



Winging in the Gap

Looking for something to do while distancing?

Week of April 13, 2020



Since we are unable to greet you at the Celery Fields Nature Center, we are sending you news, links to activities and learning sites to keep you up to date and actively learning about birds, wildlife and other topics of interest.

Bird Blog Purple Martins Hatch!

by Sue Guarasci

At the Celery Fields Nature Center in Sarasota, Sarasota Audubon Society has placed and is monitoring 2 nesting colonies of Purple Martins. April 6, 2020 was a very popular Due Date for the Purple Martins here this year. There were at least 10 nests that were in the midst of hatching during our scheduled nest-check that day. [Read more.](#)



Purple Martin hatching at the April 6, 2020 nest-check. [Video here.](#)



On another note...

Rare photo of mother Wrench feeding her new hatchlings. Breathtaking.

But is it a 15mm or 16mm nut?
Someone is going to go hungry...

How-to Nature Journal Series

from Diane Wallace

John Muir Laws is considered one of the premier nature journal artists, and I love his work. He is going to do a live demo every week! Learn journaling tips, techniques, inspiration, teaching strategies, and interviews. The meeting format starts with a tutorial, demonstration, or interview and then opens to a question-and-answer session. [More here.](#)



Nature Journal by John Muir Laws

Bird Academy



Can you ID this bird?

Online Classes

We will include a suggestion here weekly. Some classes free, others request donation or are paid. Here's this week's suggestion:

Cornell Bird Academy

Lots of choices here, and they are running a sale until Earth Day—some are even FREE. *JOY OF BIRDWATCHING* Welcome to birdwatching! Get all the tools, tips, and inspiration you need to get started. [Check out offerings here](#)

Wales Turning Wild!

A new initiative led by Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford is set to turn a large part of Wales back into the kind of magical place described in their beloved history (they even have a dragon on their flag). The Welsh government is now working to plant a national forest that would run the length and breadth of the land. [Read more.](#)



And on the streets... As humans retreat into their homes and as more and more countries go under coronavirus lockdown, wild animals are slipping cover to explore the empty streets of this Welsh town. [Watch](#)

Bird Cams!

There are lots of bird cams out there. Here's one that features birds of the U.S. and Canada.

Cornell Labs Bird Cams

Here's one from Panama. Good way to learn to ID them for when you get to go!

Panama feeder



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