



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 Keep your Cats Indoors! Florida Ornithological Society Cat Position Statement

The Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) is among the latest groups to develop a position statement on the topic of outdoor cats. According to the statement, FOS "takes the position that all cats should be kept indoors" due to the threats to bird populations, other wildlife, cat health, and human health. [CLICK HERE](#) to read [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



Cats are the leading cause of direct, human-caused bird mortality. More information at [American Bird Conservancy](#)
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Royal Terns in Flight
Photo Credit Lou Newman

Life's A Beach, Shorebird Story Part 2 Least Terns, Willets & Royals 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 - Part 2](#)

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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Citizen Science

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

Local Scientist Designing Bird Song ID Device

Sarasota scientist Dr. David Mann and his wife Amy Donner are designing this device modeled on their successful marine acoustic monitors.

[Learn More about the Company.](#)

Do you want to contribute to the design and testing of this birdsong identification product being developed in collaboration with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology?

Partners Sought:

Sharing your birding experiences will help define the market, refine the product, and create this new citizen-science tool.

[Email Amy](#) to learn more and/or participate.



A Final Feel-good Story

One of our members shared this fun story from Echo Park in Los Angeles about a goose who decides this man is her mate. It is from 2011, but still sweet! [Watch Here.](#)

Follow-up: An LA Zoo spokesman said Mario, a domestic Toulouse, passed away on June 29, 2018 due to old age. Mario was removed from the lake and taken to the zoo after he became a media darling. [Read More.](#)



Maria (later known as Mario) the Goose protects her "Human" from all species in Echo Park, Los Angeles, California.
Photo: Screen Shot from CBS Video

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