



# Winging in the Gap

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

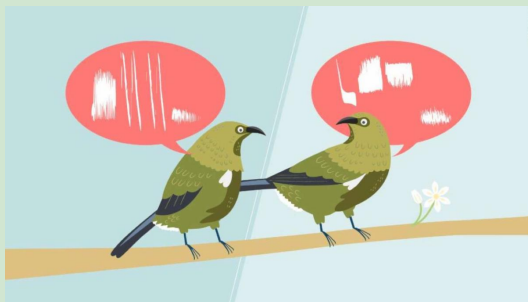
June 15, 2020

News, links to activities and learning sites to keep you up to date and actively learning about birds, wildlife and other topics of interest.  
Bi-weekly newsletter for the summer.

This issue is focused on sound and music. Perhaps you want to visit the Sarasota Orchestra link first and play it in the background while you read.

The Sarasota Orchestra says:  
"We hope you find some measure of joy and respite in the music and voices we share here".

[Listen to the Sarasota Orchestra](#)



CNN Graphic - Bird Dialects

Birds aren't all singing the same song.  
They have dialects, too

## "Bird Dialects"

Birds can develop regional dialects, meaning their songs sound slightly different depending on where they live. Think Boston and Georgia accents, but for birds. Just as speaking the local language can make it easier for humans to fit in, speaking the local bird dialect can increase a bird's chances of finding a mate. [Learn more here.](#)

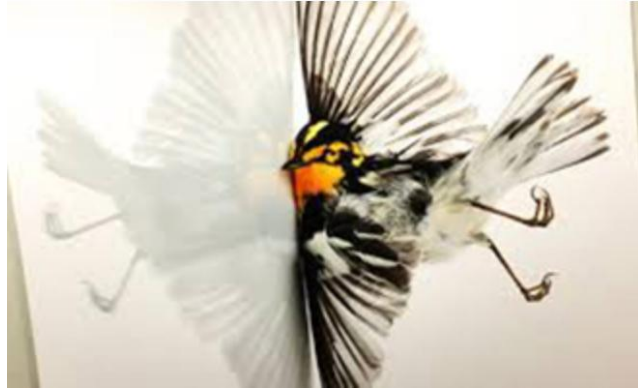
## How to stop the Thud!

In keeping with our sound theme, here is one you don't want to hear...

In the United States alone, it is estimated that up to a billion birds die each year in

collisions with windows. But there is a simple Do-It-Yourself method to make "Zen wind curtains". The link will take you to a how-to page and video. If you don't want to DIY, you can purchase them here as well. Thanks to Jeff Acopian at Birdsavers.com!

[Learn more Here!](#)



Screenshot from New Mexico Audubon  
More ideas to prevent bird collisions at  
their [website here](#).



Adult Black Skimmer with 2 babies

## Citizen Science

### Beach Nesting Bird Stewards

Florida Audubon was not able to hold in-person Bird Steward trainings this year. But if you were trained in the past, they have approved the start of the program again, with some conditions. Stewards are needed on our beaches! **If you are a previously trained steward** and are interested in stewarding this season please get in touch with Kylie Wilson

[Email Kylie](#)

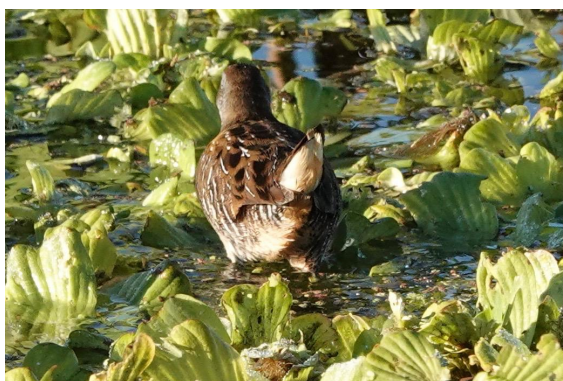


Here you will find photos (taken by local photographers) of Pieces and Parts of Birds that you can find in Sarasota County. I have tried to include one trait that is unique for each bird. Click the caption to find the answer. Let's have some fun!

~Kath "Wren" Young, Education Chair  
Sarasota Audubon



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**NNOCCI** National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation

[www.climateinterpreter.org/training](http://www.climateinterpreter.org/training)

## How to Talk about Climate Change Plus Online Training

Sarasota Audubon's Karen Willey shares a 40-minute Deep Dive video conversation into climate change communication. Darcy Young, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program leads this fun dialog that brings hope and positive solutions to Sarasota residents.

[Watch now!](#)

(note: it starts at 1min20seconds in)

If you are interested in an online training program from the National Network for Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI), registration ends June 15 (today)

[Click here!](#)

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