

2009 - 2010 Monthly Meetings

Program meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday, and are held at The Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg (unless otherwise noted). Programs are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Call 384-0027 for directions.

Sept. 15 - "PROJECT EAGLEWATCH" - Barb Walker, Clearwater Audubon Society

Oct. 20 - "FLORIDA COYOTES - SAFELY CO-EXISTING WITH A PREDATOR" - Jeanne Murphy, co-owner of Sensing Nature and instructor for Master Naturalist Course, Pinellas Co.

Nov. 17 - "HISTORY - FOUNDERS OF FLORIDA AUDUBON" - Leslie Kemp Poole, Adjunct Professor of Environmental Studies, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

Dec. 8, (Tues.) - CONSERVATION CELEBRATION - Pinellas County Extension, 12521 Ulmerton Rd., Largo (joint meeting with FL Native Plant Society)

Jan. 19 - "SAGA OF THE WHOOPING CRANE" - John Canter, author and researcher, member of Int'l Crane Foundation & Whooping Crane Conservation Assoc.

Feb. 16 - "CONSERVATION OF SPARROWS IN FLORIDA GRASSLANDS," - Marianne Korosy, PhD candidate in conservation biology, UCF

Mar. 16 - "EVERGLADES/SPOONBILLS" - Jerome Lorenz, State Research Director, Audubon of Florida

Apr. 24 - ANNUAL PICNIC - Shelter 15. 1 p.m. following the Round Robin event.

WILDLIFE PROTECTION - Birds and other wildlife, with few exceptions, are protected by Federal and State law. Severe fines and/or imprisonment can result from disturbing birds, nests, eggs and young.

Use of firearms and BB guns is illegal in all of Pinellas County. Violators should be reported to the sheriff's office by calling 582-6200.

We invite you to join us!

Your membership dues make you a member of the National Audubon Society, Audubon of Florida, and St. Petersburg Audubon. You will receive National's *AUDUBON* magazine, Audubon of Florida's *FLORIDA NATURALIST*, and St. Petersburg Audubon's monthly newsletter, *WINGSPAN*. Your participation in field trips, programs, volunteer efforts and conservation advocacy is most welcome.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP

\$20.00 (New membership only)

Please enroll me as a member in the National Audubon Society. Start my subscription to *AUDUBON* magazine & send my membership card.

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National Audubon occasionally makes its membership list available to carefully selected organizations whose mailings you may find interesting. To have your name omitted from this list, please check here.

I would also like to help my local chapter. I have a special interest and/or skills in:

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A Century of Advocacy

The St. Petersburg Audubon Society (SPAS) was created in 1909 by Katherine Tippetts and others in response to the slaughter of millions of Florida's birds. Mrs. Tippetts helped establish 30 Florida bird sanctuaries beginning conservation efforts that continue today.

SPAS continues to provide conservation leadership and educational opportunities through field trips, monthly programs, advocacy and community involvement. Society funds provide for various projects including *Audubon Adventures* and the *Tina Tern* publication (elementary science curricula) in south Pinellas County. Scholarships to our own *Florida Ecology Camps* are awarded to local teachers. *Pinellas County Schools Science Fair* winners receive monetary awards. The December *Conservation Celebration*, a joint meeting with the Pinellas Native Plant Society, in collaboration with other local environmental organizations has become an important annual event.

An active conservation committee monitors and takes action on local, state and national conservation issues, pursuing environmentally-sound solutions. Since 1992, SPAS volunteers have monitored and protected key habitats for shorebirds on numerous beach areas including Shell Key, Eggmont Key, etc. SPAS concern for the plight of beach-nesting birds led to a comprehensive study and active participation which helped establish the Shell Key County Preserve. In partnership with Eckerd College, Pinellas County staff, and public land managers, bird stewards now mark and monitor beach and roof-top colonies, provide protection and public education on high beach-use weekends, and census breeding populations.

For more than 73 years, enthusiastic bird-watchers of all levels have collected data for the annual Pinellas Audubon Christmas Bird Count--the second oldest count in Florida. Additionally, birders now include participation in the semi-annual North American Migratory Bird Count.

WILDLIFE ALERT REWARD PROGRAM - In Florida there is a reward for promptly reporting wildlife problems, violations, and suspicious activities to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission - call toll free 888-404-3922.



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2009-2010 Annual Program, Field Trips and Special Events



Celebrating 100 Years of Conservation

The mission of the St. Petersburg Audubon Society is to promote environmental education and, through responsible activism, to protect, restore and preserve natural ecosystems for both people and wildlife.

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2009-2010 Field Trips & Special Events

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These field trips are open to anyone interested in birding, wildlife watching, photography and exploring Florida's natural areas. Advance registration is appreciated but not required, *except* for trips noted. For all birding field trips, unless otherwise stated, bring water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars and dress for the weather.

Please call Judi Hopkins, 727-526-3725 or e-mail focus997@verizon.net, as the contact person for ALL information, directions, reservations or concerns. For other trips/events, contact the person listed. Contact phone numbers are listed on page 1.

☐ **Sept. 12 - LAKE SEMINOLE**, 10015 Park Blvd., Seminole. "Breakfast with the Birds." 8 a.m., shelter #10. Contact Mauri Dietrich for reservations.

☐ **Sept. 19 - NORTH AMERICA MIGRATORY BIRD COUNT (NAMC)**. Birders needed throughout Pinellas County. Contact Don Margeson, 727-527-0227.

☐ **Sept. 26 - FT. DESOTO PARK, TIERRA VERDE**. Fall migration birding. Leader: Ron Smith. 8 a.m., flagpole at park headquarters.

☐ **Oct. 3 - FT. DESOTO PARK, TIERRA VERDE**. TERNS, TERNS, TERNS!--Leader: Ron Smith. 4 p.m., at the flagpole at park headquarters. JoJo's for dinner afterwards. Reservations: contact Judi Hopkins.

☐ **Oct. 3 - CROSS BAYOU CANAL/JOE'S CREEK CLEANUP & EDUCATIONAL EVENT**, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Pinellas County Watershed Management Division. Details: www.pinellascounty.org/sponsor/sponsor-30143.htm. Volunteers needed! Contact: Wanda Dean.

☐ **Oct. 10 - HONEYMOON ISLAND**. Leader: Dave Gagne. 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot behind McDonald's, Bayshore Blvd. (Alt.US 19) and Curlew Rd. (CR586), Dunedin. Bring a lunch.

☐ **Oct. 17 - JOHN CHESNUT**, East Lake Blvd., Palm Harbor. 8 a.m., first restroom on left after stop sign.

☐ **Oct. 23 & 24 - AUDUBON ASSEMBLY**. Feather Sound, Carillon Park Hilton. Details: www.audubonofflorida.org.

☐ **Nov. 7 and 8 - ART ARBOR FESTIVAL AT BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE**, 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg. Contact Wanda Dean to volunteer at our booth.

☐ **Nov. 14 - CELERY FIELDS**, Palmer Blvd., Sarasota. Meet exit 220 off interstate 75 south, Cracker Barrel Restaurant, south side of parking lot. 6 a.m. for breakfast/7:00 a.m. departure. Leader: Jeanne Dubi.

☐ **Dec. 19 - ANNUAL SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**. Call Don Margeson to volunteer for a full day of birding, 727-527-0227. Countdown dinner at 6 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2285 Ulmerton Rd., Feather Sound.

☐ **Jan. 1 - RICH PAUL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRDING OPEN**. Ft. DeSoto Park, Tierra Verde, 6 a.m. to noon. All donations benefit Audubon of Florida's Coastal Island Sanctuary. Create a team or bird on your own. Prizes awarded in various categories. Bring a bag lunch, drinks, and a dessert to share. Shelter #13.

☐ **Jan. 9 - ANNUAL DUCK HUNT**. Leader: Doug Clark. Meet at JoJo's Restaurant, 1130 Pinellas Bayway, Tierra Verde, (before the duck ponds and fire station). 7:30 a.m. Lunch at JoJo's. Reservations: contact Judi Hopkins.

☐ **Feb. 12, 13 & 14 - GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT**. Contact Maureen Arnold to sign up.

☐ **Feb. 13, 20, & 27 - SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS AREA**, 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Pete. 8 a.m. at the admin. building. On 114th Ave. make an immediate right to the admin. building. Good chance to see wintering gulls, shorebirds and migrants. Limited to 10 participants each trip. Contact Judi Hopkins for preferred date.

☐ **Mar. 13 - FLORIDA SPECIALTIES BUS TRIP**. One trip you don't want to miss! Join Dave Goodwin and Mauri Dietrich for a daylong bus trip to look for 8-10 target birds rarely found anywhere else, plus learn a lot of history about Florida along the way. Forever Florida will be our stop for lunch again this year, included in price of \$75 per person. Call Mauri Dietrich for reservations & information.

☐ **Mar. 13 & 14 - BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE WILDLIFE WEEKEND**. 1101 Country Club Way S., St. Petersburg. Contact Wanda Dean to volunteer at our booth.

☐ **Mar. 26-28 - AUDUBON ACADEMY AT THE PARAMOUNT PLAZA** on the south side of Gainesville. The venue is conveniently located just two turns off I-75. www.ParamountPlaza.com. Watch newsletter for details.

☐ **Mar. 27 - J. B. STARKEY WILDERNESS PARK** Entrance via Wilderness Pk. Blvd, New Port Richey. 8 a.m. at information kiosk, on right-hand side going into park.

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☐ **Apr. 17 - MARINE QUEST**, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute open house, 100-8th Ave., S.E., St Petersburg. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Wanda Dean to volunteer.

☐ **Apr. 24 - FT. DESOTO PARK, TIERRA VERDE**. Round Robin Birding. 8 a.m. at the flagpole at park headquarters. Maximize the birding potential of 4 different locations in the park. Leader: Lee Snyder.

☐ **May 8 - NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATORY BIRD COUNT (NAMC)**. All levels of birders needed to count species throughout Pinellas County. Contact Don Margeson, to volunteer, 727-527-0227.

☐ **May 9 - COFFEEPOT BAYOU BIRD ISLAND BOAT TRIP**. \$25. Get a close look at an island rookery at the height of nesting season. Meet at the St. Pete Pier by the bait house at 6:30 p.m. Reservations: call Alice Tenney.

☐ **May-July SURVEY OF BEACH/ROOFTOP NESTING BIRDS** To volunteer call Dave Kandz.



Saturday Morning

1101 Country Club Way S., St. Pete, on these dates:

Sept. 5; Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 5; Jan. 2; Feb. 6; Mar. 6; Apr. 3; May 1.

Join Ron Smith at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center for a guided walk through this rare piece of preserved St. Petersburg.

Join us for our 73rd annual Christmas Bird Count on December 19!

Call Don Margeson to volunteer for a full day of birding, 527-0227. Countdown dinner at 6 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2285 Ulmerton Rd., Feather Sound.

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3 Great Getaways! Reservations Required

Jan. 16-18 - HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK ST. PK., camping, 3 days/2 nights. Contact Mauri Dietrich. Space is limited to tent camping only.

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Nov. 26-29 - PANHANDLE BIRDING EXCURSION. Four days in the Florida panhandle searching for sparrows, ducks & raptors. Visit Wakulla Springs, St. George Island SP, Bald Point SP, St Mark's NWR, Alligator Point and others. Space limited. Leader: Ron Smith. Call Judi Hopkins.

Jan. 30 - STA 5 CLEWISTON. Meet at the Clewiston Inn, 108 Royal Palm Ave. 7:15 a.m. to car pool. Leader: Lee Snyder. Call Judi Hopkins.

Shorebirds!

with Maureen Arnold & John Ogden

Learn to ID those little brown creatures scurrying on the beach. Classes in Jan/Feb. Watch newsletter for details. Call Maureen 727-577-0448 to register.



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