

## SPECIAL EVENT—HISTORIC 2-HOUR NEWTOWN TROLLEY TOUR

Friday, Feb 17, Meet at 9:45am sharp at Robert Taylor Community Center 1845 34th St, Sarasota. Cost \$40. All proceeds go to the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition. REGISTER AT ([www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org))

Learn how contributions by early African American pioneers helped make Sarasota what it is today. The rich history of the Newtown community, among the oldest neighborhoods in town, is celebrated. Learn about early pioneers who built Sarasota's infrastructure, view landmarks, sway to its rhythm, tap into the community's heartbeat. Vickie Oldham, Newtown Alive founder leads an interactive trolley tour with a singer and community scholar.

## NATURE CENTER CLASSES

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org)

**MERLIN and eBIRD: Saturdays, Nov 12 & 19, 8-11am in the field.** Join Shelly, Jean and other leaders for an in-depth look at how to use Merlin and eBird in the field. Both apps developed by Cornell Lab of Ornithology help ID birds by calls and photos. eBird stores your bird lists, audio & photos. ([jbrewer62197@gmail.com](mailto:jbrewer62197@gmail.com)) Cost \$25

**eBIRD the Database: Saturday Jan 21, 1-4pm in the SAS Nature Center.** Join Kathryn Young for a class in exploring Cornell Lab of Ornithology's vast database of bird sightings. You've entered the birds into eBird, now learn how to explore and summarize your data, print checklists and hotspots and target species for travel destinations, understand confirmed vs unconfirmed sightings and much more. **Requirements for class—have** a basic understanding of eBird and your own username and password. ([kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)) Cost \$25

**EVERYTHING BIRDS: Wednesdays Feb 15, 22 & Mar 1, 8.** Advance your birding skills with Kathryn Young and other experienced birding leaders. We will learn about birding in different habitats and explore hotspots in Sarasota County. Field trips meet at 8:00am and end around 11am. ([kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)) Cost \$40

## NATURE CENTER WORKSHOPS

No reservation or registration needed for workshops. Suggested donation \$5, pay at the door.

**BASIC WILDLIFE RESCUE**  
Saturdays, Dec 10 and Jan 28, 9am:

Wildlife rescuers will demonstrate basic rescue protocols & what we can do to help injured wildlife.

**BEACH NESTING MONITORING**  
Thursday, Mar 16, 1:30:

Join Kylie Wilson as she explains why we monitor for vulnerable shorebirds and what you can do to help make their nesting season successful.

**PURPLE MARTINS**  
Sundays and Thursdays- March & April, 11 am

Join us when we take down the Purple Martin houses to count eggs, baby birds and do general nest maintenance. Weather dependent (not done if raining or cold weather). Call Sarasota Audubon Nature Center 941-312-6533, or text Sue Guarasci 941-448-6363 with questions.

## MEMBERS ONLY!

### AT THE NATURE CENTER

**A way to keep in touch, Face-to-Face**  
Nov16, Jan 18 and Mar 15: 2pm to 3:30pm

As a way for our members to meet each other, we are scheduling get-togethers at the Nature Center. Meet your board members, meet each other, plus a short presentation by a local environmentalist and light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

### FUN AND GAMES AT THE NATURE CENTER

**BI-MONTHLY WINGSPAN LEARN/PLAY DATES!**

**First Wednesdays, Second Saturdays, October through May. 12:30 at the Nature Center. Oct. 5 & 8, Nov. 2 & 12, Dec 7 & 10, Jan 4 & 14, Feb 1 & 11, Mar 1 & 11, Apr 5 & 8, May 3 & 13.**

These free workshops for our members are for all levels, from new learners to experienced players. Learn about birds and their habitats, food, nesting, etc. while playing a competitive game. **RSVP to Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))**

## MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

**Meetings/Programs:** All meetings available through ZOOM only. Time: 7:00pm

**October 10: Tammy and David McQuade's Birding Hawaii** Florida-based national champion birders who run the SW Florida Bird Alert Facebook group & serve the American Birding Association; David on board, Tammy on committees.

**November 14: What U.S. birders do for bird conservation** Idaho ornithologist Terry Rich shares his survey of birders' positive influence. Since retiring from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Terry is pursuing a Ph.D. in public policy to examine the woeful state of avian conservation funding.

**December 12: Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release** Aaron Virgin, self-described "bird guy" and CEO of SOS (Save Our Seabirds), will update us on the plans for one of the biggest bird rescue facilities and living museums in Florida.

**January 9: When Song Began: What Dinosaurs, Australian birds, and South America Have in Common** Australian field biologist and environmental consultant Tim Low will talk about his highly acclaimed 7th book.

**February 13: Avian Scent: The Secret Perfume of Birds** Danielle Whittaker, evolutionary biologist, talks about her research and new book. She is managing director of COLDEX, an NSF Science & Technology Ctr at Oregon State U.

**March 13: Protecting Our Nesting Shorebirds** Kylie Wilson, Florida Audubon's Shorebird Monitoring and Stewardship Coordinator, monitors our beaches for imperiled beach-nesting species and recruits volunteers to educate beachgoers.

**April 10: More than you thought possible about Cabbage Palms, Florida's State Tree** Jono Miller, author of *The Palmetto Book: Histories and Mysteries*, retired Director of New College of Florida's Environmental Studies Program.

**May 8: The Florida Keys Hawkwatch:** Mariah Hryniewicz & Luis Gles will talk about their work in Marathon, where they track raptors as they prepare to cross into the Caribbean.

**Monitor SAS eBlasts and *The Brown Pelican* for additional special Zoom presentations.**

# SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dedicated to the protection, conservation and enjoyment of birds and wildlife.



## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

2022 / 2023

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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## ACTIVITIES AT THE CELERY FIELDS

**SAS NATURE CENTER:** Open every day, Oct - May, 9am to 12pm. Displays, kids' corner, information, gift shop, gardens, gazebo, etc.!

**BOARDWALKS:** At Palmer Blvd and Raymond Rd boardwalks, a SAS Bird Naturalist is on duty every day, 8:30-10:30am, Nov 1-Apr 30

**CELERY FIELDS CLEANUPS:** Help keep our area garbage free! Tuesdays at 9am: Oct 25, Nov 29, Jan 10, and Mar 14. Frank Yarosh ([fyarosh941@aol.com](mailto:fyarosh941@aol.com))

**BIG SIT!: Sunday, Oct 9.** Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 foot circle. Contact Chase Bonanno ([1117chase@gmail.com](mailto:1117chase@gmail.com))

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Oct 13-15 - AUDUBON ASSEMBLY:** Details at [fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly](http://fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly)

**Oct 20-23: FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL:** 6650 Dickman Rd, Apollo Beach [www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org](http://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org)

**Tuesday, Dec 13, 11:45: HOLIDAY LUNCH** Palm Aire Country Club; 5601 Country Club Way Sarasota. \$38. SAS members and guests only. **FOR RESERVATION (and more info)** [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org)

**Monday, Dec 19: MYAKKA RIVER SP CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Belinda Perry ([bperry51@verizon.net](mailto:bperry51@verizon.net))

**Saturday, Dec 31: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Stu Wilson ([stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net))

**Saturday, Feb 4: MEMBER ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION:** Month long exhibit of members' art and photography. Opening reception 3:30 - 5:30 at Nature Center. Refreshments.

## MORE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Saturdays, Feb 4 & 11: EAGLE NEST TOURS 8am to noon:** Join a Bald Eagle specialist for a 4 -hour bus tour & see eaglets at different stages. Limited scopes and binoculars (please bring your own if available). Meet at Nature Center. \$40. **RESERVE** at [www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org)

**Tue, Mar 28 & Mon, Apr 3: CAREFREE LEARNER boat tours to ROBERTS BAY ROOKERY: 11:30-1:30. \$30. RESERVATION REQUIRED** [www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org) Questions? Mary Heinlen ([lagoonview@aol.com](mailto:lagoonview@aol.com))

## GUIDED WALKS

**NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.** Suggested donation: \$2 members, \$4 non-members

## CELERY FIELDS WALKS

**First Mondays, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, 3-5pm: "Afternoon Birding,"** Meet at Nature Center. Margi Haas ([mhaas@pipeline.com](mailto:mhaas@pipeline.com))

**Second Mondays, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, 8-10am: Meet at Raymond Rd Boardwalk.** Peter Brown (508-241-5541) and Kelley Berkey

**Third Thursdays, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, 8-10am: Meet at Nature Center.** SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Fourth Saturdays, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, 8-10am: Meet at Nature Center** Peter Brown (508-241-5541) and Kelley Berkey.

**January Thursdays: Jan 5, 12, & 26, 8-10am: Meet at Raymond Rd Boardwalk.** Kathryn Young ([Kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:Kathwren4@gmail.com))

**Additional Afternoon CF Walks: Jan 20, Feb 22, Apr 7, 3-5pm: Meet at Nature Center.** SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

## OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK WALKS:

**Every Thursday, Nov 3-Apr 6:** Meet 8:30am inside park at Lake Osprey Nature Center (fee). 1st, 2nd and 5th Thurs=Venice Audubon; 3rd & 4th Thursdays = Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

## CARLTON RESERVE

## BACKCOUNTRY CAR TRIPS

**Saturdays, Feb 11 and Mar 25: Meet at 7:30am in parking area.** Limited to 15 participants in 4 vehicles. Advance registration required. Contact Karen Jensen ([karensarasota@yahoo.com](mailto:karensarasota@yahoo.com)). Charlie Sample trip leader (941-468-1231)

## OTHER GUIDED WALKS:

**Friday, Oct 7, 9am: PINECRAFT PARK** 1420 Gilbert Av, Helen King (850-556-2950) and Karen Jensen

**Tuesday, Oct 18, 8am: BAY STREET PARK** 300 Bay St. Osprey, John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

**Tuesday, Oct 25, 8am: ROBINSON PRESERVE** 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Sunday, Nov 6, 8am: LONGBOAT KEY SHORE-BIRDS** - Broadway Beach, 7001 Seabreeze Ave, north end LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Tuesday, Nov 22, 8am: SIESTA KEY SHORE-BIRDS** Pavilion at west end of main parking lot. Mary Heinlen ([lagoonview@aol.com](mailto:lagoonview@aol.com)) & Claire Herzog

**Tuesday, Nov 29, 8:15am: MYAKKA RIVER SP** 1st parking lot on right after main (SR72) entrance (fee). Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and Cathy Paris

**Thursday, Dec 29, 8am: N LIDO BEACH & WOODS:** small parking lot at end of John Ringling Blvd on Lido. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Wednesday, Jan 11, 8am: LAKEVIEW PARK** 7150 Lago St. Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Tuesday, Jan 24, 8am: OLLIE'S POND PARK** 18235 Avon Ave, Pt. Charlotte. Helen King (850-556-2950)

**Tuesday, Feb 7, 8am: SIESTA KEY SHORE-BIRDS** Pavilion at west end of main parking lot. Mary Heinlen ([lagoonview@aol.com](mailto:lagoonview@aol.com)) & Claire Herzog

**Wednesday, Feb 15, 8am: RED BUG SLOUGH** 5200 Beneva Rd. Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Friday, Mar 3: 7:30-10am: CROWLEY NATURE CENTER** 16405 Myakka Rd. (\$4 fee). Sharon Wilcox ([swilcox@fastmail.fm](mailto:swilcox@fastmail.fm))

**Wednesday, Mar 8, 8am: OLD MIAKKA PRESERVE** east end of Fruitville Rd, **NO FACILITIES.** Helen King (850-556-2950)

**Friday, Mar 10, 7:30am: BEGINNING BIRDER SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS** Pavilion at west end of main parking lot. Peter Brown (508-241-5541) and Helen King

**Wednesday, Mar 22, 7am: BABCOCK WEBB WMA** Publix parking lot at 2438 Laurel Rd E at MM 195 or meet at 8am directly inside entrance past pay station (fee). Peter Brown (508-241-5541) and Helen King

**Tuesday, Apr 11, 8am: FORT DE SOTO** Meet at the first rest stop just after the tollbooths on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (I-275) Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris. **BRING LUNCH**

**Tuesday, Apr 18, 8am: N. LONGBOAT/LEFFIS KEY** Broadway Beach 7001 Seabreeze Ave. north end of LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven

**Saturday, April 29, 2pm: PINECRAFT PARK** 1420 Gilbert Ave. Helen King (850-556-2950) and Karen Jensen