



Winging in the Gap

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

September 14, 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.
Monthly newsletter for the fall.

Bird Blog: Great Lakes Piping Plovers at Siesta Key Beach by Karen Willey

On September 1, 2020 our own Rick Greenspun found 4 Great Lakes Piping Plovers on the beach at Siesta Key! He then went online to research where to report these rare birds. He found Alice Van Zoeren of the Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team. Alice's response was "What a find! The first one...with a purple band is extra exciting. This is one of the very famous plover chicks that hatched this summer at Montrose Beach, right in Chicago."

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



The Great Lakes Piping Plover called "Nish" that hatched this year in Chicago!

Photo credit Rick Greenspun



To register for the Zoom talk September 22, at 6:00 p.m. ET, click on the photo above.

Birds & Native Plants

Here is a great way to kick off the fall season. Doug Tallamy's perspective <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/> is the foundation for Audubon's Plants for Birds

program <https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS>. Thanks to Venice Area Audubon for connecting with Mr. Tallamy and to Audubon Florida for hosting the program!

[Register here.](#)



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Mississippi Kites

"How to Know the Birds", by Ted Floyd

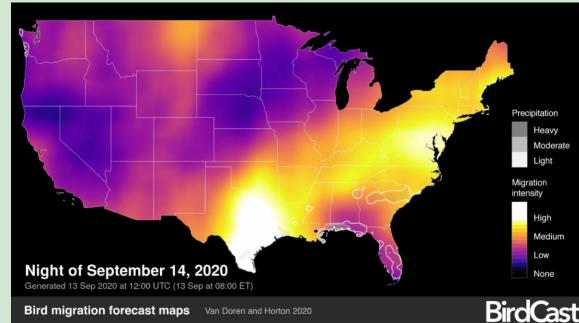
Summer vacation—excuse me, "summer" "vacation"—started abruptly and with no advance notice back on Friday the 13th of March this year. So begins this engaging blog on ABA.org.

Learn more about Mississippi Kite behavior and migration with [photos and videos here](#)

Bird migration forecast maps

Bird migration forecast maps show predicted nocturnal migration 3 hours after local sunset and are updated every 6 hours. Colorado State University and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology currently produce these forecasts.

[Full Story and Maps 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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Instinct Is Weird



How to Make a Comic About Birds

Rosemary Mosco, creator of '[Bird and Moon](#)', shares tips and techniques for turning a funny idea into a cartoon.

"As a nature cartoonist, I share my love of birds by inserting their hilarious behavior into a comic—a simple way to tell a story using concise words and illustrations," says Rosemary.

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