



THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Message from the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Auduboners,

- Where does the time go? It seems only a few weeks ago that we closed up for the summer, and now here we are again getting ready to open on October 1. Thanks to a marvelous group of volunteers, the center has been scrubbed, dusted and mopped, and the gazebo painted, all in preparation for opening day.
- We've had some changes since the spring: Karen Willey our Nature Center Manager relocated to Asheville, NC. Thanks Karen for all you did for SAS during your tenure. We will miss having you around, but we are glad to say that you will be helping us from afar, so it's not a complete goodbye.
- How to replace Karen? We were able to find two spectacular women in her stead - Kimberly Sullivan and Kaylynn Low. Many already know Kim who will be in charge of the building as our Building Manager. Kaylynn will be our Garden & Outreach Manager and will take over in the gardens and attend meetings and events on behalf of Sarasota Audubon. Both positions are part time. Please come out to meet and welcome Kim and Kaylynn.

Kimberly Sullivan, Building Manager



Kaylynn Low, Gardens & Outreach



See What's NEW in 2022:

- We emailed out the Activities Schedule recently. It's full of walks, talks, classes, workshops, and special events. If you didn't open your email, [Click Here](#) to see our full range of activities. Lots of good stuff, including an **[Historic Newtown Trolley Tour](#)**, where you can learn about the legacy of the African American community and their contribution to the development of Sarasota. **[Registration required.](#)**
- And..... we are having a **[Holiday Luncheon](#)** on Dec 13 at the Palm Aire Country Club. For details, registration, and menu choices **[Click Here](#)**.
- The SAS board decided to continue our monthly meetings via Zoom. Because of a concern that we may be losing touch somewhat with our members, we have arranged three **Members Only** afternoons at the Nature Center. Please join us Nov 16, Jan 18, and Mar 15 from 2pm until 3:30pm to meet your board members and each other, and to enjoy a 20-minute talk from local leading figures on topics of interest to SAS. Light refreshments too. Just show up, no registration needed.
- In accordance with the SAS bylaws, at every October meeting, the Treasurer gives the financial report for the year just ended on May 31. Since it would be difficult to view and explain 7 pages of figures during a Zoom meeting, please contact **info@sarasotaudubon.org** if you would like to receive a copy; we will also have a copy in a binder at the Nature Center. Just ask for it at the front desk. We can say that SAS bounced back from being closed for 2 years due to COVID - our financials are healthy.
- **Quad Parcels Project:** We are still working with the County as we move through the permitting phase. In case you were

not aware, none of SAS' funds have been, nor will be, committed to the Quad Parcels. This project is a partnership between SAS and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast which is dedicated to raising separate and distinct funds. So, when you **donate**, (and thanks to many of you who have already have done so), the funds are earmarked for the Quad project alone. More to come as we finalize the permitting and move towards construction.

Take care as always,

Sarasota Audubon Board of Directors

MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

General Meeting
Monday, OCT 10, 2022
7:00pm on ZOOM



Tammy & David McQuade

[Register](#)

***Hawaii: The Extinction
Capital of the World***
with
Tammy & David McQuade

Hawaii's small land mass, long history of extreme isolation, climate change and rapid pace of development have left its many indigenous species vulnerable to predators and diseases. Dave and Tammy McQuade have been fortunate enough to bird this beautiful and rapidly changing environment twice in recent years. Join us as they share their love for this beautiful place and it's incredible birds!!



I'iwi on Maui

Photo credit: Tamara McQuade

Notes from the NATURE CENTER



An enthusiastic crew of volunteers descended on the Nature Center in September to clean and organize the building in preparation for its fall opening. By the time they were finished, the Nature Center sparkled, from the light fixtures overhead to the floors underfoot. It was clear that the volunteers were happy to be back together at the Celery Fields after a long, hot summer. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help! Your time and effort were greatly appreciated.

For all returning docents, the online fall schedule is already open to sign up for shifts. If you have questions contact [Sue Herring](#).

Gift Shop Opens October 1

The Nature Center's Gift Shop is full to bursting with both new merchandise and replenished stock of our traditional favorites.

- October 15 is Sweetest Day, which is a great time to show the bird lover in your life that you care.
- You'll find an array of bird watching tools for beginners and more advanced birders alike.
- Update your fall wardrobe with Sarasota Audubon t-shirts and caps in a variety of colors and sizes.
- Colorful earrings featuring favorite birds and butterflies sell quickly, so get them while the selection is best.

Kimberly Sullivan
Building Manager



The GARDEN Gate



each is doable for many of you. Dates? Tuesdays at 9am, Oct. 25, Nov 29, Jan 10, and Mar 14. Meet at the Nature Center for gloves, vests and bags. To be a part of this important team Contact [Frank](#).

Nature Center Docents

We rely on volunteer docents to keep the Nature Center open every day of the week from 9 a.m. to noon. They assist guests, ring up sales in the Gift Shop, and help with exciting events. It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to keep the Nature Center running smoothly, so we're eager to welcome both returning docents and brand new volunteers.

This is one of the most interesting volunteer spots in Sarasota. Meet and greet visitors from all over the US and the world as they explore the Celery Fields and all the birds and wildlife that thrive in this urban oasis - our very own Central Park.

No experience or birding knowledge is required. Training is provided, and you're sure to meet lots of great people who share your appreciation for nature. Check out the website to see what we are all about sarasotaaudubon.org.

For more information or to volunteer, Contact [Sue Herring](#)

Garden Volunteers

Many hands make light work. Even one hour a week will help. A finished patch is so rewarding!

If only 10 weeds is more your speed, see post above!

We will take all the help we can get.

If you are willing to be a regular weeder and keep the gardens in top shape Email [Kaylynn Low](#).

2022-23 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



The 2022-23 Activity Schedule is packed full of information on programs and activities provided by the Sarasota Audubon Society. Our General Meetings will continue on Zoom.

Members will be invited to 3 special in-person events at the Nature Center as a way to keep in touch on a more personal level.

Also in the Schedule you will find fantastic Workshops, Classes, Trolley Tours, Field Trips and Special Events.

Click the button below to see the 2-page program.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

CLIMATE CORNER ☐

The Most Fascinating Birds Will Be The First To Go Extinct



The New York Times recently reported on a study that shows the planet's feathered inhabitants are becoming increasingly homogeneous.

Already in the world of birds, Dr. Miller said, "almost everything is really simple and brown and boring." The extinction crisis will not only cost us a certain number of species, but also impoverish the biodiversity we have left, he said, adding, "It shows that we are sort of making the world a less rich place with our actions."

[READ Entire Article Here](#)

CONSERVATION

Sustainable  Communities



November 1, 8:30am-5pm
Early Bird Registration thru Sept. 26

Saving energy, water, and other resources are key elements of sustainability. For a limited time, Sarasota County also has a way for attendees to save money to attend its annual sustainability workshop.

Discounted, "early-bird" registration remains open until Sept. 26 for the 17th Annual Sustainable Communities Workshop, a full-day workshop that showcases strategies for healthy, resilient, thriving communities.

This year's workshop—open for either in-person or online participation—will gather under an "Advancing Climate Solutions" theme, meeting 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 21 at the New College of Florida Harry Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota.

This popular workshop will draw together residents of all ages, business owners and employees, non-profit leaders, government officials and others to learn about environmental, economic and social aspects of sustainability. Workshop topics include carbon sequestration, regenerative agriculture, climate change, social equity, local projects, and more.

Sept. 26 marks the last day to register at the workshop's in-person \$35 "early-bird" rate, with prices rising to \$45 afterward. Virtual attendance costs \$10. Student attendees pay just \$25 for in-person or \$5 online.

Sustainable Communities Registration

AUDUBON ASSEMBLY FORT MYERS, OCTOBER 13-15 Early Bird Discount thru Sept. 25

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**You are
invited to
Audubon
Assembly!**

October 13 - 15 in
Fort Myers, FL

fl.audubon.org/assembly



Register before Sept. 25 to enjoy the "early bird" discount.

Held in-person October 13-15 at the Luminary Hotel in downtown Fort Myers, this year's event will center on the theme "Birds Tell Us."

[Learn more here](#)

FLORIDA BIRDING & NATURE FESTIVAL OCTOBER 20-23

At the Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach. Three days of field and boat trips, expert seminars on Zoom, keynote



speakers, and a great nature expo!

[Learn more here](#)

Plants for Birds – Sarasota Extension Sale

Twin Lakes Park, October 8, 8:30am - 1:30pm

Master Gardener PLANT FAIR



At this family-friendly event, choose from hundreds of "Florida-friendly" shrubs, trees, palms, annuals and herbs and get gardening and landscaping advice from Extension-trained Master Gardener Volunteers. EdFest booths and demonstrations will highlight the array of programs and services offered through Extension, from gardening advice to youth development. [Learn more here](#)

BIRD BLOG: from the New York Times



The Godwit's Long, Long Nonstop Journey

By Jim Robbins. Sept. 20, 2022 The New York Times

Researchers marvel at the bird's record-holding migratory flight of 7,000 or so miles from Alaska to New Zealand at this time of year. No eating or refueling along the way.

"It's not really like a marathon," said Christopher Guglielmo, an animal physiologist at Western University in London, Ontario, who studies avian endurance physiology. "It's more like a trip to the moon."

The journey of these ultra-endurance athletes is made possible by a suite of adaptations.

FULL BIRD BLOG WITH PHOTOS



Bird Migration Explorer

Audubon Launches NEW Bird Migration Explorer!

A first-of-its-kind, interactive, digital platform that visualizes the heroic annual voyages of more than 450 North American migratory species.

Visit the [Explorer](#) (also [available in Spanish here](#)) and share the journeys, connections, and challenges that bird migration offers us.

BIRD OF THE MONTH Red-winged Blackbird



We see so many at the Celery Fields you may not realize that this species is declining.

Red-winged Blackbirds are sexually dimorphic, meaning males and females have very different appearances as evidenced in the photos on the left.

Nesting is a dicey game of hide-and-seek in the wetlands and fields where Red-winged Blackbirds breed.

You can read all about it here at [American Bird Conservancy](#)



Top Photo: Male Red-winged Blackbird

Connor Charchuk, Macaulay Library

Bottom Photo: Female Red-winged Blackbird

Andrew Simon, Macaulay Library

The Last Word is Graphic: True Story: Wayward Yellow-rumped on a Whale Carcass in Alaska

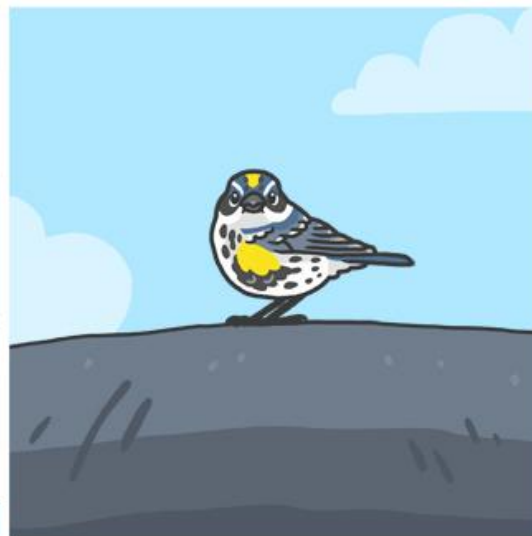
[actual eBird checklist](#)

Alaska Rare Bird Alert

Gus van Vliet shared a link.

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A wayward YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (Myrtle) found feeding on a whale carcass on the shorefast ice a few miles north of Point Barrow (71°25' N) yesterday:
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S109420025>



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Activity Schedule

