

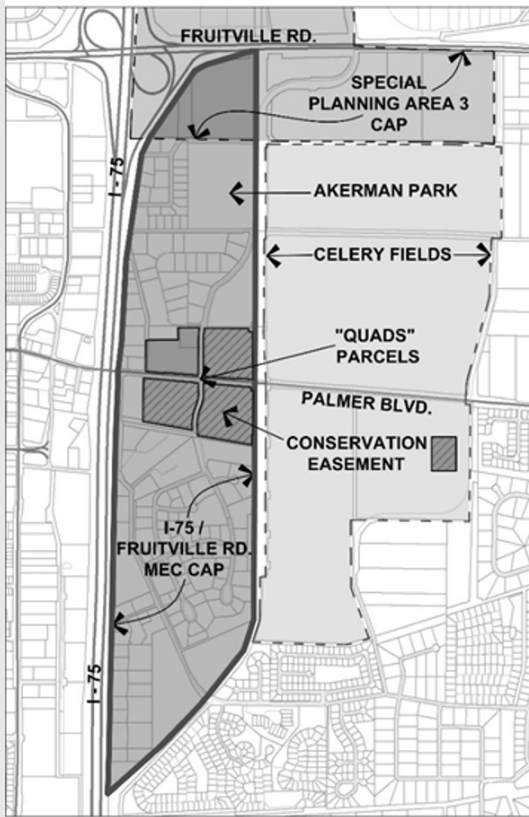


Winging in the Gap

Spring is in the air with Sarasota Audubon!
March 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

QUAD Parcels: Critical Area Plan (CAP) Hearing March 22nd at 6pm via Zoom



This workshop sets out the County's parameters for setback, right of way, traffic flow, building height, rezoning etc. The County welcomes public input.

QUAD PARCELS UPDATE

On March 22, 2021 at 6pm, Sarasota County staff will host a Public Workshop on the Critical Area Plan (CAP) Amendments relative to the Fruitville Initiative which will include the Quad parcels. As you know, three of the Quad parcels are under conservation easement which will be stewarded by the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast (CFGC), and Sarasota Audubon (SAS) is charged with restoration, public access and maintenance of the same three Quad parcels.

This workshop is not a discussion of SAS's design. We have to incorporate these CAP amendments before we can proceed with a design. This workshop sets out the County's parameters for setback, right of way, traffic flow, building height, rezoning, buffering, etc.



Great Egret with 2 Chicks
Photo Credit: Lou Newman

Bird Blog: Fun Season Breeding by Lou Newman

It's "*Fun Season*" for birders and wildlife photographers in Southwest Florida. The birds are getting all dressed up in their Sunday best (breeding plumage) to go courting; many are building nests and incubating eggs; and a few have nestling chicks (Bald Eagles, Great Horned Owls and Great Blue Herons). What a great time to be outdoors exploring our state parks, county preserves and bird rookeries.

[Full blog and photos here.](#)

Audubon Extra: eBird for Everyone! with Kathryn Young [Zoom 7pm March 24](#)

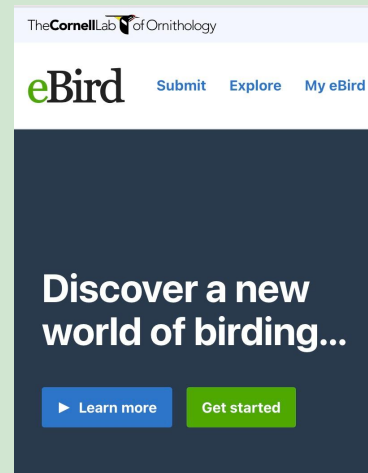
Join Sarasota Audubon Education Director Kathryn Young to learn the ins and outs of eBird. This program will cover not only the basics, but also some in-depth data functions.

eBird is a worldwide database of bird sightings. Cornell Lab of Ornithology manages and supports eBird, by organizing your sightings into county, state, and country lists. It also keeps and shares your photos and audios. eBird gives you current information and alerts about bird distribution, migration and where other birders are finding birds anywhere in the world.

[Click Here To Register](#)



Kathryn Young on right with hat



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



[27.Who Am I?](#)



[26.Who Am I?](#)



Birds Can Dance! by Shake-up Music

Birds dancing to music ☐
Phenomenal colorful birds
performing a wonderful waltz by
Johann Strauss. This is fun!
[Watch YouTube video here.](#)

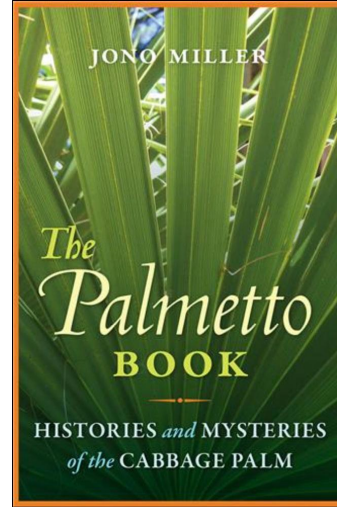
Sarasota Audubon Book Shelf The Palmetto Book by Jono Miller Review by Karen Willey

I know this isn't a bird book, but the Cabbage Palm is such a Florida icon that I wanted to share this gem with you. And there are a lot of birds that use the cabbage palm fiber and the tree itself, which you will discover when you read the book.

Next month on April 19th Jono Miller will share his knowledge of this Florida icon with the local chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society via Zoom. You are welcome to join them. Bring your Cabbage Palm questions, Jono will answer them!

[Register to participate in their zoom meeting](#)

[Read Book Review HERE](#)



“A daunting mental challenge is to imagine how a seed smaller than a coffee bean, just below the surface, can somehow transmogrify into a base of support the diameter of a medium pizza pan that might ultimately anchor a six-story-tall organism? The inescapable, but baffling, reality is that when the cabbage palm trunk emerges from the ground, it does so with all the girth it will ever have.” ~ Jono Miller



Kyle, left and Don McCrea trimming the Muhly Grass in the Sarasota Audubon Native Gardens. Photo credit: Karen Willey

Volunteer Spotlight □

Kyle & Don McCrea

by Christyna Reagan, CLI Intern

Kyle and Don McCrea are a father son team who volunteer during the weekends at the Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center. The pair do the “heavy lifting” at the nature center where they bring equipment when needed to move mulch piles, weed, mulch and help out with big jobs in the gardens.

[Read more](#)

Join Nature Center Manager Karen Willey at Siesta Key Beach this Thursday!

2021

BEACH UNIVERSITY



The Siesta Beach Ambassadors present free environmental education seminars about our beaches and habitat.
No registration needed. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

9:30-10:30 a.m. | Siesta Beach main pavilion

For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit scgov.net/parks

March 4 Invasive Vegetation and How it Relates to You

Thursday Luke Thema, Environmental Specialist II, Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources

March 11 Beach Safety 101

Thursday Robert Martini, Beach Lifeguard Lieutenant/EMT, Sarasota County Emergency Services

March 13 Sea Turtles and the Environment

Saturday Kristen Mazzarella, Senior Biologist, Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program, Mote Marine Laboratory

March 18 Climate Action: Plant for Birds

Thursday Karen Willey, Nature Center Manager, Sarasota Audubon, Celery Fields Nature Center

March 25 Life in the Dune

Thursday Armando Ubeda, Florida Sea Grant Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County

March 27 The Historical Story Behind America's Best Beach

Saturday Dr. Philip Farrell, Author and Emeritus Dean and Professor of Pediatrics and Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin



If you wish to join us virtually instead of joining us in-person, tune in on Facebook @SRQCountyPlay on the day of each program.

IT STARTS IN
PARKS



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The Last Word is Graphic: Bird Sound Mnemonics

By Rosemary Mosco, BirdandMoon.com



Yellow Warbler



Black-throated
Blue Warbler



White-throated
Sparrow



Eastern Towhee



Black-throated
Green Warbler



Ovenbird



Chestnut-sided
Warbler



Gray Catbird



Red-eyed Vireo



Blue-winged Warbler



Indigo Bunting



Carolina Wren

Bird Sound Mnemonics

Songs and Calls of Eastern North American Birds

Next Month's Program

Saving the Greater Everglades Ecosystem ~ Dr. Melissa Abdo, Regional
Director, National Parks Conservation Association

Monday April 12, 2021 via Zoom

[View all past Sarasota Audubon Society programs HERE](#)

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