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of birds, wildlife and the environment
through an understanding of conservation.**

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Activity Schedule 2013-2014

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Activities & Trips

2013-2014

See www.sarasotaaudubon.org for more detailed directions to all day trips

Thursdays at OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK 8:30am every Thurs, 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)

Thursday, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Friday, Oct 4: NORTH LIDO KEY Join butterfly enthusiasts Stu Hills (922-5261) and Jeanne Dubi to locate and ID local butterflies. Meet at 10am on N. Lido at small parking lot where Ringling Blvd. curves and becomes Ben Franklin Drive

Saturday, Oct 5: 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 8: 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 & 17th Ave NW in Bradenton

Tuesday, Oct 15: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Friday, Oct 18: ROTHENBACH PARK Find resident and migrant woodland birds at this restored county park at the very eastern end of Bee Ridge Rd. Meet in lower parking lot at 8am. Leader: Matthew Press: thezoexpert@yahoo.com

Saturday, Oct 19: 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 Jane Brandhorst

BIRDING CLASSES WITH JEANNE DUBI at PIERIAN SPRING ACADEMY Four Wednesdays: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, from 9 until 11:30am. See other side for details. Cost \$55.

Monday, Oct 28: 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) at 9am

Tuesday, Oct 29: 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)

Saturday, Nov 2: 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

Thursdays, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28: OSCAR SCHERER SP YES, we will have a walk on Thanksgiving! 8:30am

Sunday, Nov 10: 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 (Palmer & Raymond) at 9am. Contact russ@beautifulponds.com for more details

Saturday, Nov 16: 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)

Tuesday, Nov 19: NORTH LIDO BEACH & WOODS Find resident and migrant shorebirds and woodland birds in N. Lido Beach 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)

Sunday, Nov 24: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion)

at 7:30am. Leaders: Lynn Jakubowicz (735-5012) and Mary Heinlen

Monday, Nov 25: 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) at 9am

Tuesday, Dec 3: 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). NB: park opens at 8am. Leader: Owen Comora (378-5166). BRING LUNCH

Thursdays, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Thursday/Friday, Dec 5/6: CORKSCREW SWAMP, ROOKERY BAY, EVERGLADES CITY Car caravan to Corkscrew Swamp then on to Briggs Boardwalk near Rookery Bay Naples; next Marsh Trail off 41 and end the day with an evening bird roost near Everglades City where we will stay one night at an old historic lodge. The next day Bunche Beach for shorebirds (Wilson Plovers and Marbled Godwits) and then on to Cape Coral for Burrowing Owls and lunch before we head back to Sarasota. Cost \$25 per person. RESERVATION REQUIRED: kathwren4@gmail.com or 612-760-1771

Tuesday, Dec 10: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Wednesday, Dec 11: HOLIDAY LUNCH Laurel Oak Country Club. Our annual holiday celebration includes table prizes, delicious food and great company. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Contact Julie Byrne at 379-3882

Saturday, Dec 14: PINELANDS-LAUREL LANDFILL Joint trip with VAAS. Meet at the strip mall just west of the BP gas station on the corner of Laurel Rd and Knights Trail Rd. (I-75, exit 195) at 7:30am for carpooling. Often seen species include Bald Eagle, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Bluebird, Red-headed Woodpecker, and various wading birds. Leader: Barry Rossheim (485-1328); nethoppers@msn.com

Monday, Dec 16: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - MYAKKA RIVER SP Contact kencalvarez@msn.com

Monday, Dec 23: 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) at 9am

Thursday, Jan 2: NORTH LIDO BEACH and WOODS Help scout out shorebirds and woodland birds in preparation for the upcoming annual Christmas Bird Count. Meet at the small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd on Lido at 8am. Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

Thursdays, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Saturday, Jan 4: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Annual bird count is lots of fun. To participate, contact Glynnis6@sky.com

Tuesday, Jan 14: CIRCLE B BAR PRESERVE Over 150 bird species have been found on this 1,267-acre property in Lakeland, Polk County. Leaders: Lynn Jakubowicz (735-5012) and Mary Heinlen. BRING LUNCH. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 7am

Saturday, Jan 18: ENGINEER'S WALK AT THE CELERY FIELDS Join us with an engineer from Sarasota County to find out how the storm water system works: inflow, outflow, water retention and release, funding, the protection provided for residents downstream, and the pollution controls that benefit us all. Meet at the gazebo area (Palmer & Raymond) at 10am. Contact Jeanne Dubi (724-1709)

Monday, Jan 27: 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 9am

Saturday, Feb 1: ALL ABOARD THE EAGLE TROLLEY Leave the driving to us as our Eagle expert, Dale Nauman, gives us the history and great looks at several active nests. Bathroom breaks will be provided. Beginning at 8AM, the ride will be about 3 hours. Call Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) for RESERVATION (Cost \$25)





Tuesday, Feb 4: FORT DESOTO SHOREBIRDS AND DUCKS Join Lynn Jakubowicz (735-5012) and Mary Heinlen to find these beautiful wintering birds. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 7:30am. BRING LUNCH

Wednesday, Feb 5-7: EVERGLADES NP & BILL BAGGS SP, KEY BISCAYNE 2-night bus trip for great birding in South Florida led by Karen Jensen and Jeanne Dubi. Contact Karen at karen@sarasotaudubon.org or 924-2446 for details

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

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

Tuesday, Feb 11: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Wednesday, Feb 12: GEORGE SIMMONS PARK & TECO PLANT Look for shorebirds at George Simmons Park and view the manatees and Spotted Eagle Rays at TECO (Apollo Beach). Meet 8am behind Starbucks (University at I-75 next to Home Depot). Leaders: Stu Hills (922-5261) and Martha Straub. BRING OR BUY LUNCH

Saturday, Feb 22: LOWER LAKE, MYAKKA SP Bring water and comfortable boots for a 5-mile round trip hike to Lower Myakka Lake. Birds seen include N. Pintail, Am. Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Red-headed Woodpecker, American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Bald Eagle, Crested Caracara, American Pipit. Meet at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Rd., Sarasota (east of I-75 on State Road 72) at 7:30am to carpool. Entry fee Myakka River SP, Lower Lake pass is free. Barry Rossheim, 485-1328; nethoppers@msn.com

Monday, Feb 24: 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) at 9am

Tuesday, Mar 4: LETTUCE LAKE Bird the 3500- foot boardwalk, observation tower and the nature trails at this Hillsborough County park with Lynn Jakubowicz (735 -5012) and Mary Heinlen. Meet behind Starbucks (I-75 & University next to Home Depot) at 7am. BRING LUNCH

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

Wednesday, Mar 12: VENICE ROOKERY This rookery is world famous; watch herons, egrets and Anhingas up close as they incubate, feed and tend to their young. Join Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) for a fun and educational outing. Meet at McDonalds (Bee Ridge & Cattlemen) at 7:30am

Saturday, Mar 15: 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 behind Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 8am

Monday, Mar 24: 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 9am

Mar 29-Apr 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA See Getaway Trips for details

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

Tuesday, Apr 8: 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 9: CAREFREE LEARNER #1 Take a private boat tour to Roberts Bay Rookery to see and learn about breeding birds. Call Kathryn Young (612-760-1771) for RESERVATION, time and place. Cost \$25

Thursday, Apr 10: CAREFREE LEARNER #2 See above description. RESERVATION REQUIRED

Friday, Apr 11: SWEET BAY NURSERY, PARRISH Visit Sweet Bay Nursery in Parrish, owned by past Manatee Audubon president, Tom Heitzman. The 24-acre property is home to Red-headed Woodpeckers and

the oak hammock is good for spring warblers. After birding the grounds, Tom will give a tour of the nursery. Meet behind Starbucks (I-75 & University next to Home Depot) at 7:30am. Leader: Jeanne Dubi, (724-1709)

Tuesday, Apr 15: FORT DESOTO Join John Ginaven (383-5133) and Stu Wilson 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. NB: SECOND MEETING PLACE: Behind Starbucks (University & I-75 next to Home Depot) at 7:15. This group will carpool to the rest area

Wednesday, Apr 16: CELERY FIELDS PLANTS AND BIRDS Learn from our experts, Nancy Edmondson and Claire Herzog (780-0545), both former Directors of Horticulture at Selby Gardens; Nancy now works for Sarasota County as an Environmental Specialist. Meet at the Celery Fields gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Saturday, Apr 19: PINECRAFT PARK Look for spring migrants with Edith Miller (364-3637) at this local hotspot off Bahia Vista St. Meet at Pinecraft Park at 9am

Tuesday, Apr 22: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet at the gazebo (Palmer & Raymond) at 8am

Saturday, May 3: BUTTERFLIES AT SLEEPING TURTLES PRESERVE Join Stu Hills (922-5261) and Jeanne Dubi to look for and ID butterflies in this E. Venice park. Meet at 10am at McDonalds (Cattlemen & Bee Ridge)

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

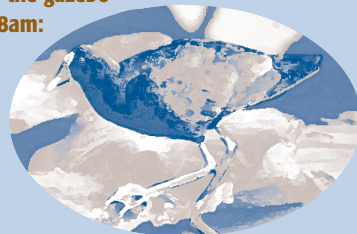
Join Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) on the 4th Monday of each month, Oct – March to discover birds at the Celery Fields. Meet at the gazebo area at 8am:

OCTOBER 28	DECEMBER 23	FEBRUARY 24
NOVEMBER 25	JANUARY 27	MARCH 24

Clean Up

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

OCTOBER 15
DECEMBER 10
FEBRUARY 11
APRIL 22



Wanted: Volunteers

Love birds? Like to lend a hand?

You can help in many ways: clean ups, monitoring nest sites, helping on day trips, working with kids, admin work. Great for making friends too. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Marcy Packer at volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org or 360-0808.



Membership Info

LOCAL: By becoming a Sarasota Audubon Local Member, you pay dues of \$20 PER YEAR, renewable every December. No renewal notices are mailed.

Make your check payable to Sarasota Audubon Society and mail it to:

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October 14 BIRD SONGS! Paul Trunk, past president of Clearwater Audubon, shows us why birds sing and why bird families share or have different songs, and the role of habitat in song

November 11 EVERGLADES RESTORATION Dr Jerry Lorenz of Audubon Florida's Tavernier research center discusses his work on Roseate Spoonbills and the status of the Everglades

December 9 BIRDS OF THE GALAPAGOS Barry Rossheim led an SAS trip in 2012 to this unique and special place and will show us his photos of the trip

January 13 THE STATE OF SARASOTA BAY Sara Kane will give us an update on the work of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, a crucial force in keeping our bay healthy

February 10 BIRDS AND NATURE Photographer and eco-guide Bob Salyers shares photos of his favorite local sites, as well as some in the western U.S.

March 10 SAVING OUR LAND Christine Johnson, president of the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast discusses the work of the Foundation that has protected over 8,000 acres of our land

April 14 WITH THE WILD THINGS Dr Jerome Jackson, an ecological scientist and NPR host, discusses his work in the Amazon rainforest and Peru

May 12 CELERY FIELDS: KEEPING IT NICE FOR THE BIRDS! Ron Van Fleet, a wetlands ecologist, was instrumental in the design and planting of the Fields, which has created a superb habitat for birds and wildlife

Monthly Programs & Meetings 2013-2014

Meetings/Programs are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, Oct - May at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 1031 S. Euclid, Sarasota (north of Bahia Vista). Time: Social period: 6:30pm, Business meeting: 7pm, Presentation: 7:30pm.

Please refer to "The Brown Pelican" or our website: www.sarasotaaudubon.org for updates/changes to this schedule

Holiday Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 11 Laurel Oak Country Club
Celebrate the season with good food and good friends; table prizes too. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
Cost \$25. Contact Julie Byrne at 379-3882; julie@sarasotaaudubon.org

Birding Classes

Sarasota Audubon with Pierian Spring Academy. Four Wednesdays: Oct 23 & 30, Nov 6 & 13, from 9:30 until 11:30am. Learn how to identify Florida birds in their specific habitat: 1 classroom session; 3 field trips. Instructor: Jeanne Dubi. Class location: Argosy University, 17th Street and Honore. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** Cost \$60. Log onto www.pierianspringacademy.org to register.

Everglades NP/Bill Bagg SP Feb 5-7, 2014: A 2-night bus trip to Everglades NP and Bills Bagg's SP on Key Biscayne. Join us for a great birding adventure to South Florida. Leaders Karen Jensen and Jeanne Dubi. Contact karen@sarasotaaudubon.org for details and to REGISTER.

Southern California Mar 29-Apr 5, 2014: A birding, driving adventure to "So Cal" hot spots, including the Salton Sea and Palm Springs, desert and mountains. Leaders: Kathryn Young, Martha Straub, and Jeanne Dubi. Contact Martha at martha@sarasotaaudubon.org for more details and to REGISTER.

Africa at Last! We have two trips scheduled for Tanzania: one led by Rick Greenspun, **Apr 25-May 8, 2014** and a second led by Barry Rossheim, **June 13-26, 2014**. Both are nearly full. Contact Rick at birddoggie1@gmail.com for more details.

Getaway Trips

Reservations Required
for Getaway Trips