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field trips, classes, workshops,
lectures, and activities for kids

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SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Activity Schedule 2017/2018

Tuesday, Oct 3: ROBINSON PRESERVE Leader: John Gihaven (383-5133). Meet 8am in Robinson parking lot 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton.

Saturday, Oct 7: PINECRAFT PARK Look for fall migrants with Edith Miller (941-364-3637) at 1420 Gilbert Ave. off Bahia Vista. Meet in Pine-craft parking lot at 9am.

Sunday, Oct 8: BIG SIT Join SAS members to see how many birds can be counted in one day from a 17-foot circle! Contact Stephanie Green (apple00@hotmail.com)

Oct 13-15: FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL Hillsborough Community College, Ruskin. Field trips, workshops, etc. (bnfestival.org)

Thursdays, Oct 19 - April 12: OSCAR SCHERER SP Meet at 8:30am inside park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (opens 8am, park fee). Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) & Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

Fri/Sat, Oct 20-21: AUDUBON ASSEMBLY World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine - Marriott. Details at [Audubon.org/Assembly](http://audubon.org/Assembly).

Sat, Oct 21: ORIENTATION FOR VETERAN AND NEW VOLUNTEERS Bird Naturalists: 9am - 11am, Nature Center. Docents: 11am - 1pm.

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

FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

Monday, Oct 23: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) leads this walk on the 4th Monday, Oct-Mar. Walk leaves Nature Center 9am.

Wednesday, Oct 25: CRITTER SURVEY/NATURE CENTER GARDENS One of two scheduled mornings where we will do a bio-bitz to see what critters, from insects to birds, find a home in the 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) Meet at 10am.

Thursday, Oct 26: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Oct 28: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY!! The Deep-Sky Observ-ers (www.ljdpsa.com) will set up their telescopes at the Nature Cen-ter for some fab star gazing. 6:45pm. Come see the planets and stars.

Thursday, Nov 2: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Thursday, Nov 4: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS Meet at SK public beach parking lot at 8am. Leaders: Mary Heinlen and Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@comcast.net).

Thursday, Nov 9: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Nov 11: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK Join some of our best birders on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Nov-Apr as we explore the great variety of habitats and birds found in the Celery Fields. Meet at the Nature Center at 8am.

Who We Are

Sarasota Audubon Society, Inc.
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<i>FL Overnight Trips:</i> Cathy Davis	<i>Head NC Docent:</i> Sue Herring
Harma Nyhof	

Thursday, Jan 25: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Tuesday, Jan 30: FT DESOTO BIRDS AND DUCKS Meet behind Starbucks (University and I-75) at 7:30am. Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) and Mary Heinlen **BRING LUNCH**.

Thursday, Feb 1: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Friday, Feb 2: SAS MEMBER ART EXHIBIT OPENING “Wild About Art” Join us at a reception as we open a month-long exhibit of our own members’ spectacular artwork. 5pm Nature Center. Refreshments.

Saturdays, Feb 3 & 10: ALL ABOARD THE EAGLE TROLLEY Ride with eagle expert Dale Nauman and observe several active nests. **RESER-VATIONS REQUIRED**. Sign up online at: sarasotaaudubon.org/TRIPS, at the Nature Center or at a monthly meeting. Feb 3 = Harma Nyhof (birdsrg@gmail.com); Feb 10 = Barry Gerber (blqerber@comcast.net). Cost \$25.

Tuesdays, Feb 6 - March 13: TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS Learn beginner Tai Chi (Yang style) with Marcy Packer at the Nature Center in 6 ses-sions. \$4 donation per session or \$20 donation for all 6. Pay at first session. 10 - 11am.

Wednesday, Feb 7: CELERY FIELDS WALK Meet at the Nature Center at 8am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and Kathryn Young.

Thursday, Feb 8: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Feb 10: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Nov 11.

Sunday, Nov 12: LONGBOAT KEY SHOREBIRDS Find resident and mi-grant shorebirds. Meet at Broadway beach access on north end of LBK at 8am. Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Gihaven.

Tuesday, Nov 14: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP Meet in the Nature Center parking lot (999 Center Rd.) at 8am.

Thursday, Nov 16: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Thursday, Nov 23: OSCAR SCHERER See Oct 19.

Saturday, Nov 25: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY!! The Deep-Sky Observers (www.ljdpsa.com) will set up their telescopes at the Nature Center for some fab star gazing. 5:15pm. Come see the planets and the stars.

Monday, Nov 27: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Oct 23.

Tuesday, Nov 28: S LIDO COUNTY PARK Meet at 2201 Ben Franklin Dr. Lido Key in the parking lot at 8:30am. Leader: Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

Thursday, Nov 30: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Tuesday, Dec 5: MYAKKA RIVER SP Meet at 8:15am in the first parking lot on right just inside the park (FEE) (park opens at 8). Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Gihaven.

Thursday, Dec 7: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Dec 9: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Nov 11.

Tuesday, Jan 9: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP Meet in the Nature Center parking lot (999 Center Rd.) at 8am.

Thursday, Jan 11: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Jan 13: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Nov 11.

Monday, Jan 15: MYAKKA RIVER SP Meet at 8:15am in the first park-ing lot on right just inside the park. (Park opens at 8am - FEE). Leaders: Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Eileen Teel.

Wednesday, Jan 17: SAWGRASS LAKE PARK A combined trip with VAAAS. This St. Petersburg park (7400 25th St. N) has a boardwalk spanning wetlands and a large oak forest. Meet at 7:30am behind Starbucks (University & I-75 near Home Depot) or at the park at 8:30am. Leader: Susy d’Hont (942-697-1797) **BRING LUNCH**.

Thursday, Jan 18: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Jan 20: CONSTELLATION WALK Deep Sky Observers’ presi-dent Jonathan Sabin. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED!** Sign up online at: sarasotaaudubon.org/TRIPS, at the Nature Center or at a monthly meeting. \$5.00. Nature Center 6-8pm.

Monday, Jan 22: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Oct 23.

Tuesday, Jan 23: URFER FAMILY PARK This little county park is a real gem. There is a 1-mile nature trail, winding through pine flatwoods and a boardwalk overlooking forested wetlands. Meet in the parking lot (4000 Honore Ave on the corner of Bee Ridge) at 8am. Leaders Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) and Martha Straub.

Thursday, Dec 21: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Monday, Dec 25: There will be no 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK

Thursday, Dec 28: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Thursday, Dec 28: N LIDO BEACH AND WOODS Meet Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Gihaven in the small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd on Lido at 8am to scout out birds for the CBC. **SAS/VAAS combined trip**.

Saturday, Dec 30: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SARASOTA To partici-pate contact Stu Wilson (stuwilson@comcast.net).

Thursday, Jan 4: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Tuesday, Feb 13: S LIDO COUNTY PARK See Nov 14.

Tuesday, Feb 13: TAI CHI at the Nature Center, 10am. See Feb 6.

Thursday, Feb 15: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Feb 17: CELERY FIELDS MANAGEMENT WALK Lisa Wedin and Tom Medel, Environmental Specialists with Public Utilities of Sarasota County, will lead a Celery Fields walk and will discuss the many and varied ways they help manage the Celery Fields for plants and wildlife while balancing its function as a stormwater collection zone. Meet at the nature center at 8:30am. Leader: Jeanne Dubi (dubi@comcast.net)

Tuesday, Feb 20: TAI CHI at the Nature Center, 10am. See Feb 6.

Wednesday, Feb 21: RED BUG SLOUGH Meet at 5200 Beneva Rd at 8am. Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) and Martha Straub.

Thursday, Feb 22: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Feb 24: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY!! The Deep-Sky Observers (www.lgdso.com) will set up their telescopes at the Nature Center for some fab star gazing. 6:30pm. Come and see the planets and stars.



Monday, Feb 26: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Oct 23.

Tuesday, Feb 27: TAI CHI at the Nature Center, 10 am. See Feb 6.

Tuesday, Feb 27: AFTERNOON BIRDING New this year! Don't love those early morning bird walks? Margi Haas likes afternoon birding and will be happy to show you her favorite spots in the Celery Fields. Meet at the Nature Center at 3:30pm. (mhaas@pipeline.com)



Thursday, Mar 1: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Tuesday, Mar 6: TAI CHI at the Nature Center, 10am. See Feb 6.

Wednesday, Mar 7: PERICO PRESERVE Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75) at 8am or at Perico Preserve (11700 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton) at 9am. "Soo" Whiting & "Flip" Harrington (508-939-0236) **BRING LUNCH**

Thursday, Mar 8: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Mar 10: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Nov 11.

Tuesday, Mar 13: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP Meet in the Nature Center parking lot (999 Center Rd.) at 8am.

Tuesday, Mar 13: TAI CHI at the Nature Center, 10am. See Feb 6.

Thursday, Mar 15: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Mar 17: FELTS PRESERVE 4200 24th Avenue East in Palmetto (corner of 24th Av E & 49th St E). Meet at 9am. Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) & Eileen Teel.



Monday, Mar 19: CAREFREE LEARNER Private narrated boat tour to Roberts Bay Rookery. 1-3pm. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Contact Harma Nyhof (birdsrg@gmail.com) with questions. Cost \$25. Sign up online at sarasotaaudubon.org/TRIPS, at the Nature Center or a monthly meeting.

Thursday, Mar 22: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Monday, Mar 26: 4th MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Oct 23.

Tuesday, Mar 27: NORTH LONGBOAT KEY & LEFFIS KEY Look for resident and migrant shorebirds at the north end of LBK, 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 LBK at 8am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven. **SAS/VAAS Combo Trip.**

Thursday, Mar 29: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Thursday, Mar 29: PINECRAFT PARK 1420 Gilbert Ave, off Bahia Vista. Tom Jiamachello (802-734-6182), Lynn Jakubowicz, and Peter Brown. Two scheduled walks: #1 at 8am and #2 at 9am. Please choose one.

Tuesday, Apr 3: CAREFREE LEARNER Private narrated boat tour to Roberts Bay Rookery. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** 1-3pm. Harma Nyhof (birdsrg@gmail.com) for info. Cost \$25. Sign up at www.sarasotaaudubon.org/TRIPS, at the Nature Center or at a monthly meeting.

Thursday, Apr 5: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.



BASIC BIRDING

For beginning to advanced beginning birders. Learn how to find and ID birds in different habitats and advance your birding skills using the internet, field guide and phone apps

SESSION I—Instructor Peter Brown (pbrown5541@gmail.com)
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 (kathwren4@gmail.com)
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

COST \$50 RESERVATION REQUIRED
ONLINE RESERVATIONS PREFERRED www.sarasotaaudubon.org
Sign-up forms available at the Nature Center

TWO-NIGHT FLORIDA OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Cathy Davis (cathydavis@hotmail.com) and Harma Nyhof (birdsrg@gmail.com)

April 13-15: St. Mark's Wildlife Refuge/Tall Timbers Lodging, travel and dining at your own expense (leaders will supply suggestions). **Registration required.** \$40 fee includes guides and Sunday continental breakfast. Online registration at www.sarasotaaudubon.org

STA 2, STA 5/6, DINNER ISLAND Dates to be announced. Details and registration online.

Saturday, Apr 7: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION
All SAS volunteers invited. In appreciation for all your contributions to Sarasota Audubon please join us for refreshments as we celebrate another wonderful year. 6-8pm Nature Center.

Tuesday, Apr 10: CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP Meet in the Nature Center parking lot (999 Center Rd.) at 8am.

Thursday, Apr 12: OSCAR SCHERER SP See Oct 19.

Saturday, Apr 14: 2nd SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK See Nov 11.

Tuesday, Apr 17: FORT DESOTO Meet at the first rest stop just after the tollbooths on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (I-275) at 8am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven. **BRING LUNCH.**

Saturday, April 21: PINECRAFT PARK 1420 Gilbert Ave, off Bahia Vista. Edith Miller (941-364-3637) , "Soo" Harrington and "Flip" Harrington. Meet there at 8am.

Wednesday, Apr 25: CRITTER SURVEY/NATURE CENTER GARDENS
See Oct 25 for details.

Saturday, May 19: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY!! The Deep-Sky Observers will once again set up their telescopes at the Nature Center for wonderful star gazing. 8:15pm.

Thursdays, June 21, July 19, August 16: SUMMER MOVIES AT THE NATURE CENTER Join us for a free movie during the hot summer months at Sarasota Audubon's cool Nature Center. 5:30 pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Second Monday of the month First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 1031 S. Euclid, Sarasota 34236.
No charge; donation appreciated
6:30pm social time; 7pm business matters; 7:30pm presentation

Oct 9: 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.

Nov 13: RESILIENT BIRDS AND DEVOTED ADVOCATES: Julie Wraithmell, Deputy Executive Director/Audubon Florida, will talk about the Audubon legacy and the future of coastal bird conservation in Florida.

Dec 11: BIRDS OF PANAMA Clyde Stephens will tell us of his experiences during decades living, working and birding in Panama.

Jan 8: CLIMATE SCIENCE AND SOLUTIONS Dr. David Hastings, Professor of Marine Science and Chemistry at Eckerd College will attempt to answer the question: Is it too late for Coastal Florida?

Feb 12: DARLINGS AND DUCK STAMPS US Fish and Wildlife Service, Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland will explain the importance of Federal Duck Stamps, how they save land, wildlife and more!

Mar 12: SEA LEVEL RISE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND AUDUBON'S OPPORTUNITY FOR BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP IN FLORIDA AND BEYOND
David Yarnold, CEO of National Audubon Society

Apr 9: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES Mark Browning. 1. Florida Barn Owls 2. The impact of Africanized bees on Florida bird species.

May 14: SWALLOW-TAILED KITES Margi Haas will share her adventures with the Swallow-tailed Kites she has encountered in our area.

WORKSHOPS AT THE NATURE CENTER

These 2-hour workshops provide a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Meet at the Nature Center 1:30pm. \$5 donation.
QUESTIONS? kathwren4@gmail.com
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED; PAY AT THE DOOR

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



CLASSES AT THE NATURE CENTER
Reservations required for all classes. Online preferred at www.sarasotaaudubon.org, or with sign-up forms available at the Nature Center
All classes 1:30 to 3:30 PM

BIRD DRAWING: Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov 2: 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. A materials list will be provided to registered students prior to the first class. **COST \$90**

EBIRD: Jan 15, 16, 17 and 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 into the ebird phone app. 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 hotspots anywhere in the world. Smart phone required. **COST \$25**

WARBLER IDENTIFICATION: Class Thursday, April 26 1:30pm in NC. Field Trip Friday, April 27 at 8am. Join John Ginaven as he target teaches warblers and helps you make id's of breeding spring vs. confusing fall warblers. **COST \$20**