Winging in the Gap
Zooming into Fall - with virtual meetings
October 7, 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.

THE QUADS ARE PRESERVED FOREVER!!!

A Great Day for the Environment! by Jeanne Dubi

It was a historic moment when the Quad parcels legally became protected forever under a Conservation Easement held by the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. In this three-fold public/private partnership, restoration and management of the Quad will be the responsibility of Sarasota Audubon.
Read Jeanne's entire letter.

Tammy & David McQuade's Big Year
October 12 Meeting on Zoom

Back by popular demand after they spoke last fall, Tammy & David are Florida-based national champion birders who will speak to us about their latest Big Year. Bird Calls Radio tells us that they have had over 600 species on eBird for the last 3 years.

Our meeting will be held as a Zoom Webinar.
In a webinar you will not be seen or heard
by others. The only people you will see will be the “panel” leading the meeting and the speakers. You will be able to type in the Chat box and the Q&A box located at the bottom of your Zoom window.

For security reasons, you will need to register for the Monday meeting. Click here to register for the meeting. Click here for detailed Zoom instructions

**Zoom Practice Sessions**

To assist Sarasota Audubon members in participating in our zoom webinar meetings we will have two practice sessions this week.

Click here to register for a Practice Session Thursday or Saturday

Click here for detailed Zoom instructions

**Birds & Native Plants**

Are you ready for fall wildflowers? They are blooming all over our local preserves and in the gardens at the Celery Fields Nature Center. Before you pay a visit to your local nursery, find out which plants will provide the most for birds in the coming months.

**Audubon’s Native Plants Database** will show you to all the best plants for the birds in your area, as well as local resources and links to learn more. All you have to do is enter your 5-digit zip code to get started. Once you have your list, it’s time to start planting!

**How Birds Respond to Extreme Weather** By Cris Carusi University of Wisconsin, Madison

When it comes to climate change, University of Wisconsin–Madison forest and wildlife ecology Professor Ben Zuckerberg says birds are the proverbial canary in the coal mine. They are both responsive and sensitive to changes in the environment, including the extreme weather events associated with a warming planet. Read full article here.
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

Audubon Assembly: Virtual
Oct. 20-24, 2020

This year’s virtual event will include learning sessions, panel discussions, a chapter celebration, and field trips via video with a theme of inclusive conservation. The Keynote Presentation by J. Drew Lanham, author, poet, and wildlife biologist, will tie it all together. Online Registration

Please share with Spanish Speaking Friends!
If you have Spanish-speaking friends or neighbors or know of an organization where most members speak Spanish, please reach out to them and ask them to spread the word about this Spanish Introduction to Audubon! Audubon Florida (and National Audubon Society) is actively working to include people who may not know about Audubon and the work we do.

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