



# THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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**October 2017**

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Monday, October 9th**

### **FLORIDA'S MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRDS - ORIGIN AND FUTURE**

Dr. Ken Meyer of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute will share results of GPS tracking of their travels and breeding areas



**Social Hour:** 6:30pm

**Business**

**Meeting:** 7:00pm

**Presentation:** 7:30pm

Monthly meetings are held at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 1031 South Euclid Ave., Sarasota

[CLICK FOR SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS](#)

## **Pre-monthly Meeting Dinner**

Gecko's Restaurant, 1900 Hillview Avenue at 5:00pm.

All members welcome!

Contact Karen Jensen ([karensarasota@yahoo.com](mailto:karensarasota@yahoo.com)) for reservations

## **SAS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2017-2018**



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## **A NEW SEASON BEGINS!**

**The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center is OPEN!**

**Building hours: Daily 9:00am-1:00pm**

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## *Board of Directors*

### **A Message from the SAS Board of Directors**

Hip Hip Hurrah! We are now open and ready for business!

Thanks to many of the board members and volunteers the Nature Center was spick and span and ready for the new season. Nature Center Docents, Jon

## **FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

**No reservations necessary for field trips unless noted.**  
**Suggested donation: \$2 members, \$4 non-members.**

### **Tuesday, Oct 3: ROBINSON PRESERVE**

**8:00am.** Join leader, John Ginaven (941-383-5133) for a walk around the preserve. Meet in the Robinson Preserve parking lot, 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton.

### **Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov 2:**

#### **BIRD DRAWING CLASS \*\*SORRY...CLASS IS FILLED\*\***

Join experienced art instructor and nature artist Diane Harm as she guides you in putting on paper images of the birds you love. All levels of drawing experience are welcome. A materials list will be provided to registered students prior to the first class. **COST \$90.** Reservations required for all classes. Online registration preferred at

[www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org), or with sign-up forms available at the Nature Center

### **Saturday, Oct 7: PINECRAFT PARK**

**9:00am.** Join leader, Edith Miller (941-364-3637) to look for fall migrants in Pinecraft Park located at 1420 Gilbert Ave. off Bahia Vista. Meet in the Pinecraft parking lot.

### **Sunday, Oct 8: BIG SIT**

Join Audubon members to see how many birds can be counted in one day from a 17-foot circle! For more details contact Nancy Edmondson ([nze7@verizon.net](mailto:nze7@verizon.net)).

### **Friday-Sunday, Oct 13-15 FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL**

Hillsborough Community College, Ruskin. Field trips, workshops and more. Details at: [fbnfestival.org](http://fbnfestival.org)

### **Thursday, Oct 19: OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK**

**8:30am.** Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (park opens at 8am - park fee). This activity will meet every Thursday from

October 19th through April 12th. Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

### **Friday-Saturday, October 20-21 AUDUBON ASSEMBLY**

World Golf Village Renaissance, St. Augustine. Details at: [fl.audubon.org/Assembly](http://fl.audubon.org/Assembly)

### **Sat, Oct 21: VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR NEW / VETERAN CELERY FIELDS BIRD NATURALISTS AND NATURE CENTER DOCENTS**

**9:00am-11:00am** Celery Fields Bird Naturalist Orientation  
**11:00am-1:00pm** Nature Center Docent Orientation  
Meet at the SAS Nature Center.

### **Monday, Oct 23: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK**

**9:00am.** Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads this walk around the Celery Fields on the 4th Monday of each month, October through March. Meet at the SAS Nature Center.

### **Wednesday, Oct 25: NATURE CENTER CRITTER SURVEY**

**10:00am.** We will do a bio-blitz to see what critters, from insects to birds, find a home in the SAS Nature Center gardens. Bring your cameras, binoculars and powers of observation as we try to document every living thing. Invited experts, too. Leader: Glynnis Thomas ([glynnis65@gmail.com](mailto:glynnis65@gmail.com)).

### **Thursday, Oct 26: OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK**

**8:30am.** Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (park opens at 8am, park fee). This activity will meet every Thursday from October 19th through April 12th. Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

### **Saturday, Oct 28: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY**

Michel and Joyce Donatelli, staffed the reception desk and warmly greeted our first visitors.

We invite you all to come down to the center where we have some wonderful new exhibits. We are very excited to host the History of the Celery Fields which includes fossils found in our Celery Fields that are tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of years old (see more details in the article below). In addition, Sara King is continuing to curate our member photography exhibits this month featuring the work of Kathy Doddridge.

You might also want to bring the kids and grand kids down not only to see the fossils but also to visit our Kids Corner. Lynn Jakubowicz has put together an interesting area for children including a 'Touch Table' of bones and feathers and other fun and educational activities.

Bottom line? Come on down to your SAS Nature Center and see what's new!

Once again our thanks to each of you for continuing to make SAS a great organization. See you at our first General Meeting on October 9th!

SAS Board of Directors; Marcy Packer, Acting President, Naomi Deutsch, Jeanne Dubi, Mary Heinlen, Lynn Jakubowicz, Sara King, Mikaela Michalik, Betty Neupert, Martha Straub, Jim Wallace, Rob Wright, Kathryn Young



## **Lions, and Tigers, and Bears! Oh My!**

**Well, not quite. How about Mammoths and Three-toed Horses and Camels! Oh My!**

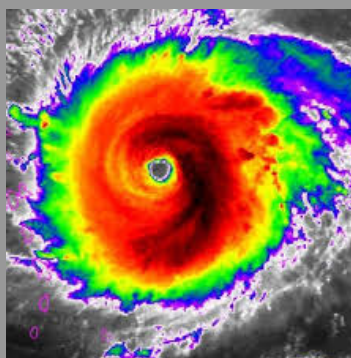
**Come see our new exhibit, the 'History of the Celery Fields'. In addition to the agricultural history of the area, we will take you on a trip back 10,000 - 100,000 years.**

**We are displaying fossils which were excavated in the 1990's when the current Storm Water Management Area (aka the Celery Fields) was created from the existing agricultural fields.**

**Mammoths, Mastodons, Bison, Camels, Deer and other animals were in residence in the area from 10,000 - 100,000 years ago.**

**And you just thought we had birds!**

**Lynn Jakubowicz**





6:45pm. The Deep-Sky Observers ([www.lgdso.com](http://www.lgdso.com)) will set up their telescopes in the Nature Center parking lot for some star-gazing. Come see the planets and stars.

**Thursday, Nov 2: OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK**

8:30am. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (park opens at 8am, park fee). This activity will meet every Thursday from October 19th through April 12th. Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).



**STAR GAZING**  
**Saturday, October 28th**

6:45pm

The Deep-Sky Observers ([www.lgdso.com](http://www.lgdso.com)) will set up their telescopes at the SAS Nature Center parking lot for some incredible star-gazing.

**All are welcome to come and see the planets and stars**

**SAS CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS**



**We are pleased to offer another season of educational and inspiring classes and workshops.**

**WORKSHOPS**

These 2-hour workshops provide a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Meet at the Nature Center at 1:30pm. \$5.00 Donation. No reservations required; Pay at the door.

QUESTIONS? [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Dec 2: NATIVE PLANTS AND SALE** - Tom

Heitzman (Sweet Bay Nursery) will bring a truck of native plants to sell, along with info on where to plant and how much sun and water each plant needs.

**Saturday, Jan 6: HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR YARD** - John Groskopf will give us information

on resident and migrant hummingbirds in Sarasota and which nectar plants will attract them.

**Saturday, Feb 3: SNAKE TALES** - Lynda Becherelli, a Parks

Naturalist, will explain the benefits of snakes to us, our environment, and other species. Learn about Florida's snakes, how to identify them and how to live with them. Children welcome! Be prepared to see live snakes!

**Saturday, Apr 7: THE VALUE OF INSECTS** - Karen Finch will

educate us on the vast and engrossing world of insects, followed by a walk in our gardens to find and watch different insects at work.

**Saturday, April 21: PURPLE MARTINS** - Sue Guarasci will

**YES WE DID!**

We hope all our friends, members and their families weathered the storm and are safe and sound.

Our Nature Center faired pretty well considering the winds and rain.

These photos by Sara King show what the NC looked like just a day or so after the storm passed.

Luckily there was no real damage.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped put everything back together.





provide a fascinating look at the largest American swallow. Opportunity to observe active nests, eggs and hatchlings from our Nature Center PM houses.

## CLASSES

Reservations required for all classes. Online preferred at [www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org), or with sign-up forms available at the Nature Center.

### BIRD DRAWING:

**Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2 *\*\*Sorry Class is Full\*\****

Join experienced art instructor and nature artist Diane Harm as she guides you in putting on paper images of the birds you love. A step by step approach to capturing the posture, form, major feather groups, basic anatomy and details like beaks, eyes and feet of various birds. All levels of drawing experience are welcome. **COST \$90**

### EBIRD:

**January 15, 16, 17 & 18**

Join Kathryn Young and Tom Jiamachello on 3 field trips to 3 different habitats, where you will learn how to enter a bird checklist in the ebird phone application. The last date will be in the classroom where we will explore the vast ebird database. This database will help you find birds and birding hot spots anywhere in the world. Smart phone required. **COST \$25**

### WARBLER IDENTIFICATION:

**Thursday, April 26 - 1:30pm SAS Nature Center**  
**Friday, April 27 - 8:00am Field Trip (location tbd)**

Join John Ginaven as he target teaches warblers and helps you make id's of breeding spring vs. confusing fall warblers. **COST \$20**

### BASIC BIRDING

This course is designed to make ID'ing birds easy and fun for beginning to advanced beginning birders. We will teach you how to find birds in different habitats how to ID them and how to further advance your birding skills using the internet, field guide and various apps on your smart phone. **COST \$50**

**RESERVATION REQUIRED.** Online reservations preferred [www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org). Sign-up forms available at the Nature Center.

#### SESSION I-Instructor Peter Brown

Introductory class: Feb 14 at 1:30pm Nature Center  
Field Trips Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7 at 8am, locations TBA  
Classroom: Mar 14 1:30pm Nature Center

#### SESSION II - Instructor Kathryn Young

Introductory Class: Feb 14 at 1:30pm Nature Center  
Field Trips: Mar 26, Mar 27 Mar 28 at 8am locations TBA  
Classroom: Mar 29 at 1:30pm Nature Center

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Peter Brown [pbrown5541@gmail.com](mailto:pbrown5541@gmail.com)

[CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



## THE BIG SIT



**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

"Celery Fields Forever", Sarasota Audubon's Big Sit team, is looking for volunteers to staff shifts for our fifth annual Big Sit circle at the Celery Fields' Palmer Road Boardwalk on Sunday, October 8th.

The Big Sit is an annual nationwide "big day" event where the object is for teams to identify as many species of birds as possible from a fixed location, actually from within the confines of a 17-ft. diameter circle  
<http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/connect/bigsit.php>

It's sedentary birding at its best, equal parts social event and citizen science. The Big Sit runs from midnight to midnight but obviously we don't expect anyone to be on post for 24 hours.

We'll have three shifts:

**Dawn - 11:00 AM (sunrise is 7:26 AM)**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**3:00 PM - Dusk (sunset is 7:08 PM)**

In addition to those who enjoy bird identification (both by sight and sound), we'll need good spotters as well as "proofers", those willing to venture out from the circle to verify a tentative identification. Since there are inevitable slack periods, all participants are free to trade casserole recipes, clip their nails, etc. There's no fee to participate.

In 2013 we tallied 59 species, in 2014, 61, in 2015, 64 and last year, 59, so

## SAS OVERNIGHT TRIPS



**[TOUR OF STA 2 - JANUARY 13-14, 2018](#)**

Join SAS on a tour of STA 2. We will overnight in Clewiston on January 13th, as the tour starts promptly at 8:00 am on January 14th. It is a 3+ hour driving and birding tour organized by Everglades Audubon with an emphasis on a large variety of waterfowl. Once the tour starts they lock the gates and you have to stay with the group until the end.

Cost tour: \$10

The hotel is a negotiated rate of \$120 /room/night.

Sign up deadline is November 12, 2017.

## **ST. MARK'S WILDLIFE REFUGE / TALL TIMBERS - APRIL 13-15, 2018**

Join SAS as we explore St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge the morning of Saturday, April 14, 2018, with an experienced local guide. Lunch will be at a cafe nearby, after which we join our guide to Apalachicola NF to look for Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow and migrating Warblers. You are free to return to St. Marks instead if you like.

At the end of the day, we will drive to Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy (about an hour drive from St Marks) where we will spend the night at their facilities (basic amenities). Limited availability, so please let us know right away if you want to stay there. It is \$35.00/per person, 2 single beds per room. There are hotels within a 20-30 minute drive.

After a continental breakfast at Tall Timbers, prepared by the trip leaders, we will go on a guided birding tour of the grounds via open wagon. There will be a banding demonstration as part of the tour. The tour will end around 1 pm.

Included in the \$40 registration fee are both guides and Sunday breakfast.

### **For more information contact:**

Cathy - [cathydavis11@hotmail.com](mailto:cathydavis11@hotmail.com)

Harma - [birdsrr@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrr@gmail.com)

### **Online sign up preferred:**

<http://www.sarasotaudubon.org/product/two-night-florida-overnight-trips/>



### **'The Shorebird Guide' by Michael O'Brien, Richard Crossley and Kevin Karlson**

This year I set myself the challenging objective of being able to i.d. shorebirds, particularly the most common to be found on our Sarasota beaches. To this end I purchased 'The Shorebird Guide' by Michael O'Brien, Richard Crossley and Kevin Karlson.

In this book each species gets several pages of beautiful colored photographs and each photograph shows the bird in a real world setting, often with other similar species, and you are encouraged to pick out the target bird. Birds are also shown at their different stages of age and plumage and the info packed notes direct you to the particular features to look out for. It is an excellent buy.

In addition I enrolled on the Cornell 'Be a Better Birder: Shorebird Identification' course, which at \$29.99 I consider to be a bargain. The course consists of 5 sessions, each session containing one hour of video instruction



we've been on somewhat of an upward trajectory. In 2014, our final species of the day was a Barn Owl which perched on one of the Wood Duck boxes for all to see! We're usually one of the top five Big Sit circles in the state. In fact, last year we were on top of the seven Florida teams that reported results!

Participants should bring binoculars, a scope if you have one, snacks and beverages. Note that the end of the Palmer Road Boardwalk where we'll set up is equipped with a gazebo roof and wooden benches, but for greater comfort you might want to bring a chair, etc.

If you're interested in participating, please get back to me with the shift(s) you'd like to cover. In your reply (no need to reply to all, just to me), let me know if you have the flexibility to do an afternoon or evening shift as it may be necessary to distribute the participants a bit to ensure full coverage.

Stu Wilson is in Brazil, and he elbow-twisted me (no lie!) into covering for him this time.

So, on behalf of Stu Wilson,

**Nancy Edmondson**

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941.600.5767 (mobile)

## **SAS MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**



*Photograph by Sara King*

This month the photography of Kathy Doddridge will be featured at our SAS members Photography Exhibit.

Stop by and check out Kathy's beautiful photographs taken on her trip to Jamaica.



by Dr. Kevin McGowan, plus a downloadable handout to help you take notes as you watch. This course has a very systematic approach to shorebird i.d. dealing with size, shape and behavior as well as color pattern, markings, habitat and calls. It also has many many useful tips.

So for example the first session teaches you to recognize the general shape of the bird and helps you decide whether you are looking at a plover, a 'peep', a curlew or godwit, a 'tringine', snipe, phalarope or oystercatcher. Next you are encouraged to size the bird by comparison with species you know well. The example suggested, from largest to smallest, is: Oystercatcher, Greater Yellowlegs, Killdeer, Semipalmated Plover and Least Sandpiper, but you are encouraged to think of birds you personally know well. Other birds of similar size are then grouped with those well known birds, so for example, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Snowy Plover and Western Sandpiper are grouped together with the Least Sandpiper as the smallest birds you will likely encounter on the beach. And so on for the next up in size etc. It may sound complicated but the examples and exercises chosen are very helpful.



Photograph by Glynnis Thomas

Another cool tip is to focus first on the birds you know and study them well before trying to figure out the less obvious ones. Since I haven't gone beyond the first two sessions I can't say much more, but I have already been able to put into practice what I've learned at the shore pools at Siesta Key, and found the tips helpful.

As a matter of fact, for my own purposes and because I know it well, well, WELL, I chose the Sanderling as my main bird of comparison. This bird is around 8" long (I know, I'm not supposed to worry about length! Ah well....), so for the 'peeps' at least I can compare my bird with a Sanderling. Another great thing about the Sanderling is that you can use its bill as a great comparison too, being straight, medium length and blunt-tipped, so if the bird you are looking at has a longer or narrower or more pointed or more curved or more drooped-at-the-end bill, it can be a key point of identification. And of course when it comes to feeding technique, dealt with in the next session of 'Shorebird Identification', the Sanderling provides another good point of comparison with its '*mechanical toy run down and run away*' technique, contrasted with the 'peeps' '*head down, walk, pick probe*', and the plover's '*run and stop*', the dowitcher's '*sewing-machine probing*' and the yellowlegs' '*stroll-and-pick*'.

So at the moment the size and feeding habits technique are serving me quite well. And of course those other gorgeous beauties such as American Avocet, Red-necked Phalarope and Reddish Egret provide a joyous relief from struggling with the less easy to identify peeps.



## NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

Here are the September 2017 sightings:

- **Blue-winged Warbler:** M. Ostrowski et al., Pinecraft Park
- **Blackburnian Warbler:** M. Ostrowski et al., Pinecraft Park
- **Cerulean Warbler:** M. Ostrowski et al., Pinecraft Park
- **Yellow-rumped Warbler:** P. Petrus, Pinecraft Park
- **Magnolia Warbler:** M. Ostrowski, Pinecraft Park
- **Red-necked Phalarope:** V. Roumi, Siesta Bch, Access 7
- **Black Tern:** M. Ostrowski, Siesta Beach, Access 5
- **American Avocet:** M. Ostrowski, Siesta Beach, Access 5
- **Wilson's Phalarope:** K. Young, Siesta Beach, Access 7
- **White-rumped Sandpiper:** K. Young, Siesta Bch, Acc 7
- **Dunlin:** G. Gonzalez, Siesta Beach, Access 7
- **Least Tern:** M. Ostrowski et al., Siesta Beach, Access 5
- **Painted Bunting:** J. Dubi, in her yard
- **Yellow-breasted Chat:** N. Edmondson, in her yard
- **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** N. Edmondson, Sleeping Turtles North, Venice

Claire Herzog



## SARASOTA BEACH NESTING BIRDS - SUMMER OF 2017



Here is a summary of the 2017 Sarasota beach nesting bird program from the Florida Audubon Shorebird Project Coordinator, Gregory Taylor.

### LIDO BEACH

Black skimmers have been nesting at Lido since 2015. The colony has successfully fledged chicks every year, and it just keeps growing larger and larger. This year they had 227 nests and fledged 234 chicks, and I could not be more proud of them. As of today, most of the fledglings have left Lido. In fact, I saw our banded bird (A27) and his chick down at Siesta on Monday!

### SIESTA BEACH

This year was not a good one for the Snowy plovers at Siesta. They attempted to nest 22 times, but were not able to fledge any chicks. Of these

I definitely recommend the book and the course if you want to improve your shorebird i.d. skills, and of course to put those skills into practice in the real life setting of one of our beaches.

**Glynnis Thomas**



## RENEW YOUR SAS MEMBERSHIP

[Click Here to Join or Renew Online](#)

**Or mail a check - \$30.00 per member / family**

**Payable to: Sarasota Audubon Society**

**Address: SAS, PO BOX 52132, Sarasota, FL 34232**

For questions email: [membership@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:membership@sarasotaudubon.org)

## SARASOTA AUDUBON NATURE CENTER COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

**Help build a path to the future**  
Purchase a commemorative brick!



Engrave a loved one's name, or a short quote on a brick to commemorate a lasting tribute, or mark a special occasion. Ask us about other naming opportunities. Truly a gift that gives back.

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## Birding Hot Spots in Sarasota and Manatee Counties

Can be purchased for just \$6.00 at the Nature Center, monthly meetings and field trips or \$7.75 by mail. Send a check to: SAS, PO Box 52132, Sarasota, FL 34232-0337. Hot Spots is also available at Enviro-neers, Book Store 1, Selby Gardens, Historic Spanish Point, Oscar Scherer State Park and Myakka River State Park.



22, one nest was able to hatch their eggs, which means the plovers had a 5% hatching success rate. This is in line with what we've seen in previous years. From 2010 to 2015, the average hatching success rate was 12%. 2016 was an exceptional year (50% hatching success), and that gives me hope that someday things at Siesta will get better for the plovers. The main problem is predation, and the first step to helping the plovers will be to determine what exactly is taking all of the eggs. This is something we hope to do next year.

### LONGBOAT KEY

This year was the most exciting year that Longboat Key has had in a long time. Least terns have not formed a sizable colony on that beach in several years, but this year they had a whopping 88 nests. They even had a little bit of success, and fledged 11 chicks. They likely would have had even more success, but unfortunately a cat showed up at the end of June, and the terns did not fledge any more chicks after that.

Many thanks to all the beach stewards who braved heat, rain and crowds to ensure the safety of the birds, nests and chicks.



SAS continues to be a volunteer run organization. Every position and task is done by one of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

Do you have a special talent and some extra time? We are always looking to increase our volunteer team.

Here are a few areas where we need some help:

**WEB MASTER** - This might be a great opportunity for you if you have computer skills and some knowledge of web editor programs like WordPress. All SAS web work can be done at home on your own computer.

### FACEBOOK/SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR -

Are you familiar with Facebook/ Twitter? We are looking for someone to keep our social media pages current and respond to inquiries that come in through these communication sources.

**HOSPITALITY** - our Hospitality Chair needs help at our monthly meetings. It is a fun way to meet, greet and feed the folks that attend our meetings.

**Other areas that can always use more volunteers:**

- SAS Nature Center Docent
- Celery Fields Bird Naturalist
- Garden Maintenance
- Nature Center (Building) Maintenance

## INTERESTED????

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator:

[CLICK HERE TO SEND AN EMAIL](#)

## FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

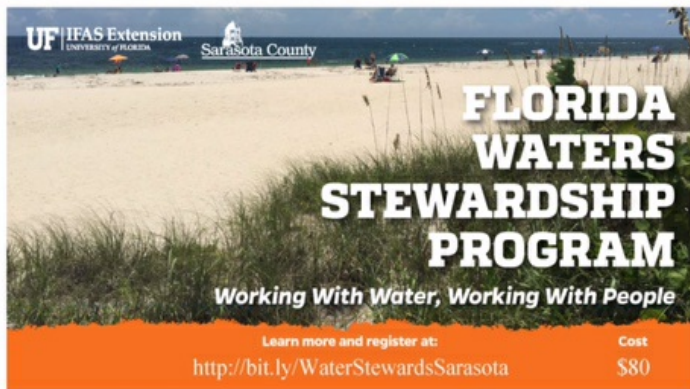
The fall meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society will take place in Gainesville November 10th - 12th. The meeting features student research presentations, great field



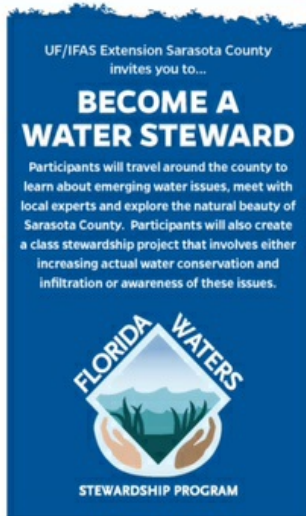


trips and keynote addresses.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full slate of activities/registration



- Session 1:** Watershed Basics and Stewardship  
Tuesday, September 12, 5:40-8:40 p.m.  
UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County
- Session 2:** Water Flow, Then and Now  
Tuesday, September 26, 5:40-8:40 p.m.  
South Gate Center
- Session 3:** Managing Stormwater in Sarasota County  
Tuesday, October 3, 5:40-8:40 p.m.  
TBD
- Session 4:** Water Supply and Demand  
Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply
- Session 5:** Wastewater Management  
Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Bee Ridge Water Reclamation Facility
- Session 6:** Conservation in Action  
Tuesday, November 14, 5:40-8:40 p.m.  
TBD
- Session 7:** Communicating Water Stewardship  
Tuesday, November 28, 5:40-8:40 p.m.  
South Venice Civic Association
- Session 8:** Graduation and Guided Kayak Tour  
Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Historic Spanish Point



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**Save SAS some GREEN \$\$\$**

We mail **600+** paper copies to some of our members. The cost of printing and postage could be put toward our new nature center and other Sarasota Audubon projects. Plus our e-Brown Pelican Newsletter (which can be

emailed right to your in-box) has direct links to other sites, videos and color photos.

If you currently receive a paper copy in the mail please consider a switch to the e-Brown Pelican.

Contact: [editor@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:editor@sarasotaudubon.org)

**Sarasota County Butterfly Club**



Sarasota County Butterfly Club Programs, 1131 Blvd of The Arts, are open to the public (\$5.00 fee for non-members) are held most 4th Thursdays of each month Sept-May with topics appealing to all ages and levels of

**Some of the new items at the Gift Shop are stainless water bottles, tote bags, Nature Center hat/ vest pins, Sarasota Audubon Nature Center blank greeting cards, SANC oval car magnets, Mudlove wristbands with meaning and much more!**



**The sales table at our general meetings will no longer be available, so stop in and check us out.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**BECOME A SPOONBILL CLUB MEMBER**



**If you have named Sarasota Audubon in your will or beneficiary in any way, you are eligible to become a member of our legacy group,**

**The Spoonbill Club**

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