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**Dedicated to the protection and enjoyment
of birds, wildlife and the environment
through an understanding of conservation.**

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Activity Schedule 2014-2015

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Activities & Trips

2014-2015

See www.sarasotaudubon.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 2, 9, 16 23, 30: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

Saturday, Oct 4: PINECRAFT PARK Look for fall migrants with Edith Miller 941-364-3637 at this local hotspot off Bahia Vista (1420 Gilbert) Meet in Pinecraft Park parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Oct 7: ROBINSON PRESERVE Leaders: Stu Wilson 512-897-8341 and John Ginaven. Meet at 8am in the Robinson Preserve parking lot at the corner of 99th St NW & 17th Ave NW in Bradenton

Tuesday, Oct 7 - Thursday Oct 30: ART OF ALASKA WILDLIFE

An exhibit of the work of Alice Mayo Shaw at Plymouth Harbor mezzanine gallery. Proceeds of sales to benefit Audubon. "Meet the Artist" reception Oct. 30, 4pm

Sunday, Oct 12: BIG SIT Join Audubon members to see how many birds can be counted in one day from a 17-foot circle! Contact stuwilson@comcast.net

Tuesday, Oct 14: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet in the public parking lot on Palmer Blvd 8am

Friday, Oct 17: SWEET BAY NURSERY, PARRISH Visit Sweet Bay Nursery in Parrish, owned by past Manatee Audubon president, Tom Heitzman. The 24-acre property has an oak hammock good for fall warblers. Nursery tour too. Meet behind Starbucks (I-75 & University near Home Depot) at 7:30am. Leader: Jeanne Dubi 941-724-1709

Saturday, Oct 18: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at SK Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 8am. Leaders: Mary Heinlen 941-346-3335 and Jane Brandhorst
BIRDING CLASSES WITH JEANNE DUBI AT PIERIAN SPRING ACADEMY Four Wednesdays Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, from 9 until 11:30am. See box below for details.

Monday, Oct 27: 4th MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary 508-737-8954 leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday, Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Oct 28: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at SK Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 7:30am. Leaders: Rick Greenspun and Kathryn Young 612-760-1771

Saturday, Nov 1: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and migrant shorebirds on Siesta Key. Meet at Public Beach parking lot (near pavilion) at 8:00am. Leaders: Mary Heinlen 941-346-3335 and Claire Herzog

Thursdays, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27: OSCAR SCHERER SP YES, we will have a walk on Thanksgiving! 8:30am

Saturday, Nov 8: BIRDATHON AT THE CELERY FIELDS Help by leading a team of kids in this fun competition to see how many birds can be seen in on hour. Donate a gift suitable for K-12. Contact Jeanne Dubi: dubi@comcast.net; 941-724-1709

Saturday, Nov 15: 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

Sunday, Nov 16: CELERY FIELDS BIRD WALK Join Kathryn Young 612-760-1771 for a walk along Palmer Blvd and Raymond Rd to search for some of the many species of birds found at the Celery fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 8am

Saturday, Nov 22: BIKE, BIRD, AND BRUNCH ISLANDWALK, VENICE. Meet inside IslandWalk at 8am, bike and bird for about 1.5 hours (5-6 miles of easy biking), then brunch at Rossheim house. **CALL BARRY TO REGISTER**, 941-485-1328. Non-refundable fee of \$20 goes to Audubon's Nature Center. Limit 12

Sunday, Nov 23: 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 941-346-3335 and Claire Herzog

Monday, Nov 24: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary 508-737-8954 leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Dec 2: MYAKKA RIVER SP This wildlife preserve always provides great birding. Meet at 8:15am (park opens at 8am) in the first parking lot on the right just inside the park (fee). Leader: Owen Comora 941-378-5166. **BRING LUNCH**

Thursdays, Dec 4, 11, 18: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am (No walk Dec 25)

Tuesday, Dec 9: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 8am

Wednesday, Dec 10: HOLIDAY LUNCH - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED Our annual holiday celebration includes table prizes, delicious food and great company. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Contact Julie Byrne at 379-3882; juliebyrne@gmail.com

Dec 11-13: MIAMI EXOTICS Join Kathryn Young for a trip to Naples, Miami and Ft. Lauderdale specifically looking for parrots, parakeets, macaws, Hill Myna, Red-whiskered Bulbul and Spot-breasted Oriole. Car caravan. Call Kathryn Young 612-760-1771. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Limited to 15. Cost \$60/pp plus hotel.

Monday, Dec 15: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT MYAKKA RIVER SP. Contact kencalvarez@msn.com.

Monday, Dec 22: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary 508-737-8954 leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Thursday, Jan 1: 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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: OSCAR SCHERER SP 8:30am

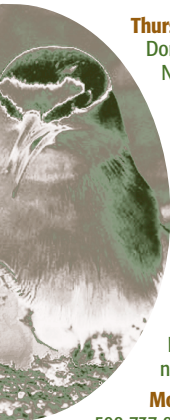
Saturday, Jan 3: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Annual bird count is lots of fun. To participate, contact Stu Wilson at stuwilson@comcast.net or Marcy Packer at packmw@aol.com

Tuesday, Jan 13: CIRCLE B BAR PRESERVE Over 150 bird species have been found on this 1,267-acre property in Lakeland, Polk County. Leaders: Lynn Jakubowicz and Mary Heinlen 941-346-3335. **BRING LUNCH.** Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 near Home Depot) at 7am



Birding Classes

Sarasota Audubon with Pierian Spring Academy. Four Wednesdays: Oct 22 & 29, Nov 5 & 12, 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.



Thursday, Jan 15: BOB'S BOATHOUSE FUNDRAISING BUFFET

Don't miss this opportunity for good eats while helping the Nature Center effort. Contact dubi@comcast.net

Saturday, Jan 17: ECOLOGY WALK AT THE CELERY FIELDS

Join Wetlands Ecologist Ron Van Fleet as he shows us how he helped design the area south of Palmer Blvd to accommodate birds and wildlife. Meet at the Raymond Road boardwalk at 9am. Contact Jeanne Dubi 941-724-1709

Tuesday, Jan 20: NEAL PRESERVE This new Manatee County park has only been open since April 2014. The 120-acre park includes coastal habitat, mangrove forest, oak hammock, a 20-foot tall observation tower, shell trails and boardwalks. Leaders: Martha Straub 941-355-3119 and Lynn Jakubowicz. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 near Home Depot) at 8am. **BRING LUNCH**

Monday, Jan 26: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary 508-737-8954 leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Feb 3: FORT DESOTO SHOREBIRDS AND DUCKS Join Lynn Jakubowicz and Mary Heinlen 941-346-3555 to find these beautiful wintering birds. Meet behind Starbucks (University and I-75 near Home Depot) at 7:30am

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

Saturday, Feb 7: 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 break will be provided. Beginning at 8am, the ride will be about 3 hours. Call Kathryn Young 612-760-1771 for **RESERVATIONS**. Cost \$25

Tuesday, Feb 10: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet on the Palmer Blvd Boardwalk at 8am

Wednesday, Feb 11: RED BUG SLOUGH PRESERVE This 72-acre preserve, recently restored as part of the county's environmental lands program, is now part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. Leaders: Stu Hills 941-922-5261 and Martha Straub. Meet in parking lot at 5200 Beneva Rd at 8am

Saturday, Feb 14: DUCK HUNT Join Jeanne Dubi 941-355-1709 and Martha Straub as they look for and help you ID wintering ducks in Lake Ackerman and the Celery Fields. Meet at Ackerman Park on Coburn Rd at 8am

Feb 21-28: TEXAS See *Getaway Trips* for details

Monday, Feb 23: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary 508-737-8954 leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Saturday, Feb 28: MYAKKA RIVER SP This wildlife preserve always provides great birding. Meet at 8:15am (park opens at 8am) in the first parking lot on the right just inside the park (fee). Leader: Matthew Press, thezoexpert@yahoo.com

Tuesday, Mar 3: HILLSBOROUGH RIVER SP Its variety of habitats including pine flatwoods, floodplain and cypress swamp and grass pond, allow for great diversity in bird species. Leaders: Lynn Jakubowicz and Mary Heinlen 941-346-3335. Meet behind Starbucks (I-75 & University near Home Depot) at 7am. **BRING LUNCH**

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

Wednesday, Mar 11: 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 & Cattleman) at 7:30am

Saturday, Mar 14: FELTS PRESERVE The feeders are great at Felts: Painted and Indigo Buntings, to name a few of the birds that visit. Leaders: Stu Hills 941-922-5361 and Martha Straub. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 near Home Depot) at 8am

Wednesday, Mar 18: 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 **RESERVATIONS**, time and place.

Monday, Mar 23: 4TH MONDAY BIRD WALK Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads a bird walk on the 4th Monday Oct-Mar at the Celery Fields. Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 9am

Tuesday, Mar 24: BIRDS & BAGELS AT CONSERVATORY PARK Join Lynn Jakubowicz and Martha Straub 941-355-3119 in this new Manatee County park in Palm Aire. We'll check out the birds first and then head for Panera Bread for breakfast! Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75 near Home Depot) at 8am

Thursday, Mar 26: PINECRAFT PARK Catch those early migrants at this local hotspot at 1420 Gilbert Ave, off Bahia Vista. Leaders: Tom Jiamachello 802-734-6182 and Lynn Jakubowicz. Meet at Pinecraft parking lot at 8am

Wednesday, Apr 1: CAREFREE LEARNER #2 See March 18 description

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

Tuesday, Apr 7: 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

Apr 11-18; Apr 25-May 2: JAMAICA See *Getaway Trips* for details

Tuesday, Apr 14: CELERY FIELDS CLEAN UP Meet in the Palmer Blvd parking lot at 8am

Saturday, Apr 18: PINECRAFT PARK Look for spring migrants with Edith Miller 941-364-3637 at this local hotspot off Bahia Vista St. (1420 Gilbert Av). Meet in Pinecraft parking lot at 9am.

Thursday, Apr 23: FORT DESOTO Join Stu Wilson 512-897-8314 and John Ginaven 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 and I-75 near Home Depot) at 7:15am

Celery Fields

Bird 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

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 9am:

OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 24

DECEMBER 22
JANUARY 26

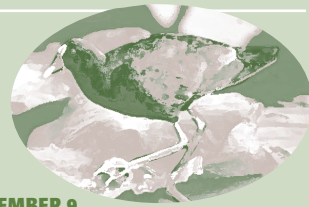
FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 23

Clean Up

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

OCTOBER 14
FEBRUARY 10

DECEMBER 9
APRIL 14



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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For membership information, email: membership@sarasotaaudubon.org

October 13 WATERBIRD COLONIES IN SARASOTA BAY Mark Rachal, field biologist with Florida Audubon, will present information and slides of our important bird rookeries in Sarasota Bay

November 10 TANZANIA Rick Greenspun and Barry Rossheim, Sarasota Audubon trip leaders, will WOW us with photos and stories from SAS' recent trips to Tanzania

December 8 SHOREBIRDS Charlie Ewell, avid birder and teacher, will help us better understand and identify these shorebird treasures

January 12 MANGROVE CUCKOOS Rachel Mullin, research biologist with the nonprofit group Ecostudies Institute, discusses the fascinating seasonal movement and ecology of these elusive mangrove dwellers

February 9 SCRUB JAYS IN OSCAR SCHERER SP Our very own Sandy Cooper will share his photos and stories from his 5 years of volunteer work with Florida Scrub Jays at OS

March 9 VULTURES Betsy Evans, a biology professor from FGCU/ FAU, studied vultures as part of her advanced degree and gives an engaging presentation on this vital bird species

April 13 SEA TURTLES Kristen Mazzarella, biologist at Mote Marine Laboratory, will enlighten us on Sea Turtle conservation and her research work with them

May 11 AROUND THE BEND Karen Fraley, naturalist and owner of AB Nature Tours will discuss her important work with the education of our youth at the Celery Fields

Monthly Programs & Meetings 2014-2015

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 10: Celebrate the season with good food and good friends; table prizes too. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Cost \$27. Contact Julie Byrne at 379-3882; julie@sarasotaaudubon.org

TUESDAY, OCT 7 - THURSDAY OCT 30:

Art of Alaska Wildlife An exhibit of the work of Alice Mayo Shaw at Plymouth Harbor mezzanine gallery. Proceeds of sales to benefit Audubon. "Meet the Artist" reception Oct. 30, 4pm

THURSDAY, JAN 15: Bob's Boathouse Fundraising Buffet An opportunity for good eats while helping the Nature Center effort. Contact dubi@comcast.net

Special Events

Texas Gulf Coast Birding Feb 21-28: Leaders Kathryn Young and Jeanne Dubi. Winter on the gulf coast in Texas has thousands of ducks and shorebirds. Join us as we travel from Houston to Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to see the only wild migratory population of Whooping Cranes in the world, birding along the way. Contact Kathryn for details: kathwren4@gmail.com; 612-760-1771

Jamaica Apr 11-18 & Apr 25-May 2: Two 7-night trips to this beautiful Caribbean island in search of endemics and other resident birds. For more information, contact dubi@comcast.net

Iceland June 2016: Partnering with Clearwater Audubon, we will be in the Land of Fire and Ice for birding and wildlife viewing. Contact dubi@comcast.net to get on the info list

Getaway Trips

Reservations Required
for Getaway Trips