



Winging in the Gap

Happy New Year from Sarasota Audubon!

January 15, 2021

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

Membership Renewal Time

If you haven't already, [please click here](#) Thank you!

Special Program: Chris Wood
eBird: What Happens to
All That Data?
[Zoom 7pm January 27](#)

Chris Wood, Managing Director, Avian Population Studies and Director, eBird at Cornell University will describe how the data collected via thousands of birdwatchers around the world is gathered and interpreted.

Chris was one of the developers and proponents of eBird which has become a major source of biodiversity data, increasing our knowledge of the dynamics of species distributions, and for having a direct impact on the conservation of birds and their habitats.

Chris works with diverse teams around the world—conservation biologists, quantitative ecologists, statisticians, computer scientists, GIS and informatics specialists, application developers, data administrators and

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

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Chris Wood, Photo credit Cornell University

We were delighted to have Chris join several local CBC teams during recent bird counts.

Special Program

January 22 8am-2pm

SARASOTA AUDUBON'S NATURE CENTER AT THE CELERY FIELDS

- Partnering with the [Sarasota Audubon Society](#)
- Sponsored by KOWA Optics; other brands available too.
- January 22, 2021
- Celery Fields, outdoor gazebo; park in lot on Center Road
- Free bird walks at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., & 12 noon led by Jeff Bouton, well-known birder and guide. **Preregistration Required** Contact Wendy Clark wendy@birdwatchersdigest.com or by text at 330-413-1532
- Private shopping appointments from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To request shopping appointment Contact Wendy Clark wendy@birdwatchersdigest.com



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REQUIRED**

This is a Covid-safe event - Registration is required

[Click here for all the details](#)

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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Bird Blog: Purple Martin Houses by Sue Guarasci

2021 Official Purple Martin and Bluebird Season is Underway at Celery Fields

After getting a heads-up that the first Purple Martins were seen at Celery Fields on Dec 29, the wheels started and the houses were raised Jan 5 & 6. Five Purple Martins were in the area at that time and they came to both houses.

[Full blog and photos here.](#)



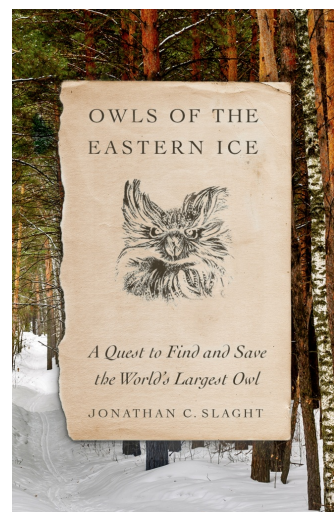
We were very appreciative to have the help of Dennis Main and John Ewers.



Sarasota Audubon Book Shelf Book Reviews from Members Sherry Rhodes submits:

Owls of the Eastern Ice A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl

This is a fascinating book that not only tells the story of this interesting and hard to see bird, **Blakiston's Fish Owl**, but is also evocative of the harsh field conditions experienced in studying this bird in Far Eastern Russia. A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2020, Longlisted for the National Book Award, A Best Book of the Year: NPR, Smithsonian, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, The Times (London), The Globe and London Mail.



Blackiston's Fish Owl

Jonathan Slaght is a field scientist and conservationist who carried out years of study on the Blakiston's fish owl. He studied the birds in eastern Siberia. They can also be seen in Hokkaido, Japan. On his [website](#) there are great photos and even

videos.



Volunteer Spotlight □

Sue Guarasci

by Christyna Reagan, CLI Intern

Starting as a volunteer on the boardwalks at the Celery Fields, Sue Guarasci is a passionate birder with the Sarasota Audubon Society. Not only can you find her outside on the boardwalks, Sue takes care of the Purple Martin and Blue Bird boxes at the nature center as well.

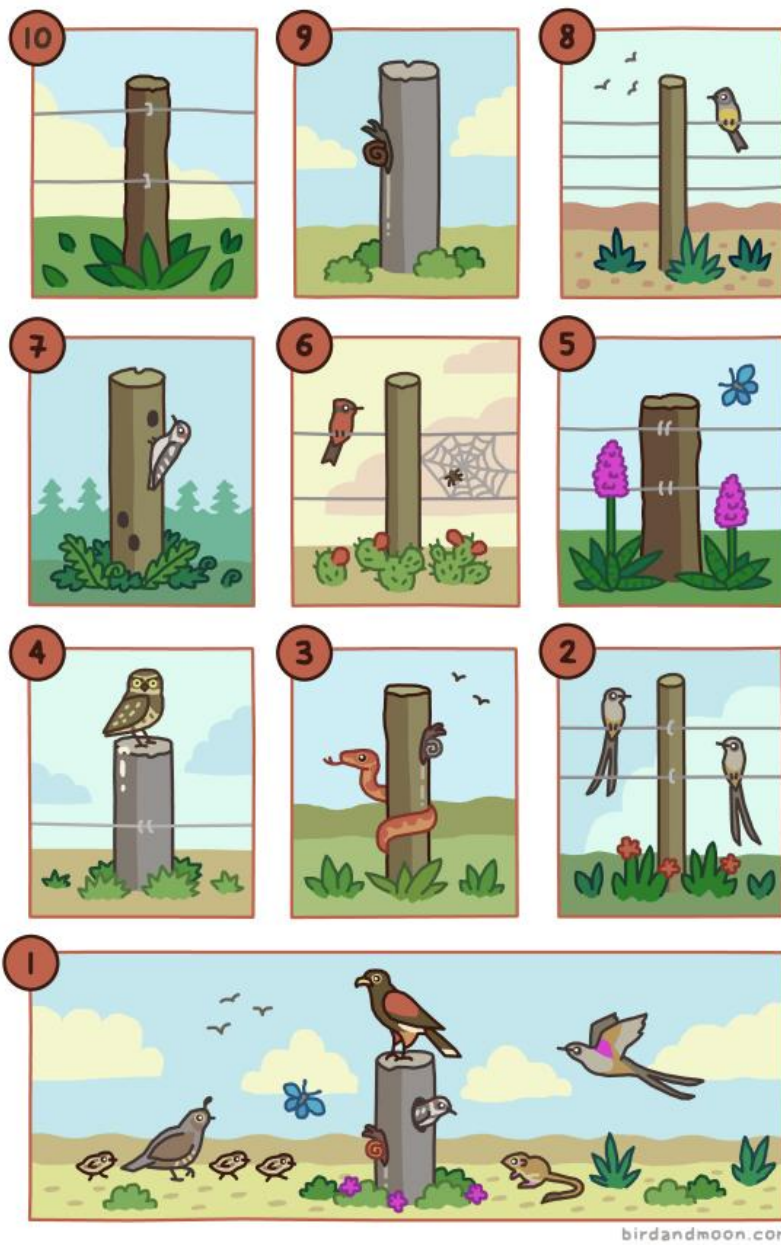
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Photo credit: Kathryn Young

The Last Word is Graphic: Top 10 Posts of 2020

By Rosemary Mosco, BirdandMoon.com

This Year's Top Ten Posts



Next Month's Program

Florida Panther: Back from the Brink. Bill Samuels, Florida Panther Project.

[Monday Feb. 8, 2021 via Zoom](#)

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