

Winging in the Gap

Summer in Southwest Florida - slowing the pace to beat the heat.

June 1, 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.

We are moving to bi-weekly newsletters for the summer.

Hello Sarasota Auduboners, We hope you are well and staying safe.

- ... As you know, May 31, 2020 marks the end of our fiscal year, as well as the end of our season.
- ... At this time, we are hoping to open again on October 1, as we do every vear.
- ... In the Fall, we will be voting for new officers since our April general meeting was canceled.
- ... The Quad parcels will be our next major project.

Read FULL LETTER from Sarasota Audubon Board of Directors









Citizen Science

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

Florida Jay-Watch Update

We will not be able to hold our traditional in-person Jay Watch trainings this year. Instead Marianne Korosy, Audubon Florida's Director of Bird Conservation, will be offering 3 distinct webinars. The webinars will be as follows:

Florida Scrub-Jay photo credit: Karen Willey

There are a few of us who have been doing Florida Jay-Watch for many years who will be going out this year and gathering data on the Jay Watch sites. We certainly hope that in 2021 we will be back to doing our typical training of new volunteers and full surveys as we have done for over 15 years. Full Blog Here

- June 3, 10:30 a.m. Florida Scrub-Jay Ecology – The basics for new Jay Watchers and those looking for a refresher. <u>Register</u>
- June 5, 1:30 p.m. Jay Watch Protocol - The basics for new Jay Watchers and a good refresher for all <u>Register</u>
- June 10, 10:00 a.m. Advanced training – A deeper dive into Florida Scrub-Jay behavior and data recording <u>Register</u>



Here you will find photos (taken by local photographers) of Pieces and Parts of Birds that you can find in Sarasota County. I have tried to include one trait that is unique for each bird. Click the caption to find the answer. Let's have some fun!

~Kath"Wren" Young, Education Chair Sarasota Audubon





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A DAY ON LIDO BEACH May 28, 2020.

~ by Lou Newman



Lido Beach has two nesting bird colonies. The birds have certainly chosen an exceptionally challenging location. The colonies are roped off and most people take care not to disturb the birds and are respectful of the boundaries.

Lots more images here.



Screenshot from the Monarch Migration video. Photo Credit: Fairn Whatley

This documentary follows a monarch butterfly as it struggles to survive in a world where her habitat is vanishing. It leaves the viewer hopeful, with a clear call to action. Watch the film here.

"Mystical Migration of the Monarch" — Conservation Through Storytelling with Holbrook Travel

Hear about how the storytellers' passionate desire to tell this story propelled them into film making. View excerpts from their film created on location during a trip with Holbrook, and learn about their vision of bringing a translated version of the film to reach the rural areas of Mexico: Angangueo, El Campo, and other surrounding cities.

Webinar June 3rd 4pm Register Here

Bird Cams!

Puffin Burrow

Located 21 miles off the coast of Maine on Seal Island, this live puffin cam gives an intimate glimpse inside a puffin burrow, where puffins nest and breed during the spring and summer months. The video stream is occasionally affected by factors such as changes in



tide, reflection off the sea surface and dense fog. If the stream is interrupted, stay tuned—the signal will be restored quickly!

Screenshot of the live Atlantic Puffin burrow. Note that there are 3 other live cams available when you go to the link.

Watch Now!

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