



Winging in the Gap

Looking for something to do while distancing?

Week of May 4, 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 May 1st Fallout

by Karen Willey, with Rick Greenspun,
Kathryn Young & Billie Knight

Bird fallout, or migration fallout, is the result of severe weather preventing migratory birds from reaching their destination. A strong front approaching from the northwestern Gulf of Mexico on May 1st gave the Gulf Coast of Florida this sought-after event for birders.

[Click here for a lot more photos!](#)



Fallout success further up the coast in Homosassa! Rose-breasted Grosbeaks.
Photo credit Nancy Kost



Kagu Photo Credit Janus Olah

Far-Flung Features... Birds of New Caledonia by Jeanne Dubi

A faraway place to go birding – somewhere to dream of when we can travel again. Where is New Caledonia? It's a French territory in the South Pacific. New Caledonia has 222 birds on its list. To learn about a few of the endemics like the Kagu, Horned Parakeet and Shining-Bronze Cuckoo [click here](#).

Escape Room Fun: The Case of the Missing Painting

by LeRoy Collins Leon County Library

OK - so this one is not bird-related but it is a series of puzzles put together by the Leon County Library (Tallahassee) for fun while social distancing. I hope you have as much fun as I did with this!

A famous painting has gone missing! Can you figure out the clues before it is too late? Test your skills in our [Digital Escape Room](#)



Courtesy: Leon County Public Library



Tilly Tally! - May Challenge Tillandsias...

Citizen Science

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

Sarasota-Manatee EcoFlora Project from Selby Gardens

Using your smartphone or a camera, snap a picture of a plant in Sarasota or Manatee county and upload it to iNaturalist. Each month, Selby Gardens will feature a new EcoQuest Challenge to focus on different species and keep things exciting!

[May Challenge](#)



Other Critters - Bull Elks! by Darryl Saffer

Our good friend and filmmaker Darryl Saffer traveled to Rocky Mountain National Park to film the rut of the bull elk, and nearly became extinct himself. Trophy hunting has all but destroyed the magnificent bull elks in the western United States. [View here.](#)





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