. Call Mary Allyn 361-7558

Thursday, Jan 31: EAGLE SLIDE SHOW Dale Nauman will give an informative and entertaining slide show on Bald Eagles at the Waldemere



Fire Station (upstairs), 2070 Waldemere St., 6:30-8:00pm for all who have signed up for the Eagle Trolley. Call Kathryn Young for RESERVATIONS (612-760-1771)

Saturday, Feb 2: ALL ABOARD THE EAGLE TROLLEY

On Sat. Feb 2, 8am. Leave the driving to us, (3-hour ride) as our Eagle expert Dale Nauman gives us the history and great looks at 3-4 active nests. Bathroom break will be provided. Also included will be an Eagle powerpoint slide show on Thurs evening, Jan. 31. Call Kathryn Young (612-760-1771). RESERVATION REQUIRED. Cost, \$25

Tuesday, Feb 5: FT. DESOTO SHOREBIRDS & DUCKS Join Lynn Jakubowicz, 355-4073, and Mary Heinlen to find these beautiful wintering birds. Meet at Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 7:30am. BRING LUNCH

Thursdays, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Tuesday, Feb 12: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Tuesday, Feb 19: HARNES MARSH & AND 6-MILE SLOUGH Lynn Jakubowicz (355-4073) and Mary Heinlen will lead us on a Snail Kite hunt to this marsh near Fort Myers where Snail Kites can usually be seen. Then on to 6-Mile Slough which is a lovely birdy boardwalk in Ft. Myers. Meet at McDonalds (Bee Ridge and Cattlemen) at 7am BRING LUNCH

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Tuesday, Mar 5: MORRIS BRIDGE is a beautiful preserve on the Hillsborough River. Explore this preserve with Lynn Jakubowicz, 355-4073, and Mary Heinlen. Meet at Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 7am. BRING LUNCH

Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Tuesday, Mar 12: FELTS PRESERVE The feeders are great at Felts: Painted and Indigo Buntings to name a few of the birds that visit. Join Stu Hills (922-5261) and Martha Straub. Meet at Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 8am

Wednesday, Mar 13: VENICE ROOKERY This rookery is world famous; watch herons, egrets and Anhingas as they incubate, feed and tend to their young up close. Join Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) for a fun educational outing to learn about this rookery. Meet at McDonalds (Bee Ridge & Cattlemen) at 7:30am

Monday, Mar 18: VENICE ROOKERY If you cannot make the first trip to Venice Rookery, join Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) on this date. Meet at McDonalds (Bee Ridge & Cattlemen) at 7:30am

Wednesday, Mar 20-22: St. Augustine See Getaway Trips for details

Monday, Mar 25: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK CLUB Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-March at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo (corner of Palmer & Raymond Rd) at 8am

Tuesday, Apr 2: CAREFREE LEARNER Take a private boat tour Tues. April 2, 9am to the Roberts Bay rookery to see and learn about breeding birds. Contact Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) for RESERVATIONS, time and meeting place. Cost \$25

Thursdays, Apr 4, 11, 18, 25: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Saturday, Apr 9: LONGBOAT KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds. Meet at Broadway beach access on the north end of LBK at 8am. Leader Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

Wednesday, Apr 10: CAREFREE LEARNER Take a private boat tour Wednesday April 10 at 9am to Roberts Bay Rookery to see and learn about breeding birds. Call Kathryn Young at 612-760-1771 for RESERVATIONS, time and place. Cost \$25

Tuesday, Apr 16: FORT DESOTO Join John Ginaven (383-5133) on a quest for migrants at this premier birding hotspot. Leave from the first rest area just after the tollbooths on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (I-275) at 8am. BRING LUNCH

Wednesday, Apr 17: CELERY FIELDS PLANTS & BIRDS Learn from our experts Nancy Edmondson and Claire Herzog (780-0545) both of whom have worked at Selby Gardens and for Sarasota County as plant biologists. They also know their birds. Meet at the Celery Fields gazebo at 8am

Monday, Apr 22: EGMONT KEY Take the ferry from Ft. DeSoto to this small island with leader Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) to find migrating birds. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. BRING LUNCH. Meet at Starbucks (University & I-75) at 7am. Ferry leaves at 8:10 and returns at 1pm. Cost \$25

Tuesday, Apr 23: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Saturday, April 27: PINECRAFT PARK Look for spring migrants with Edith Miller (364-3637) at this local hotspot off Bahia Vista St. Meet at Pinckraft Park at 9am

Tuesday, April 30: DRAGONFLIES AND BUTTERFLIES N. LIDO PARK Dan Irizarry (305-585-5786) will help us to find all that flies, especially dragonflies and butterflies. Meet at 9am at the N. Lido small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd before it curves to go to public beach

Saturday, May 4: BUTTERFLIES AT RED BUG SLOUGH Join Stu Hills (922-5261) and Jeanne Dubi to look for butterflies. Meet at 10am in the parking lot on Beneva Rd just south of Proctor Rd

Celery Fields

Naturalist on Duty

Beginning in November, Bird Naturalists will be at the Palmer Blvd boardwalk from 8:30am until 10:30am each day to help you and visitors ID birds, making your Celery Fields experience even better. Come say hello. To volunteer and train as a Bird Naturalist, contact Owen Comora at 378-5166.

4th Monday Bird Walk Club

Join Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) on the 4th Monday of each month, Oct – March to discover birds at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo area at 8am:

OCTOBER 22	DECEMBER 24	FEBRUARY 25
NOVEMBER 26	JANUARY 28	MARCH 25

Clean Up

Help keep our adopted road garbage free. Meet Tuesdays near the gazebo on Palmer Blvd. at 8am:

OCTOBER 16
DECEMBER 4
FEBRUARY 12
APRIL 23

