



THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Mid-June 2025



Above: Osprey parent caring for three chicks, from *Lou Newman*
(See his blog below.)

Dear Members,

Will you join our dedicated garden crew for a morning workday tomorrow, June 18, at 7:00 a.m. -- keeping ahead of the heat?
See our Garden Gate section below for details.

Or come on out on Friday, June 20, for a Pollinator Walk & Bio Blitz with Kiley Wilson, also in the gardens at 9:00 a.m.

Monthly meetings resume in October.

Enjoy your summer! It will be so fun to hear of everyone's adventures and all of the amazing rare species from around the world that you've seen when we gather in the fall.

Best,

Sara Reisinger
Sarasota Audubon President
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Volunteers Needed July 4 Weekend at N. Lido Black Skimmer Nest Colony!

The Shorebird Babies need you!

July 4 is a Friday, but we desperately need volunteer nest-watchers for the entire holiday weekend, Thursday through Sunday, to monitor and protect the Black Skimmer colony.

If you can help, contact Evan Powers. [Click here now!](#)



Stars, Stripes, and Skimmers

Email Evan Powers to sign up
evan.powers@audubon.org



Black Skimmers. Photo: Dan Ion/Audubon Photography Awards

Volunteer stewards needed on the beaches during the July 4th weekend!

No experience necessary. Help sea and shorebirds keep their chicks safe over the busy beach weekend.

**I Can Help Bird Steward July 4
Weekend**

Quad Parcels Receive \$1–Million Gift



RE-WILDING THE QUAD PARCELS



Above: The re-wilding vision for the SE Quad Parcel

An anonymous donor has gifted Sarasota Audubon and Big Waters Land Trust \$1 million towards re-wilding the Quad Parcels at the Celery Fields. The design for the SE parcel targets five imperiled species of birds and two of bats with plantings carefully selected based on the needs of these and other local and migratory birds. The SE quad will also provide public access for thousands of annual local, national, and international visitors with ADA-accessible footpaths and a boardwalk to a shaded structure for wildlife viewing over the newly created pond.

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[Herald-Tribune Article](#)

[Donate to Re-Wild the Quads](#)

Notes from the Nature Center



Above: Blue Jay, a common summer bird sighting *Allan Woolway*

It sure is quiet around here with the visitors and volunteers and migratory birds gone. Sure, summer's a great time to get some projects done around the house and enjoy a free sauna, courtesy of extreme Florida heat and humidity, but seriously, who are you supposed to talk to? Not to worry; you can still socialize at the Celery Fields!

Summer Wingspan: If you're one of the many fans of the game Wingspan, don't worry that you'll be cut off over the summer. We'll continue to hold games at the Nature Center on Wednesdays at 12:30 and Thursdays at 6 o'clock. See Wingspan section below for details.

Florida Young Birders Club: For the under-18 crowd looking for company this summer, consider joining the [Florida Young Birders Club](#), where you can meet other young birders.

Summer Garden Day June 18: 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. to beat the heat. Arrive/leave anytime. We still need gardeners to keep our native

plant gardens looking their best. See Garden Gate section below for details.

Outdoors are open: Slather on sunscreen, grab a wide-brimmed hat, and come take a walk. Or get up early to visit before the sun gets too intense. The property is open every day of the year from dawn until dusk.

See you outdoors!

Kim Sullivan, Building Manager

There's more: Read Full Text of Kim's
NOTES



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Our [Garden Manager Stacy Perry](#) will be happy to show you what needs to be done. Email her with any questions.

Stacy Perry, Garden Manager

Pollinator Walk & Bio Blitz with Kylie Wilson

Friday, June 20, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources

Pollinator Week Garden Walk

At Sarasota Audubon Society at the Celery Fields



WHAT: POLLINATOR GARDEN WALK

Celebrate Pollinator Week by taking a guided walk through the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center pollinator garden. A Sarasota County environmental specialist will lead the tour, pointing out pollinator plants and the pollinators, such as butterflies and birds, that depend on them. An iNaturalist bioblitz will also be open for prizes to the top contributors! Scan the QR code to join:

WHEN:

Friday, June 20, 9–11 a.m.

WHERE:

Celery Fields – Sarasota Audubon Nature Center
6799 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota



<https://bit.ly/4e4ES6B>

No registration required. Free program suitable for ages 5 and up.

For more information, call 311 or 941-861-PARK (7275).

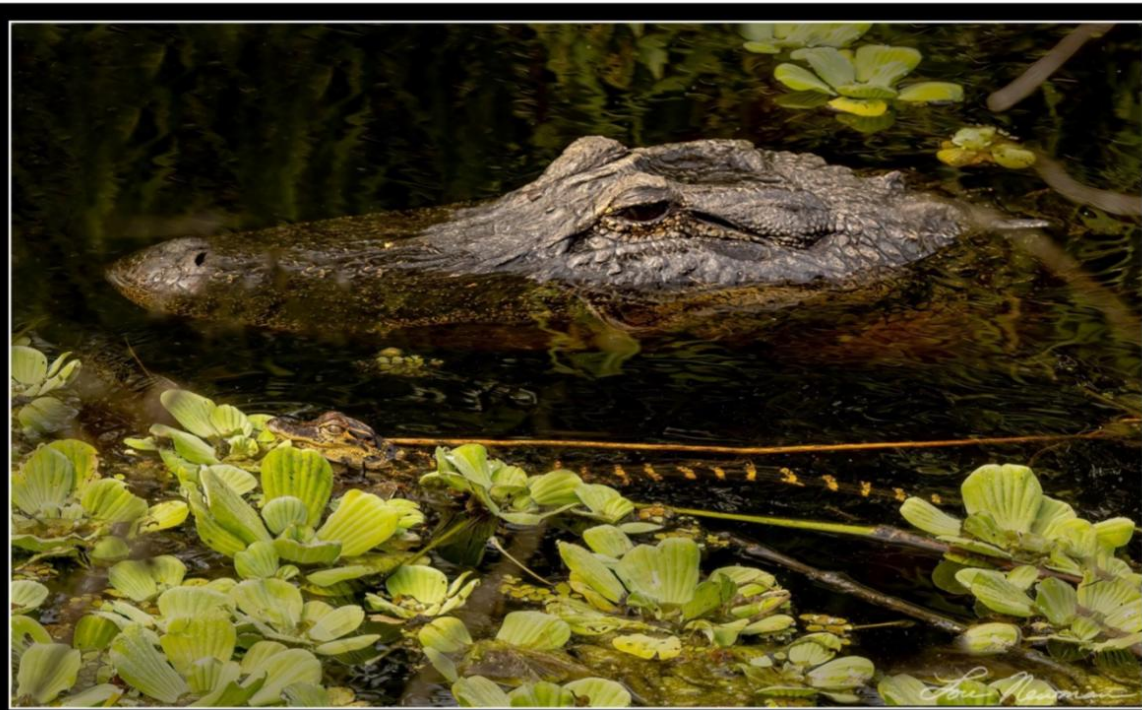
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PARKS



Sarasota County prohibits discrimination in all services, programs and activities. View the complete policy at scgov.net (keywords ADA compliance).

Public schools are permitted to make information available to parents regarding student activities offered by not-for-profit organizations. The School Board of Sarasota County provides this information as a service to students and their families. Distribution of this information does not constitute an endorsement of these activities.

Bird Blog: Parents Caring for their Young
by Lou Newman



You guessed it, more than just bird parents in this blog. Click below to see all the babies: birds, ducks, deer, and gators!

All the Photos and Lou Newman's
Blog

Purple Martin Nest Checks Continue 10 a.m Thursday and Sunday Mornings

10 a.m. Sunday and Thursday

Note the earlier start time, as the weather warms up, we protect ourselves!

Join us at the Nature Center at 10 a.m. on Sunday and Thursday mornings to learn about the fascinating life cycle of the Purple Martin.

Earth Day participants got a treat with a rare Saturday nest count. Chicks were almost ready to fledge!

If you are interested in becoming a



part of the Nest Check Team, click below to let Terry know you can help! We need volunteers until the birds move north, through mid-July.

**Volunteer to Check
Nests**



Jeanne Dubi Scholarship



Above: Lucy Thomas,
Jeanne Dubi Scholarship recipient
2024-28

Lucy Thomas is the Jeanne Dubi Scholarship recipient for fall 2024. The scholarship is awarded every four years, renewable annually at \$2000 per year.

Lucy just completed her first year at the University of South Florida majoring in biology. After sending in her year-end report and her transcripts, the scholarship committee (Karen Willey, Marcy Klein, and Mike Dubi) approved the second-year renewal.

Lucy graduated from Venice High School, where she was in Barry Rossheim's Zoology club for two years before he died. Lucy took over the club for the next two years. She is an outstanding student and well worthy of the scholarship.

Calling All Potential Wingspan Players!
Wednesday Afternoons for All,
Thursday Evenings for Experienced Players



Come join us for Wingspan, the Game. Show up for the afternoon session, and we'll teach you the ropes. Evenings for experienced players only.

Wingspan is free to play, and we have plenty of copies of the game for everyone to participate. All Sarasota Audubon members age 18+ are welcome.

Daytime Schedule for Summer (newbies welcome):

- Every Wednesday at 12:30 P.M.

All games start at 12:30 p.m. in the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center at the Celery Fields: 999 Center Road, Sarasota

If you'd like to participate, please [email Lynn](#) before the next game to let us know you're going to be there.

Wingspan Evening Sessions – Oceana Edition: For you night owls or holders of day jobs, Stacy Perry will be hosting Wingspan games on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. Experienced players only at these sessions, please.

Evening Schedule for March (experienced players):

- Every Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

All games start at 6 p.m. in the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center at the Celery Fields: 999 Center Road, Sarasota

If you'd like to participate, please [email Stacy](#) before the next evening game to let us know you're going to be there.

Report Roseate Spoonbill Sightings!

**Give Scientists
a Leg Up!**

 **Audubon** | FLORIDA



Report Banded Spoonbill Sightings

Learn more at audubon.org/florida/spoonbills

Photo: Andrew McCullough/Audubon Photography Awards

Audubon Florida's Everglades Science Center team is calling on bird enthusiasts across the state to search for Roseate Spoonbills and report banded birds. Each band re-sight will win a special sticker and contribute to critical population data for this iconic Florida species.

This is especially important in our area because as sea-level rise transforms South Florida's fringe of wetlands into open ocean, Roseate Spoonbills are moving north.

**Report A
Sighting**

Learn More Here

**The Last Word Is Graphic:
Tiny Part
Bird and Moon by Rosemary Mosco**

Sometimes I go looking for



a tiny part of the universe.

This part only takes up as much space as:



half an apple



a salt shaker



or 2 ping pong balls.

But somehow, in an unfathomably huge universe,



this one tiny part



can fill up my
whole heart.



birdandmoon.com

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