



**OCTOBER 2019**

## **MONTHLY MEETING Monday, October 14th**



### ***Pelagic Birding Off the SW Florida Coast, The Final Frontier***

Florida-based national champion birders, Tammy and David McQuade who among many other things run the SW Florida Bird Alert Facebook Group.

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

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall  
2031 S. Euclid, Sarasota

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**Pre-Monthly Meeting Dinner**

**All Members Welcome!**

**Gecko's Restaurant**

1900 Hillview Ave

5:00pm

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



**The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center**

**Open daily**

**9:00am-1:00pm**

**October 1st through May 31st**

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## **2019-2020 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**



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# SCHEDULE

## SAS ACTIVITIES

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### GUIDED WALKS

**Our SAS guided walks are led by some of our most knowledgeable and experienced birders. Come along with us!**

*Suggested donation for walks and tours: \$2 members, \$4 non-members. No reservations are necessary unless noted.*

**Saturday, Oct. 12th**

#### PINECRAFT PARK

**9:00am.** 1420 Gilbert Ave. Leaders are Edith Miller and Helen King [thekingsom@gmail.com](mailto:thekingsom@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, October 29th**

#### ROBINSON PRESERVE

**8:00am.** 704 99th St NW, Bradenton. Leaders are Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Wednesday, November 6th**

#### SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS

**8:00am.** Meet at Pavilion at north end of the main Siesta Key parking lot. Leaders are Mary Heinlen (346-3335) and Claire Herzog

**Sunday, Nov 10th**

#### LONGBOAT KEY SHOREBIRDS

**8:00am.** Meet at Broadway beach access north end of LBK. Leaders are Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

### OSCAR SCHERER PARK WALKS

**8:30am.** Every Thursday, Nov 7-Mar 26: Meet inside park at Lake Osprey/Nature Center (opens 8:00am, fee). On the 1st and 2nd Thursday walks the leader is Peter Brown (508-2415541). On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday walks the leader is Joyce Leary (508-737-8954).

### CELERY FIELDS WALKS

#### First Mondays - "PM Birding"

Jan 6, Feb 3 and Mar 2. 3:00pm-5:00pm. Meet at the Nature Center. Leader is Margi Haas [mhaas@pipeline.com](mailto:mhaas@pipeline.com)

#### Third Mondays

Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 16: 8-10am: Meet at Raymond Rd Boardwalk. Leader is Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

#### Fourth Mondays

Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 23. 9:00am-11:00am. Leader is Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

#### Third Thursdays

Jan 16, Feb 20, March 19. 8:00am. Leader is the SAS Survey Team [lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)

#### Second Saturdays

Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11: 8-10am. Meet at Nature Center. Leader is Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

### Message from the SAS Acting President...

#### Open for Business--So Much Going On.

Can you believe it, we are just about to enter our 5th year of Nature Center operations! During that period, Sarasota Audubon has continued to thrive, increasing visitors and members every single year while increasing our program offerings - every single year.

Over the summer, we have been working hard to get the Nature Center ready to open. We've installed new cabinets on the west side of the big room, enhanced our sales area with more storage cabinets too, and streamlined the kids' area. It all looks spiffy! We've also added a new annotated map of the Celery Fields with named trails and ponds making it easier to pinpoint birds found within the 440-acre site.

On September 14, we had a very productive work day in the gardens: new pine straw paths, mulching in many areas and lots of weeding. Those summer rains really accelerate vegetation growth. The bird feeders are now up and ready for avian visitors, and our butterfly hatching area has a new look. Throughout the long, hot summer, Linda Kitch and Andy Schneider managed to keep the growth at bay. Thanks you two.

Many volunteers work hard behind the scenes. Betty Neupert and Barbara Males have upgraded our website a formidable job, but so well done. Log on to [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org) to see our new look and increased functionality. Thanks B&B.

This year, the board is pleased to announce two key part time positions. 1) Karen Willey, former owner of Around the Bend Nature Tours, has joined us as Nature Center Manager. Karen will take over management of the gardens and the operations of the Nature Center to make sure everything runs smoothly. Karen sold ABNT this summer, but the schoolkids' Celery Fields Explorers program which she ran for years will still continue under the new ownership. And 2) Vickie French, formerly of SRQ County, has agreed to be our volunteer consultant. Vickie adds another dimension for streamlining the volunteer recruitment and training process. A hearty welcome to both.

You may have noticed that I have taken on the mantle of Acting President for one year. This is after Marcy Packer served so ably in that position for two years. Marcy got the volunteer program in full swing while taking on the responsibilities of the president. I'm glad to say that Marcy will continue on the board as First VP. Thanks Marcy for everything you have done for SAS!

A final note. This year we are in a full-blown search for a president

and for new board members too. The president's responsibilities have been sharply curtailed by the addition of Karen, and by delegation of responsibilities to board members and non-board members alike. To that end, we are forming an advisory committee to help us shape our future, including searching for board members, and to provide SAS with new ideas.

If you know of someone who would like to serve on such a committee (non-SAS members welcome), please let one of us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Nature Center soon.

**Jeanne Dubi, Acting President**



**Registration for all SAS classes and events must be completed**

## NATURE CENTER GARDEN TOURS

### Fourth Saturdays

Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 28, Apr 25, 9:30am-11:30am. With Master Gardener Jan McLaughlin, enjoy our evolving subtropical garden, designed to attract migratory & resident birds, butterflies and moths.

## CELERY FIELDS ACTIVITIES

### BOARDWALKS

At Palmer Blvd and Raymond Rd boardwalks, a SAS Celery Fields Bird Naturalist is on duty every day, Nov 1-Apr 30 from 8:30am - 10:30am.

### CELERY FIELDS CLEANUPS

Help keep Palmer blvd and our area trash free! Wednesdays at 9:00am: Nov 13, Jan 15, Mar 11 & Apr 15

### SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY

Deep Sky Observers [www.lgdso.com](http://www.lgdso.com) will set up telescopes at the Nature Center for star and planet gazing! Saturdays: December 7th, 5:30pm & February 29th, 6:30pm

### BIG SIT

Sunday, October 13th. Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 foot circle. Contact Stu Wilson ([stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net))

### VOLUNTEER FOR SAS

Saturdays, December 14th & February 8th, 10:00am-12:00pm at the Nature Center. Learn about volunteer opportunities with SAS and how to apply.

[volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org)

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Saturday, April 4th, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Nature Center. All SAS volunteers invited!

[volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org)

### GARDEN WORKDAYS

Sunday, February 9th: 8:30am-11:00am. Help the Temple Emanuel garden volunteers at our mid-winter spruce-up.

[volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:volunteer@sarasotaudubon.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

October 17-20

### FLORIDA BIRDING & NATURE FESTIVAL

[fbnfestival.org](http://fbnfestival.org)



October 25-26

### AUDUBON ASSEMBLY

[fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly](http://fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly)



ONLINE at the SAS web site.

Here are links to register:

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[REGISTER SPECIAL EVENTS --> CLICK](#)

You can register online by visiting the SAS web site at: [sarasotaudubon.org](http://sarasotaudubon.org) or sign up online at the Nature Center.

If you need help stop by or call (941-312-6533) the Nature Center during hours of operation (daily 9:00am--1:00pm)

## NATURE CENTER CLEAN-UP



More than 29 folks volunteered for the September 14th Nature Center clean-up including 10 Master Gardeners who worked in our butterfly garden.

Big thanks to all those that participated. Everything looked great for our season opening.

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## Are Bird Numbers Falling in Sarasota?

Many of us have seen articles about the disturbing research paper released last week indicating that North America has lost 3 billion birds, a 29% decline, since 1970. Are we seeing that same trend in Sarasota?

Well, egged on by Jeanne Dubi, I decided to do a quick research project: Plot the number of individual birds reported on the Sarasota CBC 1970 to present. In so doing, I ran into a couple of obstacles: 1) Retrievable Audubon CBC data on Numbers of Individual Birds only go back to 1999; 2) During the winters of 2009 and 2010, we had biblical numbers of Tree Swallows in Sarasota (1,000,000 reported in 2009 and 602,000 in 2010, or 97% and 95% of all birds counted on the 2009 and 2010 CBCs, respectively).

To address, I settled on looking at a shorter range than in the research paper, 1999-present. As for the Tree Swallows, since their sheer numbers 2009-2010 would have drowned out all the other species and greatly skewed the results, I simply eliminated Tree Swallow numbers over the 20-year span. If there was an overall trend to be observed, eliminating a single highly irruptive (on the 2016/2017 CBC we recorded a total of only 78 Tree Swallows!) species from the raw data shouldn't be a problem. The results are displayed in the chart below.

Sarasota CBC- Total Individuals (1999-2018)



## Thursday, December 5 WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THAT TOILET WATER?

9:00am. Join us as we visit a Sarasota County Wastewater Treatment facility including a tour of the operational lab. **RESERVATION REQUIRED-SPACE IS LIMITED.** Contact Kathryn Young [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)  
Meet at McDonald's, Bee Ridge/Cattlemen

## Saturday, December 7 MEMBER CRAFT EVENT

9:00am-1:00pm Nature Center picnic area. SAS members will display and sell nature-related crafts.  
[SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com)

## Monday, December 16 MYAKKA PARK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Belinda Perry - [bperry51@verizon.net](mailto:bperry51@verizon.net)

## Saturday, January 4

## SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Stu Wilson - [stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net)

## Saturdays, January 11 & 18 'WINGSPAN' THE BOARD GAME

3:30pm - 5:30pm. "WINGSPAN" Learn to play this wildly popular birdy board game! Space is limited. **REGISTER ONLINE.** \$5 per person, per session. Nature Center.  
Harma Nyhof [birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com)

## Saturday, February 1 MEMBER ART AND PHOTO SHOW

A month long exhibit of our members' art and photography. Opening Reception 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Nature Center.  
[SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com)

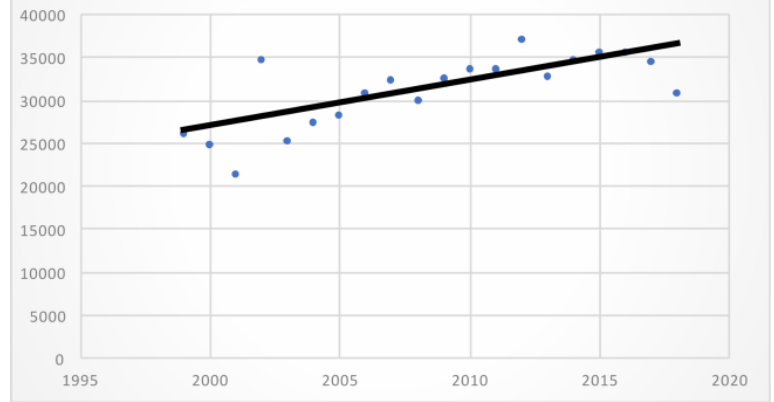
## Saturdays, February 1 & 8 EAGLE NEST TOURS

8:00am - 12:00pm. Visit active nests with Dale Nauman, Cost \$30. **REGISTER ONLINE.** February 1st trip leader, Harma Nyhof [birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com). February 8th trip leader, Barry Gerber [blgerber@comcast.net](mailto:blgerber@comcast.net).

## Monday, March 23, Tuesday, April 7: ROBERTS BAY ROOKERY BOAT TOURS

1:00pm-3:00pm. **REGISTER ONLINE.**  
Cost \$30. Harma Nyhof - [birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com)

**CLICK ---> REGISTER ONLINE**



So it would appear that avian activity here in Sarasota, at least as measured on annual Christmas Bird Counts, bucks the trend observed over greater North America... right? Not so fast!

The 2018/2019 effort on the Sarasota CBC (142 volunteers contributing 286 party-hours) dwarfs that in 1999/2000 (34 volunteers contributing 75 party-hours). Besides steadily increasing CBC effort over the 20-year span, I'll also speculate that we have sharper and more motivated volunteer observers, equipped with better technology, out in the field than we did 20 years ago.

To summarize, although we've been able to turn up individual bird numbers on the CBC increasing at an average 1.5-2.0% annual clip, a more detailed analysis would be required before we could conclude that Sarasota is a special haven for North American birds.

### Stu Wilson

On a related note... see Washington Post article (September 19, 2019):

*"North America has lost 3 billion birds in 50 years"*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/09/19/north-america-has-lost-billion-birds-years/>



A Barn Owl box has been erected between the Palmer and Raymond Rd. Boardwalks, thanks to Rick Greenspun and Stu Wilson.



## SAS CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

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

### WORKSHOPS

These 1.5 hour workshops provide a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Meet at the Nature Center at 1:30pm. \$5.00 Donation. No registration required; Pay at the door.

#### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

### CLASSES

Check out this season's interesting selection of classes; eBird, Everything About Birds and Tai Chi. **Online Registration Required**

#### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

#### CLASS REGISTRATION

**Questions? Contact: Kathryn Young**  
[kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)



### Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)



You may forgive me this month for writing about a bird you won't find in Florida. But I do have several excuses. One is that following a summer encounter with this bird, I have been full of enthusiasm for it. In addition, many of us SAS-ers spend greater or lesser parts of the summer months in the more northerly states, within this bird's range, so it is relevant to most of us. Plus, it's such a charismatic bird to write about.

As to the recent encounter, well it was short enough. We were walking along a paved cycle track that winds over the dunes in the Provincelands of Cape Cod. The section of the track went from Beech Forest down to the Visitors' Center and on to Race Point beach. We usually like to wander through the woods but had recently taken to walking the tracks where mosquitoes were less active. This section was through fairly densely wooded nine



**Kathryn Young**



To all our members who responded with items to be donated to the kids' Touch Table area, please drop off these items between 9am - 1pm at our Nature Center, starting October 1st.

**Please mark them to the attention of Lynn J.**

Thank you in advance for sharing!



ess active. This section was through fully dense wooded pine and beech, when suddenly a Goshawk flew straight past, about ten foot away, flying in the opposite direction. I clearly saw its white eye stripe and dark cap, and swiveling round as it passed, its gray back, weakly barred tail and a glimpse of white undertail coverts. It was a breathtaking moment. Though brief it was one of the best looks I'd ever had of a Northern Goshawk. Actually, the day before we had seen a juvenile in the same area, so I was on the alert, but as everyone knows, you cannot go out and look for a goshawk. They suddenly appear, or they don't, and though we looked out for them all summer, and walked that same area many times, we never saw one again.



The Northern Goshawk is an accipiter, 'accipiter' from 'accipere' meaning 'to grasp', referring to the way it kills its prey. There are only three accipiters in North America, two of which we are more familiar with, namely the Cooper's Hawk and the Sharp-shinned Hawk. I think of them as the Three Bears, large, middle-sized and small and we are probably most familiar with the middle-sized - the Cooper's Hawk. As you probably know, accipiters are characterized by relatively short broad wings and a long tail.

The Northern Goshawk, being the largest of the three, is a powerful predator, its hunting habits characterized by short duration sit and watch, with its piercing stare, followed by short bursts of amazingly fast flight, often twisting among branches and crashing through thickets in the intensity of pursuit, their prey being larger birds, squirrels, rodents and rabbits. While Cooper's and Sharp-shinned may be found in more rural settings - parks, gardens, even cemeteries, not so the Northern Goshawk. This is a bird found deep within mature and old growth forests - deciduous, mixed or conifer, with clearings.

In a recent article in 'Bird Watcher's Digest' by Pete Dunne, he describes Northern Goshawks as 'perch-hunting raptors that move beneath the closed forest canopy like smoke-colored ghosts'. (Bird Watchers' Digest Vol 42 No.1)

This reminded me of a tale. Goshawks are the only accipiters that are found both in Europe and North America, so my tale is set in my native land of Wales. One winter out high in the Brecon Beacons, snow on the ground, looking for Northern Shrike, I stopped by an area of clear-fell that fell away to a fairly distant line of trees. I saw, what I can only describe as a largish pale blob, in one of the trees. I just couldn't make it out. I thought maybe it was a large cobweb, frosted over with ice or snow. Anyway, I took a picture of it with my, then, new Canon SX50 and when I got it home and uploaded the picture on my computer, it turned out to be a Northern Goshawk. Yes, definitely looking like a 'smoke-colored ghost'.

A last note on etymology. Goshawk. What a strange name. Well it comes from the Old English 'goshafo', literally 'goose-hawk', from 'gos' - goose, and 'hafoc' - hawk.

And don't be fooled by its Latin name 'accipiter gentilis' - nothing gentle about this bird! Historically falconry was a popular sport and status symbol among the nobles of medieval Europe, so the *gentilis* refers to the gentry or the nobles, who were the only ones permitted to use goshawks in falconry. And probably the only ones who could afford it. Nothing changes, does it?

**Glynnis Thomas**

## NC PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY

We have a New Member Photography Display at the SAS Nature Center during the months of October and November. We invite you to come in and take a look.

**Peter Puig** was raised in Miami, Florida and moved to Sarasota in 2012. He has been a member of the SAS for a year. Living in Florida has given him a love for wildlife and flowers. He started photography as a teenager and has not stopped taking photos since. He joined the base newsletter in the US Air Force and donated photos while he served. From photographing weddings and other events, he has always enjoyed incorporating nature in his photos.



### MEMBER CRAFT FAIR AND SALE

CALLING SAS MEMBER CRAFTERS - We will be holding our first member Craft Fair & Sale on Saturday morning, December 7, 2019, from 9 AM to 1 PM. An official announcement will be sent out in early October with details and sign-up information.

### 2020 MEMBER FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

This season we will be holding a combined Fine Arts & Photo Show in February 2020 with a theme to be announced. A request for artists and photographers will be sent out in early October with details and sign-up information.



## NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

### September Rarities 2019

#### SIESTA BEACH (Public Beach, Access 5 & 7)

- Black Tern
- Tree, Bank, Barn, Northern rough-winged, Cave & Cliff Swallow
- American Oystercatcher
- Sabine's Gull
- Marbled Godwit
- American Avocet
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Louisiana Waterthrush

#### PINECRAFT PARK

- Acadian Flycatcher
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- Kentucky Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Swainson's Thrush
- Veery
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Chuck-will's widow





"Celery Fields Forever," Sarasota Audubon's Big Sit team, is looking for volunteers to staff shifts for our seventh annual Big Sit circle at the Celery Fields' Palmer Road Boardwalk on Sunday, October 13th.

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. It's sedentary birding at it's best, equal parts social event and citizen science.

The Big Sit runs from midnight to midnight but we don't expect anyone to be on post for 24 hours. We'll have three shifts: dawn-11am, 11am-3pm, and 3pm-dusk. Each shift "starts their list from scratch".

[www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/connect/bigsit.php](http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/connect/bigsit.php)

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 exchange recipes, trim toenails, organize scrapbooks, etc. There's no fee to participate.

If you're interested in participating or have questions, please contact me.

**Stu Wilson** [stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net)



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## Our Friends at Birds of Paradise Need Our Help



## NORTH LIDO PARK BEACH

- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Arctic Tern

## MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

- Snail Kite

## BEE RIDGE ROAD

- Short-tailed Hawk

## CELERY FIELDS

- Bobolink

## MANASOTA SCRUB

- Louisiana Waterthrush

## BAY STREET PARK

- Blue-winged Warbler

## CONSERVATORY PARK (Manatee)

- Western Tanager

## LEFFIS KEY (Manatee)

- Virginia Rail
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Nashville Warbler

**Various Locations: the expected migratory warblers, vireos & tanagers are being sighted**

*Claire Herzog*



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Good morning from Birds of Paradise. We have some unfortunate news to share. Most of you know, we leased this 6.6 acre tract almost 5 years ago with the understanding it would be a permanent home to the birds that live here. Our lease is up December 5, and the property owners have refused to sell to us, even with a cash offer at their asking price. We were in negotiations with the property owners for three months, arrived at an agreed upon price, but they refuse to sell. They also refuse to extend our lease, so that leaves us trying to find a new home for these precious birds. This leaves 350 birds without a home come December. Needless to say we are devastated.

Thanks to our generous donors, volunteers and friends, we have made thousands of dollars of improvements and a beautiful sanctuary for these birds. We intend to move the aviaries to a new location, but this will take much manpower as well as a lot of money. I am asking, begging all of you to help us in any way you can. If you know someone with a small parcel of property that would consider donating or selling to us.

If you know anyone at the County or City Administration that could possibly help us. We have contacted Manatee County and they are in search of a property, but nothing is available currently and this takes time we do not have. We also need substantial amounts of money to help with the move. So please, if you can think of anything that can help us, please let me know. We have reached out to ABC7 and they will be doing a story on this issue and we plan to reach out to Bay News 9 and The Herald Tribune. We desperately need everyone's help. Thank you for your generous support in the past and please continue on this journey with us to the future. The birds are counting on all of us.

PS: If you have birds placed in our care, please help us by paying your membership fees or picking up your bird(s). They are all welcome to stay and journey with us, but we need your promised donations for their care.

**Thanks always,  
Debbie Huckaby  
Executive Director  
727-366-9997**

<http://birdsofparadise.org/index.html>

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[editor@sarasotaaudubon.org](mailto:editor@sarasotaaudubon.org)



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*The Spoonbill Club*

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**Address: SAS, 999 Center Road, Sarasota, FL 34240**

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Check with Lynn Jakubowicz, our Membership Chairperson, email:

[membership@sarasotaaudubon.org](mailto:membership@sarasotaaudubon.org)



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