

SPECIAL EVENTS

BIG SIT: Sun, Oct 13 Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 ft circle. Contact Reenie Ram at Reenieramphotography@aol.com.

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

MYAKKA RIVER SP CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Monday, Dec. 16 Belinda Perry (bperry51@verizon.net)

SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Saturday, Dec. 28 Aaron Virgin (eastendbirder@gmail.com)

EAGLE NEST TOURS: Feb 8 and 15 8am-11:30 Join a Bald Eagle specialist to see nests and eaglets. Meet at Nature Center to board the bus. \$50 **Reservations required.** Register at Sarasotaaudubon.org Jane (jruf105@gmail.com)

CAREFREE LEARNER: Boat tours to Roberts Bay Rookery Tue Mar 25 or Mon Apr 7, 11:15-1:15. \$30 **Reservations required.** For more information and registration www.sarasotaaudubon.org

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NATURE CENTER EVENTS

PATIO SALE

Jan 18 & 19 9 am -3 pm
Books, Bird houses & feeders, knick-knacks, & more.

BASIC WILDLIFE RESCUE WORKSHOP

Sat., Dec 7 9 am at the Nature Center
Donation requested to benefit Wildlife Rescue of SW Florida.
Wildlife rescuers will demonstrate basic rescue protocols & what we can do to help injured wildlife.

BEACH NESTING MONITORING WORKSHOP

Sat, April 5 9 am \$5 donation
Join Holley Short of Audubon FL, who will explain why we monitor for shorebirds and what you can do to help make their nesting season successful.

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANTS WORKSHOPS

Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12. 9 am
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.

SARASOTA AUDUBON DAY

Sat Feb 22 9am-2pm Celebrate SAS with us! Celery Fields walks and talks, kids' activities, garden walks, & more. Check out our website for details.

EARTH DAY

Join us Sat Apr 26 from 9-2 pm as we enjoy our part of the earth: the Celery Fields, gardens, and its flora and fauna. Walks, kids' activities, etc.

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

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

Oct 14 Cancelled due to Hurricane Milton recovery and cleanup.

Nov 11 **Anders Gyllenhaal** talks about his extensively researched book *A Wing and a Prayer: The Race to Save Our Vanishing Birds*.

Dec 9 **Scott Harris** reports on his big year raptor photography quest across 34 states.

Jan 13 **Sophie Osborn**, biologist, discusses her reintroduction work with condors and other imperiled birds and her intriguing new book *Feather Trails*.

Feb 10 **Jamie Rotenberg**, ecologist, details his discovery of the northernmost Harpy Eagles' nest in the Belize rainforests.

Mar 10 **Jared Del Rosso**, birder and so-cologist, talks about Whip-poor-wills, the subject of his upcoming book, and about other nightjars - Common Nighthawks and Chuck-will's Widows.

Apr 14 **Tammy & Dave McQuade**, the renowned Florida-based champion birders, take us on their latest birding adventure.

May 12 **Megan Suau**, architect, speaks about her gorilla conservation work on the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund in Rwanda.

SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dedicated to the protection, conservation and enjoyment of birds and wildlife.



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2024 / 2025

SAS NATURE CENTER: Open every day, Oct 1- May 31, 9 am to 12 pm. Open until 3 pm on weekends, Jan 4 -April 13. 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, Oct 1-April 30.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CELERY FIELDS

Celery Fields Walks

All walks meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise indicated .

First Mondays Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7; 2 pm; Margi Haas & Mary Alice Curtiss (mhaas@pipeline.com)

Second Mondays Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14; 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885.) Meet at Raymond Rd. boardwalk.

First Thursdays Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6; 8 am; Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Third Thursdays Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20; 2-4 pm; Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Fourth Thursdays Nov 28, Dec 26, Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24; 8 am; Kathryn Young (education @sarasotaaudubon.org) Learn how to find birds by song, calls, ID and habitats. Meet at Raymond Boardwalk.

First Saturdays Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5; 9 am; Kylie Wilson (941-266-5407)

Fourth Saturdays Jan 25, Feb 22; Mar 22, Apr 26; 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885) and Evelyn MacQueen.

Florida Young Birders Club Dec 1, Dec 29; 9 am; Sophia Haakman (haakmanfl@gmail.com)

Members Meet and Greet - A way for our members to see each other face to face! Meet your board members and enjoy a short presentation by a local environmentalist. Light refreshments. Nov 20, Jan 15, Mar 19; 2-3:30 pm in the Nature Center.

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.

Kids' Art Day - Sat Nov 30 & Sat Mar 22. Kids ages 3-12 are welcome to create a nature-themed project. 9 am

Wingspan –Join us at the Nature Center. 12:30 pm Learn about birds and their habitats, food, nests, etc. while playing a competitive game. Oct 2 & 16, Nov 6 & 21, Dec 4 & 18, Jan 2 & 17, Feb 5 & 19, Mar 5 & 21, Apr 2 & 16, May 7 & 21. Beginners welcome. RSVP to Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Celery Fields Cleanups: Help keep our area garbage free! 9 am; Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10 Shelley Yarosh(shelleyyarosh@gmail.com)

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OTHER GUIDED WALKS

Oscar Scherer State Park 3rd and 4th Thursdays Nov-Mar; 8:30 am; Cynthia Huesman (birdingcyn@gmail.com) & Rob Gonzalez

Pinecraft Park Fri Oct 4 9 am; John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Glebe Park Fri Oct 18 8 am; John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Red Bug Slough Sun Oct 27 8 am; John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Longboat Key Shorebirds Sun Nov 3; 8 am; Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris

Siesta Key Shorebirds Tue Nov 12; 8 am; Mary Heinlen (lagoonview@aol.com) & Helen King

Myakka River State Park Wed Dec 4; 8:15 am; Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris

Nathan Benderson Park Mon Dec 9 8 am Bicycling/birding trip Helen King (850-556-2950) & Kathryn Young

Lakeview Park Wed Jan 8 8 am; Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net)

Nathan Benderson Park Fri Jan 17 8 am Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

Perico Preserve Mon Feb 10 8 am Kathy Doddridge (941-705-3862) kathydoddridge56@gmail.com

Siesta Key Shorebirds Tues Feb 11 8 am Mary Heinlen(lagoonview@aol.com) & Claire Herzog

Red Bug Slough Wed Feb 12; 8 am; Lynn Jakubowicz(lynn234@verizon.net)

N. Lido Beach and Woods Wed Feb 19 8 am Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & Cathy Paris

Robinson Preserve Tue Feb 25 8 am Kathy Doddridge (941-705-3862) kathydoddridge56@gmail.com

Beginning Birder Siesta Key Shorebirds Fri Mar 7 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885) & Helen King

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

Myakka Bridge/Crowley Nature Center Fri Apr 11 7:30 am Helen King (thekingsom@gmail.com)

Old Miakka Preserve Tues Apr 15 8 am; Matthew Press (mp939@cornell.edu)

N. Longboat/Leffis Key Wed Apr 16 8 am Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and Cathy Paris

Glebe Park Mon Apr 21 8 am John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Myakka River State Park Wed Apr 23 8:15 Matthew Press (mp939@cornell.edu)

Bay Street Park Mon Apr 28 8 am John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

Pinecraft Park Sat May 3 9am John Groskopf (941-726-8816)