



# Winging in the Gap

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

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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.

Bird Blog  
Screech-Owl on 7th Avenue!  
Downtown Bradenton  
by Belton Wall, IV

While sitting my office, I heard a sound in back of me and thought it was my cat, called Not-Ike, who is a talker. Big Time talker. I'm talkin' to the cat and she's not answering (?). So, I look at the source of the sound, it was the object of this discussion [the screech owl], sitting on a roll of paper, on my floor.

Belton did all the right things: opened every window and door, and tried to shoo out said owl. [Find out what happens Here](#)



Eastern Screech-Owl  
Photo credit Nick Dorian, [MacAulay Library](#)



Black Skimmer Family  
Photo Credit Lou Newman

Life's A Beach, Shorebird Story  
Part 1 Black Skimmers by Lou Newman

Where better to practice physical distancing than on the beach? And how about a beach that includes two nesting bird colonies, Least Terns and Black Skimmers? Lou shares life history and [Amazing info & photos here](#)

# Who Am I?



## Name that Bird

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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International Plastic Free Month  
July 2020

## Citizen Science

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

This week begins a month long global initiative to reduce the amount of plastic we consume in our daily lives. Phillippi Creek, like all other rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans around the world, also experiences the widespread problem of plastic pollution. [Learn more here.](#)



## Nature Photo Contest!

Enjoy this jury-selected exhibit of 50 nature photographs submitted for our inaugural summer photo contest. Winners are announced in each category. View the exhibit and cast your vote by August 15th for People's Choice on Facebook!

[View and Vote Now!](#)



At the end of the voting period, the photo with the most likes/loves will be

deemed the  
People's Choice Category Winner.

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## The Nature Center Is Closed Nature Is Open!



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