



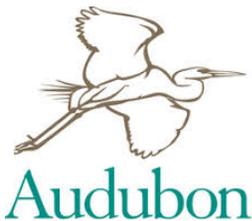
# THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MARCH 2018

## MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, March 12th



### SEA LEVEL RISE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND AUDUBON'S OPPORTUNITY FOR BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP IN FLORIDA AND BEYOND

David Yarnold, Chief Executive Officer of National Audubon, will be speaking at the monthly meeting of the Sarasota Audubon Society. National Audubon consists of close to 500 chapters throughout the US. The National office deals with nationwide conservation issues through legislation at the state and federal levels.

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

Space will be limited, so get there early.

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 1031 S. Euclid, Sarasota

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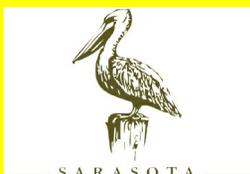
### Pre-monthly Meeting Dinner

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



The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center

Open daily 9:00am- 1:00pm

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**Sarasota Audubon Society**  
999 Center Road  
Sarasota, FL 34240

**SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY**

[CLICK HERE](#)**FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

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

**Wednesday, March 7: PERICO PRESERVE**

8:00am. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75) at 8:00am or at Perico Preserve (11700 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton) at 9:00am. Leaders: "Soo" Whiting & "Flip" Harrington (508-939-0236). BRING LUNCH.

**Thursday, March 8: OSCAR SCHERER 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, March 10: 2nd SATURDAY CF WALK**

8:00am. Join some of our best birders on the 2nd Saturday of each month from November through April as we explore the great variety of habitats and birds found in the Celery Fields. Meet at the SAS Nature Center.

**Tuesday, March 13: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP**

8:00am. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot (999 Center Road). Coordinator: Joanna Bear, [jbear0822@aol.com](mailto:jbear0822@aol.com)

**Thursday, March 15: OSCAR SCHERER 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, March 17: FELTS PRESERVE**

9:00am. Meet at Felts Preserve (4200 24th Ave E. in Palmetto, corner of 24th Ave E & 49 St E.). Leaders: Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Eileen Teel.

**Thursday, March 22: OSCAR SCHERER 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).

**Monday, March 26: 4th MONDAY CF WALK**

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

**Thursday, March 27: N. LONGBOAT KEY & LEFFIS KEY**

8:00am. Look for resident and migrant shorebirds at the north end of Longboat Key, then drive north one mile to Leffis Key to check for early spring migrant songbirds. Meet at Broadway beach access on the north end of Longboat Key. Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven. SAS/VAAS Combo Trip.

**Thursday, March 29: OSCAR SCHERER 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).

**Thursday, March 29: PINECRAFT PARK**

8:00am and 9:00am. Two scheduled walks, please choose one (8:00am or 9:00am). Meet at the Pinecraft park parking lot, 1420 Gilbert Ave off of Bahia Vista. Leaders: Tom Jiamachello (802-734-6182), Lynn Jakubowicz and Peter Brown.

**CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP**

Our annual appeal is in full swing. As you know, we rely on our membership dues and annual appeal donations to maintain our beautiful nature center, offer a great variety of activities, interesting classes/workshops and wonderful children's programs. If you have not already sent your contribution please consider doing it now.

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**WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS CHANGE?**

The Sarasota Audubon Society strives to be a model conservation organization and a positive steward of the earth. That means that we want to make as small of a footprint on the earth as we can and utilize as little natural resources as possible. At the present time, we mail over 500 paper copies of the newsletter to some of our members. Think of how many trees it takes to make that paper on a yearly basis (10 issues x 500 copies x 2 pages each

**Tuesday, March 13th - 8:00am**

**Meet in the SAS Nature Center parking lot**

**Join our Coordinator, Joanna Bear and help keep our Celery Fields beautiful. Come be part of this team of dedicated volunteers who participate in our Celery Fields Cleanup**  
For questions email: [jbear0822@aol.com](mailto:jbear0822@aol.com)

## 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)

## THE VALUE OF INSECTS

**Saturday, April 7** - 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.

## PURPLE MARTINS

**Saturday, April 21** - Sue Guarasci will 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.

## 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

happen on a yearly basis (10 issues x 500+ copies x 2 pages each plus 500+ envelopes ..... wow!)

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**Goodbye Paper,  
Hello Green!**



## WILD ABOUT ART SHOW



Photograph by Mark Vance

Sarasota Audubon held its first ever art show for our talented member artists, which ran from February 1st to 28th. Eighteen members participated with thirty artworks displayed during the month of February. Who knew we had so much talent in our midst!

The Opening Reception was held on February 2nd with 150+ visitors attending. Rave reviews were received from many guests. Visitors were encouraged to vote for their favorite artwork to receive the People's Choice Award, which was won by Diane Harm for her colored pencil drawing of a Great Egret eating a shrimp, titled "The Big Gulp".



*'THE BIG GULP' People's Choice Award  
Winner by Diane Harm*

We received many donations of artwork and other items for raffle prizes from participating artists and other SAS members for which we are most grateful.

Our hard-working and talented art show committee consisted of Sue Herring, Sara King, Marilyn Schmal, and Diane Wallace. SAS member and fine/graphicartist Terry Martin designed our beautiful flyer.

We thank the art show committee members and the wonderful SAS members who helped with all the tasks required before, during and after the reception.



**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

Kathryn Young [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)  
Peter Brown [pbrown5541@gmail.com](mailto:pbrown5541@gmail.com)

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**TRIP REPORTS**



**SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA - January 12-14, 2018**

Twelve birders ventured into unfamiliar territory owned by the Water Management District, south of Clewiston. The two areas, STA 5/6 and STA 2, are only open once a month under the supervision of the local Audubon chapters. On the way we stopped at Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area. The cold, rainy day didn't stop the Meadowlarks from perching on the fences and singing. We saw 49 species there including Crested Caracara, American Kestrels, and Killdeer.

From Clewiston we headed to STA (Storm Treatment Area) 5/6 to the monthly guided car trip by Hendry County Audubon. Here we saw 59 species including Snail Kites, Fulvous Whistling Ducks, Scissor Tailed Flycatchers and the Gray Headed Swamphen - previously known as the Purple Swamphen.

One of the unique side trips was to see Barn Owls and hear a presentation on their benefits, by Dr. Richard Raid, at the University of Florida Extension in Belle Glade. We arrived before dusk so he could explain about the 500 Barn Owl Boxes placed around the local fields. The owls catch rodents and thus decrease or eliminate the farmer's use of pesticides. At dusk we were able to see about 10-20 adults hunting for food and taking it back into the barn to feed their young. It was a once in a lifetime experience!



On Sunday we continued from Clewiston to STA 2, where Everglades Audubon escorted us around the many ponds. As we drove along we saw a flock of American Avocets, Bonapart Gulls, and Black Skimmers. We saw 51 species including about 50 American Widgeons and a few Painted Bunting.

One of the treats out of the STA 2/4/5 areas was observing the numerous Kestrels and Kingfishers perched on almost every electrical wire. We stopped counting there were so many.

Of course our evening meal at an authentic Mexican restaurant helped us enjoy our time exploring.

**Cathy Davis**

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**CELERY FIELDS WALK - February 7, 2018**

With Cathy Paris subbing for the temporarily unavailable Kathryn Young, a healthy contingent of thirty-seven (37) participants, with perhaps a few extra joining us midstream, were along for the Celery Fields Walk on February 7, 2018. On a warm and breezy day, we set off on foot, making a



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**Sue Herring**

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**Birds of the Month**

**American Bittern ( *Botaurus lentiginosus* )**



Here's the difference between the American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) and its European counterpart the (Great) Bittern (*Botaurus stellaris*), and I'm not talking about description (there are some superficial plumage differences), or size (the Great Bittern is slightly larger). No, I'm talking about life-style.

In winter, the American Bittern has it easy. It comes down from the northern states to bask in the sunshine and winter warmth of the Gulf states, and best of all - Florida! The (Great) Bittern on the other hand comes down from Scandinavia, Russia and the icy steppes of northern Europe to spend the winter in southern Europe and the UK. Here it tucks down and conceals itself in cold, wintry reed beds and marshes, occasionally rousing itself to fly across the reed tops from one area to another.

Here's the difference between the wintering American birder and his European counterpart. The American birder in T-shirts, sandals and shorts (or probably his lightweight birding clothes), casually lounging on the boardwalk, takes endless pictures of the American Bittern situated in the reeds an arm's length away. Occasionally another bittern flies across and lands in the reeds somewhere else, but it hardly raises a gasp. We are not thrilled unless it is close by.

The British counterpart sits in an ill-constructed hide, casting baleful glances at newcomers who open the door and let in an icy blast of wind. She sits for hours with patience and fortitude, her fingers nearly dropping off despite thick gloves and hand warmers. If she's lucky she'll just catch a glimpse of a distant bittern as it rises from one spot in the reed bed about half a mile away and plonks down again not far away. She crows with joy! A nemesis bird for some time, this was my life bittern experience. After waiting in a freezing, uncomfortable hide for several hours I was rewarded in the same old manner by the sight of a bittern briefly rising from the reeds, flying a short

quick stop at the Palmer Boardwalk (where Bird Naturalists Don and Karen Schneider presided) and then continuing on a meandering loop of the eastern half of the Central Cell, completely circumnavigating Mt Celery and having a peak at the scap-laden North Cell ponds in the process.

There were no great finds, but many were able to study normally-shy Wilson's Snipe in the scope, as well as piece out the differences between Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs. Cathy picked up the Yellow-throated Warbler in one of the moss-laden oaks along Center Rd.

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**Stu Wilson**

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**RED BUG SLOUGH - February 21, 2018**

A modest group of 15 participated in our annual visit to Red Bug Slough and were not disappointed. The weather was perfect, warming gradually, but with a gentle breeze that kept us comfortable. The birds were out in numbers, starting right at the beginning with ibises and herons flying overhead and Cardinals and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers flitting about in the trees near the entrance. Later, as we watched the Red-shouldered Hawks flying near their nest, a Bald Eagle made several passes over the area, sending the hawks into a shrieking frenzy in defense of the nest. The eagle finally gave up and went on his way. The real highlight of the morning, however, was a lovely mixed flock posing beautifully in a clump of trees overhead. In that flock were several Pine Warblers, a Black and White Warbler, a Yellow-throated Warbler, a Tufted Titmouse and the usual Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers. It was a very colorful show. You never know what you are going to find in this lovely park, so be sure to visit there soon.

**Lynn Jakubowicz and Martha Straub**

**SNAKE TALES WORKSHOP**

Every chair was filled at Linda Becherelli's talk about our local snakes on February 3, 2018.



She wanted us to know that there are really only four venomous snakes in Southwest Florida: the dusky pygmy rattlesnake, cottonmouth (AKA water moccasin), diamondback rattlesnake (mostly in upland areas), and the coral snake. Most snakes, including venomous

snakes, are basically docile and it is extremely rare that bites are fatal. It is good to know that ALL snakes will bite when threatened and unless you are certain that the snake is harmless, you should seek medical attention. Bites from nonvenomous snakes require only basic first aid. Lynda suggests that you can learn a great deal about snakes simply by observing, and recommends leaving them alone for their safety and yours.

Linda mentioned a number of non-venomous snakes we find in our area, and stressed that without them we would be overrun by rodents. Our most common non-venomous snakes include the black racer, yellow rat snake, red rat snake (AKA corn snake), banded and green water snakes, and eastern coachwhip.



Some points that that I came away with:

- Some non-venomous snakes imitate venomous snakes to

aloesaid manner by the sight of a bittern briefly rising from the reeds, flying a short distance and disappearing again into the reeds not to be seen again. But I had my mysterious, enigmatic, shy, secretive, almost impossible-to-see BITTERN!

This was in contrast to my first American Bittern, viewed at the edge of a small pond, through a telescope, creeping along in slow motion, creeping, creeping along and feeding along the reedy edge. At times one foot raised and held as if frozen before slowly, comically, setting it down again. We had it in the scope for a long time, watching its slow precise movements along the edge of the reeds, at times disappearing, melting into the reeds and freezing there, totally merged with the reeds, so you could no longer see where bittern ended and reeds began. Blink, and you'd have lost it.

And it is just this skulking, secretive, solitary nature which lends the American Bittern, along with its family, its appeal. That and its ability to stand motionless for long periods of time. Recently I observed a bird that was so still that when it fixed its eyes on a prey and slowly moved its head towards it I could hardly detect any movement at all until its final lethal lightning strike. Only when I looked at the photos later could I see the minute differences which recorded the imperceptibly slow movement of the birds head.

Predominantly nocturnal the bittern lives a secretive life amidst dense vegetation, relying on its loud calls to announce its presence, and on its hearing to detect the presence of others. In flight its call is a single or repeated deep and hoarse 'graoh'. But it is the male mating call, the 'boom', for which it is known.

Because of its secretive and skulking nature it was long unclear exactly how the Bittern produced its distinctive booming call. A mediaeval theory held that the bittern thrust its beak into the boggy ground of the marsh in which it lived, making its vocalization which was amplified and deepened as it reverberated through the water. A reference to this theory appears in 1466 in *Chaucer's The Wife of Bath's Tale*:

***And, as a bitore bombleth in the myre,  
She leyde hir mouth un-to the water down***

It has since been discovered that unlike most other birds which rely on the syrinx (or voice box) to make their presence known, the male bittern's remarkably loud and booming mating call is made by gulping down air into its very long oesophagus and then releasing it in a booming belch, effectively turning its gullet into one great echo chamber. The boom call of this species is invariably described as resembling the noise of an old fashioned hand pump, or of hammering a stake into muddy ground, leading to two of the bird's nicknames - 'thunder pumper' and 'stake-driver'.



*Photograph by Glynnis Thoma*

At 101 decibels the bird can be heard up to 3 miles away, 101 decibels being equivalent to a chain saw, pneumatic drill, jackhammer or speeding express train. But it is not only the volume of the call but also its quality of resonance and penetration that make it so far reaching. Incidentally the deep booming of the bittern has been measured in hertz - the number of sound waves going by at any one time, usually expressed in terms of thousands of hertz, or kilohertz (kHz). A bittern's boom clocks in at around 200 cycles per second or 200 hertz. In contrast, and at the other end of the range, a kinglet sings at a frequency of around 9,000 hertz or 9 kHz. These two sounds pretty much cover the entire span of sound frequencies uttered by birds, low frequency sounds carrying further than high frequency.

Obviously this sound is only heard on the bittern's breeding ground and my guess is that few of us have heard it. But what a fascinating bird this is. I still can't quite get over how accessible this bird is here in Sarasota compared to the UK. Another great reason to be a SAS member and spend the winter in sunny Florida!

**Glynnis Thomas**



**NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER**

**Here are the February 2018 sightings:**

- scare predators (Linda did a good imitation of a snake doing this).
- The venomous coral snake can be recognized by its coloring: if red touches yellow, STOP.
- Cars are the most common cause of death for snakes. Hawks and owls are next.
- Snakes have amazing mouths: hinges that can be unhinged at the sides, split bottom jaw, scales separated by stretchy skin. The result is that snakes can open their mouths very wide both side-to-side and top to bottom. Once it has the prey in its jaw, the snake crawls its body over the prey. Linda did a wonderful impression of a snake swallowing.

Then, what we had all been waiting for - Linda brought out several of her live scaly friends, among them the adorable hog-nosed snake and the glamorous albino corn snake.

Finally, to everyone's surprise, the beautiful albino snake demonstrated defecation for us, to the great amusement of the crowd.

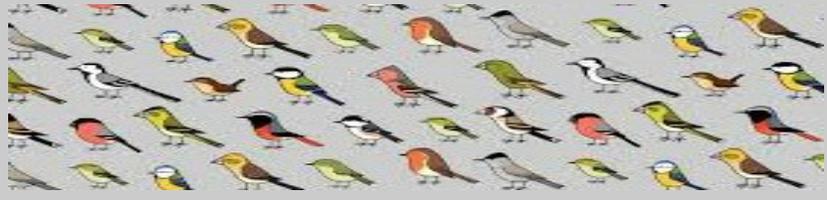


**Marilyn Schmal**

*Photographs by Marilyn Schmal*

- **Blue Grosbeak:** Oscar Scherer State Park
- **Yellow-throated Vireo:** P. Gorgoglione, Venice Island
- **Lark Sparrow:** Oscar Scherer State Park
- **Bronzed Cowbird:** Celery Fields
- **Common Tern:** S. Stuart, Venice Beach
- **Great Black-backed Gull:** S. Stuart, Venice Fishing Pier
- **Black-throated Green Warbler:** Crowley Nature Center, Venice Ave. & Sleeping Turtles Preserve
- **White-crowned Sparrow:** G. Ward, Oscar Scherer State Park
- **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** R. Lockwood, Myakka Valley Ranches
- **Hairy Woodpecker:** S. Wilcox, Ligon-Sleeping Turtles Preserve
- **Broad-winged Hawk:** C. Herzog, Bee Ridge Rd near Urfer Family Park
- **Brown Booby (2):** J. Whitehead, Turtle Beach

**Claire Herzog**



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**BLUEBIRD NESTING BOXES AT THE CF**



We have installed 4 Bluebird boxes at the Celery Fields. There are 3 toward the bottom of the hill on East, South and West sides, and 1 just west of the county restrooms.

As the Bluebirds are quite finicky about having their houses at least 100 yards away from another Bluebird, it allowed for us to have only 1 house visible from the Nature Center. Bluebirds feed close to the ground, so they are fine nesting close to Purple Martins who feed higher in the air. But not close to other Bluebirds.

The site choices were further determined by having a nearby perch for the adult male to guard the box from, a shrub for the young to fledge into and ease of access for checking the boxes.

As the local Bluebirds are into their nesting season, we hope to get some families this season.

So please keep your eyes out for any activity (of any kind) around the boxes and keep me posted.

We also would like to get baffles on the 7 Wood Duck boxes in the wetlands to keep out snakes, raccoons, opossums, etc. The county may be able to help with their airboat. If anyone would be interested in helping in the construction and installation of the baffles, please let me know.

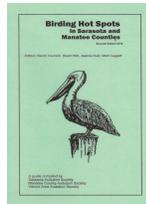
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**Sarasota County Butterfly Club**



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 knowledge. Visit [www.sarasotabutterfly.com](http://www.sarasotabutterfly.com) to learn more!

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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:

**WORKSHOP MANAGER** - lead the Workshop team coordinating 4-5 workshops per year held at the SAS Nature Center. Email Kathryn Young for more information: [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)

Other areas that can always use more volunteers:

- SAS Nature Center Docent
- Celery Fields Bird Naturalist
- Garden Maintenance

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