



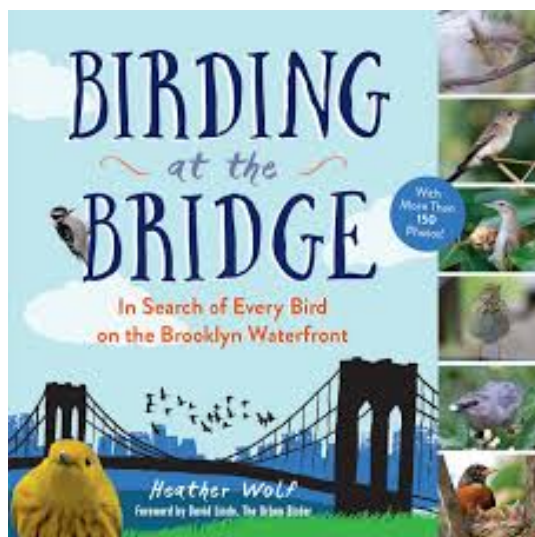
THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2019

MONTHLY MEETING Monday, February 11th

BIRDING AT THE BRIDGE: IN SEARCH OF EVERY BIRD ON THE BROOKLYN WATERFRONT



Heather Wolf, a web developer for Cornell Lab of Ornithology and eBird, will discuss her book, Birding at the Bridge: In Search of Every Bird on the Brooklyn Waterfront.

**Social Hour: 6:30pm
Business Meeting: 7:00pm
Presentation: 7:30pm**

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall
2031 S. Euclid, Sarasota



The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center

Open daily 9:00am- 1:00pm

October 1st through May 31st

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**Pre-monthly Meeting Dinner
All Members Welcome!**

Gecko's Restaurant, 1900 Hillview Avenue at
5:00pm. Reservations are not necessary.
Contact Karen Jensen for more information:
941-400-6890

**2018-2019
ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**



[CLICK --> COMPLETE SCHEDULE](#)

**REGISTRATION FOR most trips, classes and
special events must be completed
ON-LINE at the SAS web site.**

[CLICK ---> REGISTER](#)

**You can also register by signing up
on-line in person at the Nature Center.**

For help stop the Nature Center or call (941-312-
6533) 9am-1pm daily

**FIELD TRIPS AND
ACTIVITIES**

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

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 5th

CELERY FIELDS WALK - 1st TUESDAY

**8:00am. Meet at the Nature Center. Leader -
Peter Brown (508-241-5541).**

Thursday, FEBRUARY 7th:

OSCAR SCHERER PARK

**8:30am. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/
Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee).
Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)
and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 9th:

CELERY FIELDS WALK - 2nd SATURDAY

**8:00AM. Meet at the Nature Center. Leader -
Peter Brown (508-241-5541).**

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 13th:

CELERY FIELDS WALK - PM BIRDING

**3:00pm. Meet at the Nature Center. Leader -Margi
Haas (mhaas@pipeline.com).**

**LAST CHANCE
RENEW FOR 2019**

Click--> JOIN / RENEW

\$30.00 per member/family

Or Mail a Check Payable to:

Sarasota Audubon Society
999 Center Road, Sarasota, FL 34240

Don't Know if You Renewed?

Check with Lynn Jakubowicz, our Membership
Chairperson, email:

membership@sarasotaudubon.org



**SAS' 1st Garage Sale
A Smashing Success**



**Congrats to the team led by Chase Bonanno who
put together this fantastic sale raising over \$700
for SAS!**

STARTS TUESDAY

Thursday, FEBRUARY 14th:

OSCAR SCHERER PARK

8:30am. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey / Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee). Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

Thursday, FEBRUARY 14th:

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

8:15am. Meet at 1st parking lot on right after the entrance (park opens at 8:00am, fee). Leader: Rick Greenspun (birddoggie1@gmail.com)

Thursday, FEBRUARY 21st:

OSCAR SCHERER PARK

8:30am. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey / Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee). Alternating Leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

Thursday, FEBRUARY 21st:

CELERY FIELDS WALK - 3rd THURSDAY

8:00am. Meet at the Nature Center, Leader: SAS Survey Team (lynn234@verizon.net).

Monday, FEBRUARY 25th:

CELERY FIELDS WALK - 4th MONDAY

9:00am. Meet at the Nature Center, Leader: Joyce Leary (508-737-8954).

Thursday, FEBRUARY 28th:

OSCAR SCHERER PARK

8:30am. Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey / Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee). Alternating Leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

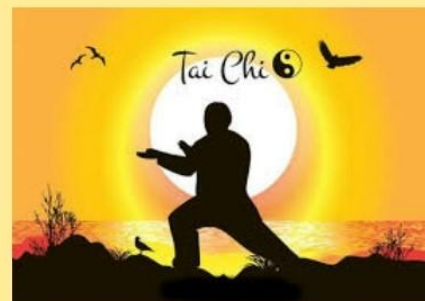
Thursday, FEBRUARY 28th:

RED BUG SLOUGH PARK

8:00am. 5200 Beneva Road / SAS Survey Team (lynn234@verizon.net)



SAS CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS



TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

Learn beginner Yang Style Tai Chi in a relaxed outdoor setting at the SAS Nature Center

- 6 SESSIONS -

TUESDAYS

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 5, 12

10:00am - 11:00am

SAS Nature Center, 999 Center Rd, Sarasota

\$4.00 donation per Session

or

\$20 donation - for all 6 Sessions

Pay at first session

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Questions? email packnvw@aol.com

Jeanne Dubi Scholarship



Applications have been circulated throughout Sarasota County via the School Board's e-alert system for the Jeanne Dubi Scholarship.

This, the scholarship committee will award two \$1,000 - dollar scholarships to two eligible high school students who are planning to study the environmental sciences in college.

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.

Feb 9th - TALES FROM PELICAN COVE

Feb 15th - SAVING LOCAL LANDS

Mar 23rd - ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS

Apr 20th - PURPLE MARTINS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

CLASSES

From Yoga to Photography. Check out this season's interesting selection of classes.

ON-LINE (only) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Feb - PHOTOGRAPHY (*sorry sold out*)

Feb - March - BRING ART OUTSIDE

Feb - March - EVERYTHING BIRDS

March - YOGA IN NATURE

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

[CLICK --> CLASS REGISTRATION](#)

Questions? Contact: Kathryn Young
kathwren4@gmail.com

If you know of any students who would like an application, please contact:

info@sarasotaaudubon.org

The Jeanne Dubi Scholarship is donor funded and is another way the Sarasota Audubon Society is furthering the cause of helping the environment.



UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS!!!

OUR 2019 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO

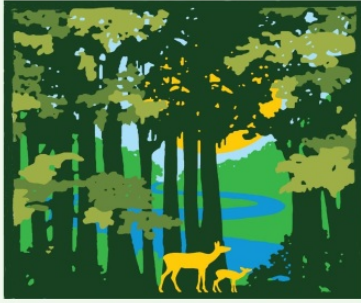
**SATURDAY
APRIL 27th
6:00pm-8:00pm**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS!

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator:
Marcy Packer **packmw@aol.com**



SAVING LOCAL LANDS FOR CONSERVATION



Friday, Feb 15, 1:30-4:00 PM

Sarasota Audubon Nature Center
999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

Due to overdevelopment, Sarasota is fast losing its remaining natural lands. We are not powerless to prevent this! Learn how to begin taking action to conserve specific lands that concern you. First, we will hear from the leaders of Keep Woods, a local citizen's group, and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast who together worked with Manatee County government to save 44 unspoiled acres from development and turned it into a county park in spring 2018. Second, participants will be able to freely participate, ask questions, get advice, make recommendations or offer solutions about specific lands they feel may be in need of conservation. Learn how to begin at the grass roots level from our conservation community's leaders.

For more information contact:
Margi Haas
mhaas@pipeline.com

for the birds



A Bird By Any Other Name



Oleaginous Hemispingus

Europeans originally tended to name their birds using a single word such as Blackbird, Robin, Wren and Swallow. As time went by and more birds were discovered additional adjectives were used to differentiate birds in the same family, such as Green Woodpecker, House Sparrow. By the time Thomas Bewick published the first book of British Birds in 1826, half of the birds illustrated still had a single name.

Now that more than 10,000 species have been discovered world-wide, more and more descriptive words have been used to name birds. Often these descriptive words relate to color, body parts, people's names, place names and habitat. Some of these are apposite and helpful, other times less so and sometimes just plain confusing.

I recently became fascinated by this and began to compile a list of colors used to name birds. Apart from the primary and secondary colors such as red, blue, green, blue and orange, I came across a wonderfully imaginative range of colors, many of which properly belong in an artist's palette. Here are some examples.

In the blue range we find bluish, blue-gray, blue-black, turquoise, beryl, sapphire and cobalt. My favorite bird in the blue category is the Beryl-spangled Tanager.

In the green range we have grassy-green, dusky-



TALES FROM PELICAN COVE WORKSHOP



Saturday, Feb 9
1:30 PM

Sarasota Audubon Nature Center
999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

Author Janet Hasselbring will share the amazing facts she gains from her research, and the connections she has made through writing her series of books about the shorebirds and other birds of Florida and beyond.

Children welcome!

\$5 donation - No Reservations - pay at the door

For more information contact:
Doug Janson
doug.jj@gmail.com

SAS ACTIVITIES

LIDO BEACH & WOODS WALK

Twenty-three participants joined John Ginaven and me on January 3rd for the walk at North Lido Beach and Woods. On a pleasant morning with mostly clear skies and temperatures of 68-78F, we covered the usual 2.5-mile loop beginning at the North Lido Beach access, trekking north along North Lido Beach, then into the "woods" before finishing up in the Polk/Emerson neighborhood. Red Tide has not completely diminished judging by the hacking of many in the group.

Highlights were an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull and two Common Terns in the pile of gulls/terns on Lido Beach, watching the laid-back North Lido Beach Bald Eagle pair think about fixing up their nest for egg-laying, then some American Goldfinch and Pine Warbler in a mixed species flock.

Click below for the overall bird list (37 species) per my recollection, with highlights in blue.

Note that not all were seen within the strict limits of North Lido Beach Park (I treat Emerson Drive- real and imagined- as the southern limit of the park).

[CLICK FOR FULL BIRD LIST](#)

Stu Wilson

THIRD THURSDAY CF WALK

We held our inaugural "Third Thursday" Celery Fields walk on January 17 and it was a great success! It was a cold morning and we had a small group, but the birds were waiting for us! Before we got going, we noticed that the first of the Purple Martins were back, checking out their condos at the Nature Center's Purple Martin house.

Then, we stopped at the ponds on the north side of Palmer Blvd and noted the difference between juvenile and adult Little Blue Herons, male and female Red-winged Blackbirds, plus the field marks and behaviors of Palm Warblers and Yellow-rumped Warblers. There were other wading birds in and near the ponds as well, such as Great Blue Herons, White Ibises and Great Egrets. Across the street at the boardwalk we got great looks at Limpkins, Common Gallinules, Purple Gallinules, and a Green Heron.

The most entertaining sight of the morning was an otter, who swam and dived repeatedly right next to the boardwalk. But this wasn't the best part of the morning. As we were about to leave the boardwalk, our leader, Lynn Jakubowicz noticed a dark morph Short-tailed Hawk soaring above us. A very unusual sight at the Celery Fields, we watched and photographed for several minutes. A perfect end to our first Thursday walk!

Martha Straub

green and olivaceous, and the yellow range includes golden, yellowish, citrine, saffron and cream.

I love the gray range of words, which to me are so evocative - ashy, slaty, plumbeous, smoky, glaucous, marbled and cinereous. Cinereous Harrier sounds so much more fascinating than Northern Harrier, even though they look almost the same. And how about an Ashy Storm-Petrel? Sound like a bird you'd love to meet?

Some other great colors are flame, scarlet, vermilion, rose, violaceous, plum, ruby, velvet, maroon and amethyst. I had to look a few of these up to be sure of the color. You might like to do the same.

There are a lot of brown birds out there, so naturally there are more adjectives in the brown category than in any other. Some of my favorites are cinnamon, bronze, rust, rufous, ferruginous, ruddy, buff, tawny, ochre, sand, copper and chestnut.

Any color may be combined with a body part or feature (not necessarily a bird's) to make a name. Some of the more obvious body parts are cheek, bill, wing, foot, leg, crown, belly, throat, tail, ear, chin, rump and toe. So, White-crowned Sparrow, Black-bellied Plover, Red-necked Grebe. Less obvious are beard, whiskers, hood, thigh, vent, collar and wattle. So Black-whiskered Vireo, Buff-collared Nightjar, Black-vented Shearwater.

Sometimes this can be confusing however, when is a cheek an ear, when is a breast a chest, or even a belly? when is a chin a throat. Here we move into more imprecise territory.

The most imprecise example, in my view, is '-fronted'. You would be forgiven for thinking this was a breast, chest, belly or all three. You would think a Greater White-fronted goose had a white, well, front. But no, front generally means the front of the face, or more often the forehead. Interestingly in all those (very precise) diagrams at the front of every field guide naming every conceivable part of a bird including auricular, supraloral and lower scapular (who reads this stuff?), you would be hard pushed to find any little arrow in any diagram pointing to that part of the bird that I would call the forehead, let alone naming it. But fronted, invariably refers to the front of the crown or the forehead, as in Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, which is a totally green bird with a red forehead.

Needless to say, some of these body part references, though I'm sure are meant to be helpful, are not always so. How would you know if a shin is sharp, a thigh bristled or a leg rough? We have to rely on other characteristics rather than the name to determine the identity of a bird.

Apart from colors and parts of the body, more conventional adjectives are often used to finesse a name, such as spotted, barred, shiny, short, long,

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OVERNIGHT TRIP



Photographs by Claire Herzog



On January 18-20, fourteen travelers made the trek up to the chilly Florida 'north country' to check out some great bird activity at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Sweetwater Wetlands in Gainesville.

Highlights of the trip were the American Flamingo, Vermillion Flycatcher and the Henslow Sparrow. We cannot forget the pre-dawn sighting of the American Woodcock. Many thanks to our fearless leader, Harma Nyhof for a great trip.

Marcy Packer

URFER PARK

On January 22, twenty-two of us explored the bird population in Urfer Family Park. It was a brisk morning, but bright sunlight warmed us up pretty quickly. There were plenty of birds to keep us busy, including male and female Wood Ducks in the pond immediately adjacent to the parking lot. Also in that pond were a Tricolored Heron right next to a Little Blue Heron, a nice comparison.

Throughout the morning, we observed Northern Cardinals, Red-bellied and Pileated Woodpeckers, Gray Catbirds, American Robins, Tufted Titmice, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Carolina Wrens and Nanday Parakeets. But the highlight of the morning was a Prairie Warbler, flitting about in full view. There was also a Pine Warbler, along with the usual Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers. It was a satisfyingly birdy morning!

Martha Straub

little. Not being content with the obvious we also find words like fasciated, striated, vermiculated, versicolored, undulated, pinnated and ocellated. Look these up on a quiet rainy afternoon.

My favorite in this category is 'oleaginous' meaning 'resembling or having the property of oil'. Another is 'hepatic'. The Merriam-Webster definition of this word, which you may know if you have a medical background, is: 'of, relating to, affecting, associated with, supplying or draining the liver'. Yes, the liver. It may refer to the liver-colored (brownish red) of the male Hepatic Tanager. Hmm... not sure, never having seen a liver, but anyway I would have tried to find a different name for this gorgeous bird.

Even the simplest of adjectives can be confusing if referring to a part of the bird which is not, I repeat, NOT an outstanding feature. The worst example of this has to be the Ring-necked duck, which to this day I still refer to many times as the Ring-billed duck. And what a gorgeous bill this bird has, very worthy of the name Ring-billed. Good luck finding the ring on its neck.

Another is the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. The illustration in Sibley has an arrow pointing to the back of its crown with the helpful comment, 'red 'cockade' usually invisible'. Thanks for that Sibley. A cockade, by the way, is a rosette of ribbons, usually of bright colors, and always round. It is sometimes pinned on a hat, but we more usually associate it with prize winners particularly at cattle shows, or children's races. A cockade, by this definition, the Red-Cockaded woodpecker does not have.

The last set of adjectives are highly evocative. And I leave you with this thought. If you were a bird wouldn't you rather be called Magnificent, Resplendent, Beautiful, Lovely, Elegant, Ornate, Imperial or Noble. Rather than Drab, Plain, Sad, Least, Solitary, Common, Ancient and/or Wandering. I'm sure both the Resplendent Quetzal and the Drab Seedeater would agree.

Glynnis Thomas



NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

January Rarities 2018

- **Cape May Warbler:** Celery Fields
- **Sooty Shearwater:** Siesta Beach, Access 5 , North Jetty Park

Sarasota Christmas Bird Count Report January 5, 2019

The 68th annual Sarasota Christmas Bird Count (part of an Audubon series now in its 119th year), held on January 5, 2019, was a record-setter. Our tentative tally of 173 species is 12 more than our previous record set on January 5, 2008, and includes a rather incredible nine (9) species brand new to the Count. Twenty-two records comprising seventeen (17) species have been submitted for review. The documentation for at least 12 of those species is solid, meaning that our final count should be no lower than 168.

We had an amazing nine (9) First Ever birds for the Count. They were: Broad-winged Hawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Common Nighthawk, Least Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, White-crowned Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, and Orchard Oriole. To put this in perspective, we had zero First Evers on an otherwise respectable count (157 spp) last cycle and no First Evers on the count before that.

Besides the First Evers listed above, a number of other highlights included: Greater Scaup (8th occurrence ever), Black Scoter (6th), Wild Turkey (10th), Short-tailed Hawk (3rd), Yellow-throated Vireo (2nd), Magnolia Warbler (4th), and Rose-breasted Grosbeak (2nd).

An All-Time High Count of individuals was achieved with seventeen (17) species beyond the First Evers: Anhinga (500 on this Count vs previous high of 470), White Ibis (3600 vs 3500), Osprey (225 vs 190), Bald Eagle (71 vs 56), Lesser Black-backed Gull (9 vs 6), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (10 vs 8), Red-bellied Woodpecker (260 vs 220), Blue-headed Vireo (34 vs 31), Purple Martin (7 vs 2), Tufted Titmouse (120 vs 83), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (520 vs 410), American Redstart (4 vs 1), Northern Parula (9 vs 5), Pine Warbler (190 vs 150), Prairie Warbler (20 vs 15), Black-throated Green Warbler (4 vs 1), and Bronzed Cowbird (6 vs 4).

The epicenter of the Sarasota CBC was Celery Fields (Area #8). The 120 species recorded there on Count day was 32 more than that recorded in any other Count area (our Circle is divided into 20 areas). In addition, twenty-three (23) species were exclusive to Area #8, i.e. found nowhere else in the Circle. The second-place Area in terms of number of exclusive species had seven (7). Our Area #8 effort was managed by Jeanne Dubi, who did an outstanding job marshaling the twenty-one (21) observers who volunteered to help there.

Amidst all the highlights, we did have several startling DIPS, amongst them: Reddish Egret, Short-billed Dowitcher, Great Horned Owl, and Eastern Towhee.

Other DIPS included Black-necked Stilt, American Oystercatcher, Red Knot, Franklin's Gull (if only because a couple had been around all season up until shortly before the Count), Barn Owl, Merlin, American Pipit, and Chipping Sparrow. In addition, we

- **Black-throated Green Warbler:** Blackburn Point Park, Lakeview Park, Tangier Way, Crowley Nature Center, Myakka Creek Environmental Park, Red Bug Slough Park
- **Surf Scoter:** Lemon Bay Park, Siesta Beach
- **Black Scoter:** Siesta Beach, N. Lido, Nokomis Public Beach
- **White-winged Scoter:** Nokomis Public Beach
- **American Redstart:** Pinecraft Park, Siesta Key, Oaks Clubhouse
- **Magnolia Warbler:** Pinecraft Park
- **Common Tern:** Siesta Beach, N. Lido Beach
- **Grasshopper Sparrow:** Siesta Bch, Access 9
- **Bronzed Cowbird:** Celery Fields
- **Brown-headed Nuthatch:** Carlton Reserve
- **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** Carlton Reserve, Pinecraft Park
- **Orange-crowned Warbler:** Celery Fields
- **Ash-throated Flycatcher:** Celery Fields
- **White-crowned Sparrow:** Celery Fields
- **Least Flycatcher:** Celery Fields
- **Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** Celery Fields
- **Greater Scaup:** Celery Fields, Bay Tree Docks
- **Lesser Night Hawk:** Celery Fields
- **Common Night Hawk:** Palmer Lake, Celery Fields
- **Blue Grosbeak:** Celery Fields
- **Short-tailed Hawk (dark morph):** Myakka River State Park

Claire Herzog



NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP

accumulated less than stellar numbers of Northern Bobwhite (1), Horned Grebe (1), Semipalmated Plover (3), Dunlin (6), Western Sandpiper (1), Northern Flicker (1), and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1).

There were just three (3) Count Week birds (i.e. found during the 3 days before and the 3 days after, but not on the actual Count day): a Sooty Shearwater from Siesta Beach, and Merlin and Chipping Sparrow each from the North University area.

Many of the volunteers on the current count commented that they didn't think things were very "birdy" on Count day (we had ~15 mph NW winds but temperatures were in the high 60s and there was no rain). They may have a point in that our total number of individuals from the current Count, 31100, was 10 percent below that on the Count a year ago and nearly 13 percent behind that achieved on the Count two years ago. Area Leaders responsible for coastal areas noted a drop-off in shorebird diversity and numbers, an observation that may be related to the Red Tide outbreak that has variously affected the gulf coast over the last year. In any case, over-assigning the importance of short-term fluctuations in total number of individuals on a single Count is something one must be careful about, since such numbers can be affected by weather and, for example, whether or not a wintering mega-flock of 10,000 Tree Swallows happened to be within the confines of the Circle on the day of the Count.

Parakeet Update... The ratio of Nanday Parakeets to Monk Parakeets had been steadily increasing over the last several Counts, from 3:1 three years ago to a whopping 14:1 a year ago. On the current Count, the ratio was back to an expected 5:1 (same as two years ago) and further, unlike on the last CBC, Monks were found in more than one location. So it's clear that Nandays still dominate locally, but Monks seem to have headed off the prospect of their extirpation for the time being.

How do we explain the exalted results of this Count? i.e. beating our old record by as many as 12 species, nine species never before detected on the Count, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers numbering more than 25% more than on any previous Count, etc? Let's consider two primary factors: effort and climate change.

Not only did we have 142 field volunteers on the current Count (probably a record), but as a birding community we've managed to create a lot of really sharp and talented birders. Some have been inspired by eBird, some by photography, some by programs offered by Sarasota Audubon at Celery Fields, and some by the notion that birding is a downright rewarding and worthwhile hobby, quite free these days of any "Mrs Drysdale" stigma. But the increase in acumen and party-hours only explains a portion of the spike we experienced with the current Count.

The other part of the explanation has to be climate change. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a Least Flycatcher, a



We have a selection of charming and beneficial bee houses for sale to coordinate with the Nature Center pollinators display coming soon.

Pollinators are endangered, especially with the bee colony collapse. Bees, other than honey bees, are highly efficient pollinators. We need to create homes for those such as Mason bees and Leafcutter bees which are solitary nesters and non-stingers. We are using these houses in our Nature Center gardens.

Find out more about these amazing creatures within the next few weeks from our educational display.

Call for SAS Members to Display and Sell Their Artwork / Photography at the Nature Center



If you are a member of Sarasota Audubon who is an artist or photographer and interested in displaying and selling your artwork at the Nature Center, we invite you to print out, complete, and send the "Artist Request to Display and Sell" form.

[**CLICK --> Artist Request to Display and Sell**](#)

We are looking to showcase one or two members'

Magnolia Warbler, two White-crowned Sparrows, a Blue Grosbeak, an Orchard Oriole, 100+ more Blue-gray Gnatcatchers than ever before, and more American Redstarts, Northern Parulas, Prairie Warblers, and Black-throated Green Warblers than on any previous count decided to not migrate southbound past the Sarasota CBC circle when they made their wintering decision because they found conditions here just fine. We may not continue to set records with each CBC, but there are bound to continue to be many more "What's that bird doing here in winter?" moments to come.

Tremendous thanks go out to all who participated and helped continue to make Sarasota a premier CBC, not only in Florida but nationwide. Our current Count results should place us well within the top 50 nationally on the basis of number of species recorded (there are nearly 2,000 CBC Circles in the U.S., about 80 of those in Florida).

The next Sarasota CBC is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2020. Mark your calendars!

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Stu Wilson

artworks or photographs during the months of April and May.

For questions or additional information, please contact us at: SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com

Sue Herring, Chair - SAS Art Committee

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