

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY LUNCH: Wed. Dec 10 11:45.
Palm Aire County Club, 5601 Country
Club Way \$38 **Reservations required.**
Register at www.sarasotaaudubon.org

SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Satur-
day, Dec. 27 Aaron Virgin
(eastendbirder@gmail.com)

EAGLE NEST TOURS: Feb 7 and 14 8-
11:30 am Join a Bald Eagle specialist to
see nests and eaglets. Meet at Nature
Center to board the bus. \$60 **Reserva-
tions required.** Register at Sara-
sotaaudubon.org Sydney Swallow
941-312-6533

CAREFREE LEARNER: Boat tours to
Roberts Bay Rookery Tue Mar 24 or
Mon Apr 6, 11:15-1:15. \$30 **Reservations
required.** For more information and
registration www.sarasotaaudubon.org

BIRDS & BREWS Join us at Big Top
Brewery for a fun evening talking birds
over local brews. 3045 Fruitville Commons
Blvd. 6 pm Nov 19, Jan 21, March 25

SAS & MAS Sarasota and Manatee
Audubons combine for fun bird walks, so-
cializing, and snacks. Come meet your
fellow birders at our signature locations.
Sat Nov 15 Celery Fields 8:30 am and Sat
Mar 7 Felts Preserve 6 pm

NATURE JOURNALING at the Nature
Center with Sarah Denison of Big Waters
Land Trust. Sat. April 25 9-12 am reser-
vations required: sarasotaaudubon.org

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE OR VISIT OUR WEB-
SITE FOR COMPLETE
DETAILS!
SARASOTAAUDUBON.ORG**

NATURE CENTER EVENTS

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANTS WORKSHOPS

Jan 10 (Part 1) and Feb 14 (Part 2) March 14
(Part 3) 9 am - Noon Native Plant Landscape
Designer and Eco Artist Pam Callender will
teach us why native plant gardening is so vital
to our local landscape and how everyone can
incorporate natives into their yards.

FLY WILD WITH SARASOTA AUDUBON : a
Family Day of Birds, Nature, and Exploration
Sat Feb 21 9am-2pm Celebrate SAS with us!
Celery Fields walks and talks, kids' activities,
garden walks, native plant sale, birdathon, food
trucks & more. FREE! Check out our website
for details.

BLUEBIRDS, BLUEBIRDS, BLUEBIRDS!

Sat April 18 1 pm Join Jim Nichols, President
of the Florida Bluebird Society for a presenta-
tion on these beautiful jewels.

BIRDING 101-BEGINNING BIRDING

Join Jamie Rotenberg on your new hobby ad-
venture! Learn how to identify birds, use binoc-
ulars, etc. Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 24 or Mar 10
2-3:30 pm Registration required.

BIRDING 201-INTERMEDIATE BIRDING

Continue your learning quest with advanced
instruction from Jamie Rotenberg. Dec 20, Jan
24, Feb 21, or Apr 11. 3:30-5 pm.
Birding 101 or instructor permission required.
Registration online.

Photography Workshop Mar 14 9 am.
Forrest Rowland will share his knowledge and
experience in bird photography. Registration
required. See website for location.

Avian Field Methods

Practical field skills used by professional avian
biologists - for experienced birders.
Session #1 Nov 6 2:00-3:30 pm and Nov 8
3:30-5:00 pm (two classes per session, taught
by Jamie Rotenberg)
Session #2 Jan 8 2:00-3:30 pm and Jan 10
3:30-5:00 pm (two classes taught by Margi
Haas) Registration required.

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

Meetings/Programs: All meetings avail-
able through **ZOOM** only. **Sign up on the
website. Time: 7:00pm**

Oct 13 : **Rebecca Heisman** will report on
the fascinating history of bird migration
and on her new book Flight Paths.

Nov 10: **Christopher M. Heckscher** re-
ports on how his research on Veery
Thrush reproduction and migration pre-
dicts hurricane seasons.

Dec 8: **Forrest Rowland**, field ornithol-
ogist and Rockjumper bird guide will
share his list of "The World's Best Birds."

Jan 12: **Joanna X.Wu**, ornithologist with
The Galbatross Project reports on the
importance of identifying and studying
female bird populations.

Feb 9: **Jonathan Meiburg**: join this
world expert on Caracaras and author of
A Most Remarkable Creature.

Mar 9: **Tammy & Dave McQuade**, the
renowned Florida-based champion bird-
ers, take us on their latest birding adven-
ture **Chasing the North America 2025
Big Year Record.**

Apr 13: **Tina Morris** regales us with **Re-
turn to the Sky - Bald Eagle Reintro-
duction** based on her recent book re-
counting her successful project with bald
eagles in New York state.

Note: Tina will be speaking to us **LIVE** at
First Congregational United Church of
Christ, 1031 S. Euclid Ave. 7 pm

May 11: **Benjamin Dimmitt**, conservation
photographer will discuss his book on
Florida's vanishing wetlands **An Un-
flinching Look: Elegy for Wetlands.**

SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

www.sarasotaaudubon.org

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and enjoyment of birds and wildlife.

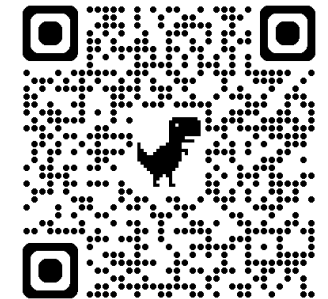


ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

2025/2026

SAS NATURE CENTER: Open 9-noon
Fri, Sat, Sun in October. Nov 1-April 5
9 am-noon. Extended weekend hours
until 3 pm from Jan 1-April 5. Displays,
kids' corner, information, gift shop, native
plant gardens, feeders, butterflies, gaze-
bo, etc.!

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



Scan this code for details of all our events!

ACTIVITIES AT THE CELERY FIELDS

Celery Fields Walks

*All walks meet at the Nature Center
unless otherwise indicated .*

First Mondays Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2; 2 pm;
Margi Haas & Mary Alice Curtiss
(mhaas@pipeline.com)

Second Mondays Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9,
Apr 13; 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885) &
Mary Alice Curtiss Meet at Raymond Rd.
boardwalk.

Third Wednesdays Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18,
Mar 18, Apr 22 (4th Wednesday); 9 am;
Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

First Thursdays Feb 5, Mar 5, April 2; 9
am; Lynn Jakubowicz(lynn234@verizon.net)

First Saturdays Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4;
9 am; Kylie Wilson Kwilson@scgov.net

Fourth Saturdays Jan 24, Feb 28; Mar 28,
Apr 25; 9 am; Peter Brown (207- 994-
9885) and Evelyn MacQueen.

Third Sundays Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan18, Feb
15, Mar 15, Apr 19; 8 am; Kathryn Young
(Kathwren4@gmail.com) Meet at Raymond
Boardwalk.

Florida Young Birders Club

(fybc@sarasotaaudubon.org) Sophia Haakman
1. **Florida Scrub-jay Walk:** Jon Thaxton, Sun
Nov 16, 8:30 am. Oscar Scherer State Park
2. **Bay Street Park :**Tom Litteral of Venice
Audubon, Sat Dec 6, 8:30 am
3. **Owl Walk:** nature photographer David
Schwab, Sun Jan 25, 4:30 pm, Pinecraft Park
4. **North Lido Park** and shorebird nesting
site bird walk: Kylie Wilson, Sun May 31, 8:30
am

MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS

Members Meet and Greet - Meet
your fellow members face to face!
Greet your board members and enjoy
a short presentation by a local envi-
ronmentalalist. Light refreshments. Nov
12, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11 2-3:30
pm in the Nature Center. Visit our
website for presentation details.

Bird Trivia Fun-Test your bird
knowledge with trivia games. Second
Tuesdays Jan– April 2 pm Light re-
freshments.

Wingspan – At the Nature Center.
Learn about birds and their habitats,
food, nests, etc. while playing a com-
petitive game. First and Third
Wednesdays of each month. 12:30 pm
Beginners welcome. RSVP to Lynn
Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Evening Wingspan for Experienced
players: Thursdays 6 pm. Visit our
website for exact dates and sign-up.

Purple Martins -Thursdays and Sun-
days - March and April at 10 or 11am.
Join us when we take down the houses
to count eggs and baby birds, and do
nest maintenance. (Weather dependent)
Questions? Call the Nature Center at
941-312-6533 for exact times.

Celery Fields Cleanups: Help
keep our area garbage free! 9 am;
Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 7, Feb 18
Shelley Yarosh
(shelleyyarosh@gmail.com)

OTHER GUIDED WALKS

Oscar Scherer State Park 3rd & 4th
Thursdays Nov-Mar (not 11/27 and 12/25)
8:30 am Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

Pinecraft Park Fri Oct 3 9 am; John Gros-
kopf (941-726-8816)

Glebe Park Fri Oct 17 8 am; Alena Capek
and Mary Alice Curtiss (571-216-1377)

Ft Desoto Sun Oct 19 7:30 am Forrest
Rowland rowbird2005@gmail.com
Registration required. See website.

Red Bug Slough Sun Oct 26 8 am; John
Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Longboat Key Shorebirds Sun Nov 2; 8
am; Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris

Myakka River State Park Wed Dec 3; 8:15
am; Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris

Lakeview Park Wed Jan 7 9 am; Lynn
Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Nathan Benderson Park Fri Jan 16, 8 am
Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

Sunset Photography Walk Thurs Jan 22
4:30-6 pm Celery Fields
Mary Alice Curtiss (macurtiss@me.com)

Nathan Benderson Park Mon Jan 26
8 am Bicycling/birding trip Helen King (850-
556-2950) & Kathryn Young

Red Bug Slough Thur Jan 29 8:30 am; Lynn
Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

James L Patton Park LWR - Sun Feb 1
8-10 am Aaron Virgin (941-773-0185) and
Lisa Sykes

Lido Beach and Woods Wed Feb 4
8 am Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy
Paris

Siesta Key Shorebirds Tues Feb 10
8 am Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

Heron's Nest Nature Park
LWR - Wed Feb 25 8-10 am
Mary Alice Curtiss (macurtiss@me.com)
and Joanne Mainberger

Beginning Birder Siesta Key Shorebirds
Fri Mar 6 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-
9885) & Helen King

Myakka Bridge/Crowley Nature Center
Fri Mar 20 7:30 am Sharon Wilcox
swilcox@fastmail.fm

Jean Blackburn's Gardens & Feeders
Thu Mar 26 9 am reservations required
(jblackburn1151@gmail.com)

Duette Preserve Wed April 1 Forrest
Rowland rowbird2005@gmail.com
Registration required. See website

Old Miakka Preserve Wed Apr 8
8 am; Cathy Paris and Stu Wilson
(512-897-8341)

N. Longboat/Leffis Key Wed Apr 15
8 am Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and
Cathy Paris

Glebe Park Mon Apr 20 8 am John
Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Pinecraft Park Sat May 2 9am John
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