

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**HOLIDAY LUNCH:** Wed. Dec 10 11:45. Palm Aire County Club, 5601 Country Club Way \$38 **Reservations required.** Register at [www.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org)

**SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Saturday, 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 **Reservations required.** Register at [Sarasotaudubon.org](http://Sarasotaudubon.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.sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.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, socializing, 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 reservations required: [sarasotaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaudubon.org)

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## 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 presentation on these beautiful jewels.

### **BIRDING 101-BEGINNING BIRDING**

Join Jamie Rotenberg on your new hobby adventure! Learn how to identify birds, use binoculars, 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 available 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** reports on how his research on Veery Thrush reproduction and migration predicts hurricane seasons.

Dec 8: **Forrest Rowland**, field ornithologist 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 the Crested Caracara and author of A Most Remarkable Creature.

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

Apr 13: **Tina Morris** regales us with **Return to the Sky - Bald Eagle Reintroduction** based on her recent book recounting 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 Unflinching Look: Elegy for Wetlands.

## **SARASOTA**

## **AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240**

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Dedicated to the protection, conservation 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, 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-April 30.



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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

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

**First Saturdays** Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4; 9 am; Kylie Wilson [kwilson@scgov.net](mailto: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, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19; 8 am; Kathryn Young ([kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)) Meet at Raymond Boardwalk.

## Florida Young Birders Club

([fybc@sarasotaudubon.org](mailto:fybc@sarasotaudubon.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 environmentalist. 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 refreshments.

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

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

**Purple Martins** -Thursdays and Sundays - 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](mailto: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 Groskopf (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

**Heron's Nest Nature Park** LWR - Wed Feb 25 8-10 am Mary Alice Curtiss ([macurtiss@me.com](mailto: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](mailto:swilcox@fastmail.fm)

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

**Duette Preserve** Wed April 1 Forrest Rowland [rowbird2005@gmail.com](mailto:rowbird2005@gmail.com) Registration required. See website

**Old Myakka 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 Groskopf (941-726-8816)

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