



# THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

**FEBRUARY 2020**

## MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 10th



## SCRUB JAYS

**Join Jon Thaxton, ardent environmentalist, former 12-year Sarasota County Commissioner and SAS Conservation Chair for a discussion on Scrub Jays**

**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))

## 2019-2020 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



**[CLICK FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE](#)**



**The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center**  
**Open daily 9:00am-1:00pm**

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# SAS Member Fine Art Photography Opening Success

**Thank you to the SAS Art Committee and to the NC Docents who made the Member Fine Art & Photography Show Opening Reception on February 1st a fabulous event.**

**There were approximately 175 people that attended the reception where five works of the displayed art**

## SAS ACTIVITIES

CLICK --> COMPLETE SCHEDULE

### 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.

**Tuesday, February 4th**

#### FT DESOTO SHOREBIRDS & DUCKS

7:30am. Meet behind Starbucks (University & I-75) Joyce Leary (508-737-8954). Leaders: Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) and Mary Heinlen. BRING LUNCH.

**Wednesday, February 19th**

#### RED BUG SLOUGH

8:00am. 5200 Beneva Road. Leaders Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) and the SAS Survey Team.

### 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"

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)

#### Second Saturdays

Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11: 8-10am. Meet at Nature Center.

Leader: Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

#### Third Mondays

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

#### Third Thursdays

Feb 20, March 19. 8:00am. Leader: the SAS Survey Team lynn234@verizon.net

#### Fourth Mondays

Feb 24, Mar 23. 9:00am- 11:00am. Leader is Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

### NATURE CENTER GARDEN TOURS

#### Fourth Saturdays

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

#### VOLUNTEER FOR SAS

#### SATURDAY, 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)

were sold.



**Pam Koepf won the Peoples Choice Award for her photograph, "Spoonbills Aglow"**



**The show will continue to be displayed at the SAS Nature Center through February 29th.**

**Come on down and take a look!**



apply: [volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org](mailto:volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org)

## **NATURE CENTER GARDEN WORK DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th**

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

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

## **NATURE CENTER GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd**

9:30-11:30am. Join Jan McLaughlin, Master Gardener and enjoy our evolving subtropical garden, designed to attract migratory and resident birds butterflies and moths.

## **SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th**

6:30pm. Deep Sky Observers [www.lgdso.com](http://www.lgdso.com) will set up telescopes at the Nature Center for star and planet gazing!

## **CELERY FIELDS 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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th**

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

## **VOLUNTEER FOR SAS**

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

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

## **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

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

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

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, February 1-29**

### **MEMBER ART AND PHOTO SHOW**

A month long exhibit of our members' art and photography.

[SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com)

**Saturday, February 8**

### **EAGLE NEST TOURS**

8:00am - 12:00pm. Visit active nests with Dale Nauman, Cost \$30. REGISTER ONLINE. 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 - [birdsrq@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrq@gmail.com)

**CLICK ---> REGISTER ONLINE**



# **RENEW**

## **YOUR ANNUAL SAS MEMBERSHIP!**

**Click --> Join or Renew**

Mail a check payable to: **Sarasota Audubon Society**

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

*Don't Know if You Renewed?*

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



### **HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR YARD**



**Saturday, Feb 8**

**1:30 PM**

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

John Groskopf will share information on resident and migrant hummingbirds and identify which plants will attract them to our yards.

Children welcome!

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

For more information contact:

Doug Janson  
[doug.jj@gmail.com](mailto:doug.jj@gmail.com)



**Sarasota Audubon Society  
Christmas Bird Count Results**



## SAS CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

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

### WORKSHOPS

#### HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR YARD

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**SAS Nature Center**

**John Groskopf will share information on resident and migrant hummingbirds and identify which plants will attract them to your yard.**

No registration required; Pay at the door -\$5.00 donation

#### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

### CLASSES

**eBIRD**

**February 17th & 24th**

**Kathryn Young and Tom Jimachello will show you how to use eBird in the field and how to explore the vast database of eBird in the classroom. Cost \$40**

**Online Registration Required**

**CLICK ---> CLASS REGISTRATION**

**Questions? Contact: Kathryn Young  
kathwren4@gmail.com**



The 69th annual Sarasota Christmas Bird Count (part of an Audubon series now in its 120th year), held on January 4, 2020, will be remembered perhaps for the windy overcast weather and mid-day precipitation deluge (3 inches from 11:45am-2:30pm), but will also go down as another very successful Count. Our tentative tally is 164 species which is well behind last year's (5Jan2019) record-breaking count of 173 species but, if it stands, will be our second-highest diversity total ever... ahead of the 161 species on 5Jan2008.

Like last Count, we'll be keeping the state rare bird reviewer busy: fifteen (15) records comprising eleven (11) species and seventeen (17) individuals. It's possible the reviewer may find the documentation inadequate on 2-3 of those species, so our final count could fall to 161-162 species.

Last Count we had an amazing eight (8) species that were First Evers. On this Count, we'll have to settle for just one: a Northern Waterthrush (for the record, it was a Count Week bird back in 2010). Besides the NOWA, six (6) species had been recorded fewer than five times in the Count's history: Wood Thrush, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Nashville Warbler, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. The other Review species were Solitary Sandpiper, Common Tern, Song Sparrow, and Black-throated Green Warbler.

A number of additional highlights included: Redhead, Wild Turkey, King Rail, Piping Plover, Red Knot (350+!), Short-billed Dowitcher, Northern Gannet, American Bittern, Reddish Egret, Magnificent Frigatebird, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon, Great Crested Flycatcher, Purple Martin (14!), Sedge Wren, American Pipit, Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Bronzed Cowbird, and Orange-crowned Warbler. Notching Great Horned Owl (4) and Barn Owl (1) broke a two year string of dips on each.

An All-Time High Count of individuals (or a tie) was achieved with an additional nine (9) species: White-winged Dove (45 vs 35), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (10 vs 10), Common Gallinule (610 vs 460), Purple Gallinule (11 vs 10), Limpkin (170 vs 170), Lesser Black-backed Gull (9 vs 9), Peregrine Falcon (4 vs 4), Purple Martin (14 vs 7), Yellow-throated Warbler (45 vs 35). Limpkins have been scarce from the Celery Fields boardwalks this winter, but the record count should put to rest any speculation that we're losing them.

The epicenter of the Sarasota CBC was once again Celery Fields (Area #8). The 114 species recorded by Jeanne Dubi's crew on Count day was 27 more than that recorded in any other Count area (our Circle is divided into 20 areas). In addition, eleven (11) 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 was #1 (S LBK & Lido) with four (4). Last Count there were twenty-three (23) species exclusive to Area #8. That the number of exclusive species in any given area is down this year can actually be taken as a positive sign... indicating that "not all our birds are in one basket."

Amidst all the highlights, we did have a number of DIPS, amongst them: Gadwall, Black Scoter, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Northern Bobwhite, Horned Grebe, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Dowitcher, Red-tailed Hawk, Merlin, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Least Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Chipping Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Summer Tanager, and Blue Grosbeak.

Some, like Summer Tanager, are on the list not because they were expected but because we knew one was around- we just couldn't find it in the foggy, misty, rainy, breezy conditions we had on Count Day. Others, like Northern Bobwhite and Eastern Towhee are clearly victims of habitat losses within the Circle. Missing Red-tailed Hawk is rather startling; I suspect they were grounded by the threatening weather conditions.

Besides complete dips, we recorded less than stellar numbers of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (7), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1), and Swamp Sparrow (2).

The Count included nineteen (19) "onesies," i.e. a species represented by just one individual for the entire Count. For comparison, our previous Count included thirty (30) onesies. 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) to my knowledge: Greater Scaup, Least Flycatcher,



## WHAT KIND OF BIRDER ARE YOU?

A number of years ago, looking for Long-eared Owls at Land's End, (the most westerly town on the Cornish Peninsular, England, U.K.) Jeanne Dubi (my sister) and I found a location where the bird roosted by day. We spent the best part of a day looking for the Long-eared Owl but didn't find it. By chance, another birder, a young man, was also looking for it, and our paths crossed at several points during the day. Later that afternoon we came across him again and found out that he had located the bird hours earlier, and even though he'd seen us several times in the vicinity of the owl, he hadn't cared to share this knowledge with us. It was hard to fathom this behavior and we have remembered and talked about it many times over the years. His claim to infamy in our eyes was that he was a selfish birder, one that we certainly would not want to be like. Now there are reasons why you might not want to share the location of a bird, for very good reasons, particularly to people you don't know, but this was hardly the case with us.

Sharing is an integral part of birding. Not just locations, but also skills. I'm one of a trio who go out regularly. I have good hearing and locational skills, but I'm not a great spotter, another has a great 'eye' but doesn't always know the bird, and the third has great local knowledge and locational skills but hearing is not a strength. We all need each other. Some birders are gifted in all areas - sharp eyes, good hearing, great knowledge, and they can be excellent lone birders, and if they are willing to share, they can be excellent teachers and guides, but if you don't have all three it's great to go with others who have.

We are gifted with what we have. No-one is superior or inferior. The best and most gifted birders I have met are usually the most humble, and a joy to be with.

Such a person is Bruce H. Anderson. He co-wrote The Birdlife of Florida with the late Henry M. Stevenson, and has adjudicated on Florida CBCs for many years. I first met him at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam on our first trip to Africa. Through the airport windows he was trying to i.d. Carrion Crows, which he had never seen before but were very familiar to me. I mention him because he is to me the near perfect birder to go on a trip with. It's not because he knows every bird, in fact most places he's not had time to study the local birds. He does have a great knowledge of taxonomy and he can pin down bird families very well, but the main thing about him is his great ability to share, in a problem solving kind of way. Despite his knowledge he listens and takes other birders and their views seriously. He doesn't fight his corner, or insist he is right, but is willing to say he doesn't know, or change his mind, or acknowledge errors. And because of this, there are few if any birds you don't work out between you in the end. And by the way, he's very entertaining and funny. And a great sharer.

I have lone birded for more years of my life than I have shared, but not only is sharing far more enjoyable, it's also far more productive and you learn so much from others. And of course you can reflect on the shared experience together, which can be a really nice way of bonding.

*Glynnis Thomas*



### NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

and Summer Tanager.

Our total number of individuals from the current Count, 34400, was actually 11 percent higher than that on the Count a year ago and right in line with our Counts of two and three years prior.

Parakeet update... The ratio of Nanday Parakeets to Monk Parakeets peaked two years ago at 14:1. A year ago it was 5:1 and on the current Count it was about 3.5:1. So the current Count results would suggest something of a stabilization in the local MOPA population, if not a rebound, perhaps reflecting lesser vigilance on the part of utility crews and homeowner's associations in knocking down their communal nests...

This Count we had 134 volunteers in the field plus a few others covering backyard feeders. This total is a hair (~5%) lower than the record-breaking effort on the Count a year ago, perhaps reflecting the foul weather on Count day.

So how do we explain the fact that the two highest Counts in the 69-year history of the Sarasota CBC have occurred in the last two years? I think the answer is the same as I suggested last year at this time: effort and climate change.

Not only do we get a lot of volunteers in the field, but as a community we have a lot of birding talent, from the old guard like Craig Faanes- ex-US Fish & Wildlife and experienced world birder who got up off the retirement pines and went out and found the only Northern Waterthrush in the history of the Sarasota CBC- to relative newbies like Chase Bonanno, a suburbanite who came to birding through her interest in photography and has managed to hone her skills to the point where she showed up on Siesta Beach on Count day- a day when she thought she was going to be both under the weather and out of town- and picked out the only Piping Plover recorded for the Count.

Climate change is the other part of the explanation. How else does one explain neotropical migrants like Northern Waterthrush, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak only recently choosing to spend their winters within our midst? Yellow-throated Warbler is another example: that species has always wintered here in low numbers but this time we topped our previous high count by nearly 30 percent!

Once again I thank all who participated and helped continue to make Sarasota a premier CBC, not only in Florida but nationwide. For those that didn't hear, our total of 173 species on the January 5, 2019 Count put us at #2 in Florida and 23rd nationally in terms of species diversity. I wouldn't expect this current Count to land us in quite that lofty company, but we've certainly etched our place on the map!

The next Sarasota CBC is scheduled for **Saturday, January 2, 2021**. Please mark your calendars!

**[CLICK --> DETAILED CBC RESULTS](#)**

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



**Celery Fields:**

- Bronzed Cowbird
- Least Flycatcher
- Greater Scaup
- Snail Kite
- Blue Grosbeak
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- American Redstart

**Crowley Nature Center & Lakeview Park**

- Black-throated Green Warbler

**Siesta Beaches/ Glebe Park/ North Lido Beaches:**

- Parasitic Jaeger- NL
- Common Tern- NL & SB
- California Gull- SB
- Bell's Vireo- GP
- Black-throated Blue Warbler- GP

**Myakka River State Park**

- Snail Kite
- Snow Goose
- Whimbrel

**Pinecraft Park:**

- Summer Tanager
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (also Jackson Rd. Venice & Spring Creek Dr Sarasota)

**Village Walk, Venice:**

- Solitary Sandpiper
- Magnolia Warbler

**Manasota Scrub:**

- Yellow-throated Vireo

**Venice Rookery:**

- Orchard Oriole
- Summer Tanager

**State College FL, North Port:**

- Lark Sparrow

**Oscar Scherer State Park & Lemon Bay Preserve:**

- Florida Scrub Jay

**Carlton Reserve:**

- Hairy Woodpecker
- Brown-headed Nuthatch

**SR 72 (private ranch land):**

- Burrowing Owl

**Benderson Park:**

- Song Sparrow

**Palmer Lake (Worthington):**

- Yellow-headed Blackbird

**North Jetty Park:**

- Purple Sandpiper (possibly misidentified)
- African Collared-Dove

**Bay Street Park:**

- Broad-winged Hawk

American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, & Nashville Warbler have been

## NATURE CENTER GARDEN WORKDAY

**FEBRUARY 9th  
8:30am - 11:00am**

Let's keep our Nature Center gardens looking beautiful by registering to volunteer on February 9th for a garden maintenance event starting at 8:30 am ending at 11 am.

Flexible shifts available (8:30-11:00, 9:30-11:00).

Together with volunteers led by Barry Gerber from Temple Emanuel, we'll spruce up our gardens with additional mulch, remove some unwanted vegetation and socialize a little with our fellow bird and nature enthusiasts. It's a great way to contribute, get some exercise and have fun.

Simply log-in to your volunteer account, click on My Schedule, find the date February 9 for Special Projects/Events, click and sign-up.

**Register now on Volgistics**  
[CLICK --> GARDEN WORKDAY REGISTRATION](#)

Email:  
[volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org](mailto:volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org)

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## NATURE CENTER NATURALISTS

The SAS Nature Center is looking for daily "Nature Center Naturalists" to answer questions about the native gardens, bird feeders, and the Purple Martin boxes. This is an outdoor volunteer position.

### INTERESTED??

Please contact:  
Nature Center Manager, Karen Willey  
[gardens@SarasotaAudubon.org](mailto:gardens@SarasotaAudubon.org)

## CELERY FIELDS CLEANUP



Help keep the Celery Fields trash free  
**March 11th, 9:00am**  
**Meet at the Nature Center**

Contact Joanna Bear ([jbear0822@aol.com](mailto:jbear0822@aol.com))

# TheCornellLab

## NEWS



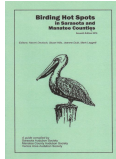
Birds infected with House Finch eye disease (also called Mycoplasmal conjunctivitis) have red, swollen, runny, or crusty eyes. In extreme cases the eyes become swollen shut and the bird becomes blind. House Finch eye disease is caused by the bacterium *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*. This bacterium has long been known as a pathogen of domestic turkeys and chickens, but it has been observed in House Finches since 1994. The disease has affected several other species, including American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, and Purple Finch.

[Click to Learn more --> House Finch eye disease](#)



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### Birding Hot Spots Sarasota/Manatee Counties



Can be purchased for just \$6.00 at the Nature Center, monthly meetings and field trips or \$8.50 by mail. Send a check to: SAS, PO Box 52132, Sarasota, FL 34232-0337. Hot Spots is also available at Enviro-neers, Book Store 1, Selby Gardens, Historic Spanish Point, Oscar Scherer State Park and Myakka River State Park.

# Happenings !

## At The Nature Center

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## Wingspan



We had a great group of people at the Nature Center on January 11, eager to learn how to play the birdy board game Wingspan. There is (quite) a bit of a learning curve, but everyone did well and we all had a good time. Wingspan has won numerous National and International prestigious awards and is consistently ranked in the top 3 in the Board Gaming World. It has done wonders for promoting birds and birding to non-birders.



**Photograph by Harma Nyhof**

Great big thanks go out to Rob Pierce for providing Audubon with the games. Additional thanks go to Cathy Davis, who spend hours with me learning and practicing and who assisted during the class.

If anyone is interested in playing this game, please contact me at [birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com) and perhaps we can get together on a regular basis. Novices welcome!

**Harma Nyhof**

## Purple Martins Are Back



### Our Favorite Local Hot Spots

The Sarasota Audubon Society is pleased to include this interactive component to our newly redesigned web site. It is called "Favorite Local Birding Hot Spots." These Hot Spots in Sarasota and Manatee Counties were selected because of the substantial number of bird species counted at the site and because they are located within approximately 30 minutes from downtown Sarasota.

**Birds of Paradise Needs Our Help**



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For more information contact:  
Debbie Huckaby, Executive Director  
727-366-9997 .... <http://birdsofparadise.org/index.html>

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**New Charley Harper puzzles, bee houses, lens cloths and much more. Please stop by and see our variety of nature related items**



The Purple Martin Houses went up after we got a heads-up from Sue Herring on Dec 29th that for the last couple of days, the Martins had been seen perching on the bat box near their house.

5 Martins - 4 male and 1 female - flew overhead, calling the whole time we worked, and were on the box almost before we finished getting it raised. The female and one of the males seem to be already paired off. They visited several compartments together in both boxes. It usually takes about 2 months for the birds to pair off, choose a nest site and start nest building.

When they are observed building nests, we will start bringing the houses down to check twice a week on a Thursday and Sunday @ 11:00 schedule.  
**Guarasci**

**Sue**

**Panama Birds & Native Dance**





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Thanks to **Peter Rice** for providing this service.

### **Sarasota County Butterfly Club**



Sarasota County Butterfly Club Programs are open to the public and are held most 4th Thursdays of each month Sept-May.

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



### **Kite Tales**

The monthly newsletter of the  
Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail

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AUDUBON SOCIETY

### **NAME BADGES**

Pin Badge - \$5.25, Magnet Badge - \$7.25

Add \$4.50 for shipping. Send name and address to:

**Michael Fox, 2749 Ringling Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237**



**Submissions, comments and questions  
always welcome**

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



*Photograph by Betty Neupert*

## **Beginner Tai Chi Classes**

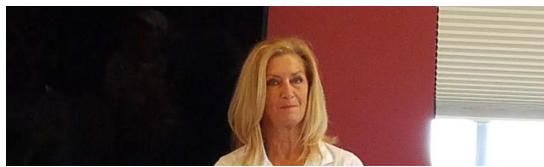


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## **Sprucing Up the Gardens**

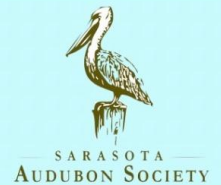


## **Birds of Paradise Workshop**





*Photograph by Marcy Packer*



## *Watershed & Coastal Climate Walks*

Let's talk about it!  
Actions for Protection

FRIDAYS  
Winter 2020  
9:30am - Noon



Register [www.SarasotaAudubon.org](http://www.SarasotaAudubon.org)

CONSERVATION

- Emerson Point: Florida's First People Jan. 10 or March 6
- Ken Thompson: Sea Level Rise Jan. 17 or March 13
- Perico Preserve: Coastal Resilience Jan. 24 or March 20
- Red Bug Slough: Inland Invader Issues Jan. 31 or March 27
- Leffis Key: Early Restoration Efforts Feb. 7 or April 3
- Robinson Preserve: Mangrove Migration Feb. 21 or April 10
- Celery Fields: Stormwater Solutions Feb 28 or April 17

\$10/person 4-pack \$35 Series \$60

Attend all 7 tours - get one FREE!



## Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center

Since 1970, bird populations in the U.S. and Canada have declined by 29%, or almost 3 billion birds, signaling a widespread ecological crisis. The results show tremendous losses across diverse groups of birds and habitats - from iconic songsters such as meadowlarks to long-distance migrants such as swallows and backyard birds including sparrows.

Learn more about the 3 Billion Birds campaign and Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds.

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