



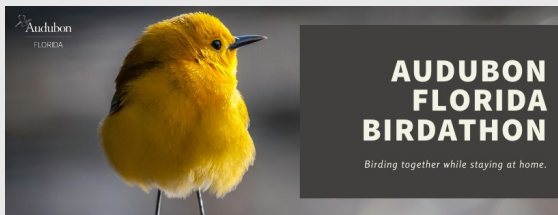
# Winging in the Gap

Looking for something to do while distancing?

Earth Week April 20, 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.



## Florida Audubon Birdathon

Inviting all members of the Florida birding community to contribute their backyard observations for an entire week. How many of the Sunshine State's birds can we spot together? Will you all crush Audubon's total? Let's find out!

Note: if you have participated in the Chickadee Challenge in the past, this is it! Expanded statewide

Looking for some backyard bird inspiration yourself? Check out the prizes in the [link here](#).

## National Earth Day Live ☐

From April 22 to 24, young people and adults will come together for a three-day online event focused on climate action called Earth Day Live.

[72-hour virtual link](#)

[Sarasota County Earth Month activities Link](#)

## ☐ Earth Day is Virtual in 2020

### Manatee County Lunch 'n Learn

webinar featuring Dr. Tim Rumage, Ringling College of Art & Design "Earth Day, Covid-19, Ethics and Second Chances" will start at 12 Noon April 22

[Zoom Link](#) Webinar ID: 920 0099 9844

### Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast Bio Blitz!

Join in a virtual Earth Day Backyard BioBlitz on Wednesday, April 22, from 8 am to 8 pm. A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a specific period of time. [Link here](#)



## Bird Blog Goatsuckers? by Claire Herzog

The Chuck-will's-widow is one of three species of nighthawks in Florida belonging to a group of birds called Goatsuckers. They are mostly nocturnal, have a very small beak and a gaping mouth used to swoop up insects at night. Why Goatsuckers? [Learn more here.](#)



Chuck-Will's Widow camouflaged among pine needles and pinecone.

Photo: Claire Herzog

**Least Terns** nest in groups. This allows them to exchange information about food sources and detect and mob predators.



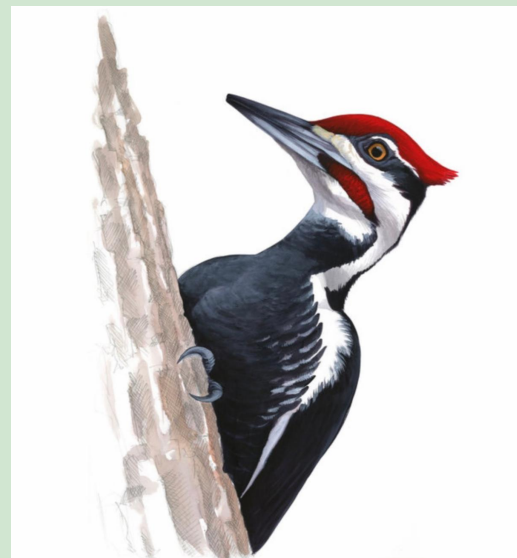
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## Shorebird Report, from Kylie Wilson

The most exciting news from this week is the return of the Least Terns! There have been groups on Lido and at a site on Longboat Key. All over the state Least Terns have been arriving and "staging"... [Full Report](#)

## *What It's Like To Be a Bird* New Book from David Sibley

Along with his illustrations are essays about what birds are up to, and why. Most of his career had been focused on identifying birds. But in researching their behavior, he realized how much he actually didn't know. "It was just amazing to me what's going on in the birds' minds and what they're experiencing," he said. [NPR Interview](#)



Pileated Woodpecker by David Sibley

We will include a suggestion here



Guess the bird species



## Online Classes



weekly. Some classes free, others request donation or are paid. Here's this week's suggestion:

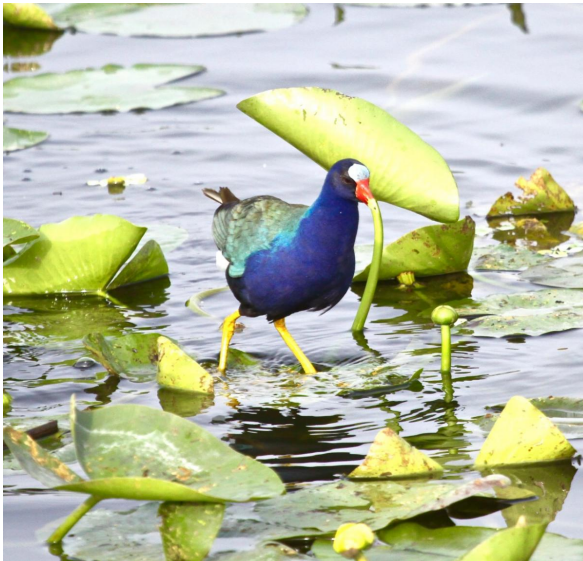
### *Archbold Discovery*

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm (EST): Archbold's Discovery Classroom series is a free weekly 25 minute virtual science field trip for the public, streamed live from the outdoors at Archbold Biological Station.

[Learn more & Register](#)

## Quirky Birds! by Jeanne Dubi

A guide to cryptic, ambiguous and fresh forms of local species.



**Long-nosed Gallinule**  
*Gallinula munroii*

Photo: Paul Munro



**Colossal-schnozed Kingfisher** *Rhynchos gigantus rickidatum*

Photo: Rick Greenspun



**Turtle-stepping Darter**  
*Anhinga herpeto staatsii*

Photo: Tatiana Staats



**Head-spinning Owl**  
*Athene persona incognitii*

Photo: Anonymous

If you have a quirky bird photo,  
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