



# Winging in the Gap

Looking for something to do while distancing?

Week of May 18, 2020

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  
Connecticut Warbler in  
Sarasota! by Rick Greenspun & Marcy  
Packer

Thanks to Stu Wilson's find and Kathryn Young's excellent guiding, I was able to get killer looks at the female Connecticut Warbler that has been seen by many for the past few days at S. Lido Park. It was only the third time I have seen this species in the 40 plus years of birding. Bird of the year for sure.

[Learn More Here](#)



Connecticut Warbler at South Lido Park

Photo credit Rick Greenspun



Something completely  
different...

Tea & Toast A New York Times Podcast  
with Kim Severson and Mark Thompson

There is an article with this, but the beauty is listening to the podcast. If you only want the Tea bit, start at 7:30. But the Cinnamon Toast is "All-American Mom" and very comforting. I highly recommend the full 15 minute listen.

[Full New York Times podcast here.](#)

## Romeo & Juliet in 4 minutes

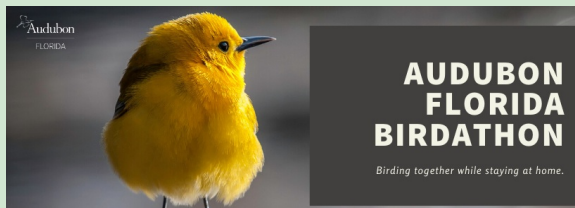
The Asolo Conservatory at Selby Gardens

The play was set to premiere at Selby

Gardens this April, but due to COVID-19, the highly anticipated outdoor theatre event, Shakespeare in the Gardens, was canceled. Selby Gardens and the Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training "Bring Selby Gardens to You," with three monologues from the famous play. [Watch Now](#)



Jamie Saunders as Juliet  
at Selby Gardens



Cape May Warbler  
Photo Credit: Jacqui Sulek

## Citizen Science

Through citizen science, people share and contribute to data monitoring and collection programs.

### Chickadee Challenge!

The Chickadee Challenge was started a few years ago by Jacqui Sulek, Chapter Conservation Manager for Audubon Florida. Just as a chickadee collects 9000 caterpillars a day during nesting, Jacqui attempted to raise \$9000 for [AUDUBON FLORIDA](#). This year the Challenge went statewide on Earth Day, April 22. Here is Jacqui's report of birds spotted in her yard in North Central Florida that day.

[Full Report with Photos](#)

## Audubon Moment on YouTube by John Nelson

Don't miss this wonderful series of Florida birding videos by John Nelson. John created the "Audubon Moment" of one-minute PSA's about America's birds for public radio. He's now gone to video and invites you to check them out on his YouTube channel. Here is the latest on Lake Okeechobee Birding: snail kites, stilts and skimmers! [Watch Now!](#)



Black Skimmer with Fish  
Photo Credit: John Nelson

## The Nature Center Is Closed Nature Is Open!



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