



# THE BROWN PELICAN

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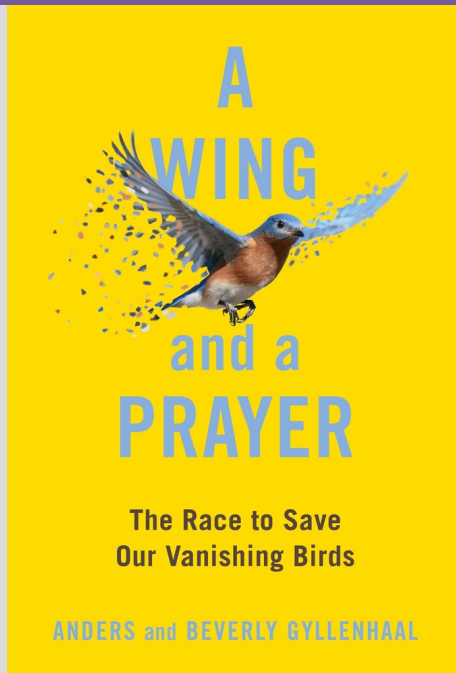
**Hello Sarasota Auduboners,**

Our thoughts are with all of members as we deal with the cleanup from Helene and the preparation for Milton. Mother Nature has dealt us a very tough couple of months. Fortunately, the Nature Center remains unscathed. We are hoping Milton will be the last of the season we have to face. We have so many wonderful programs to come this season and **the painted buntings made their return this week!** Please do not forget to register for the monthly meeting on October, 14. It will be a great opportunity to gather.

**Sarasota Audubon Nature Center  
Closed 10/5 - TBD (will assess after  
storm)**

## MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, Oct. 14 7:00 p.m. Zoom



### A Wing and a Prayer with Anders Gyllenhaal

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

**Veteran journalists, the Gyllenhaals** traveled more than 25,000 miles across the Americas, chronicling ways to save our beloved birds from the brink of extinction.

*A Wing and a Prayer* offers hope and an urgent call to action: Birds are dying at an unprecedented pace. But there are encouraging breakthroughs across the hemisphere and still time to change course, if we act quickly.



Beverly and Anders Gyllenhaal,  
Journalists, Authors

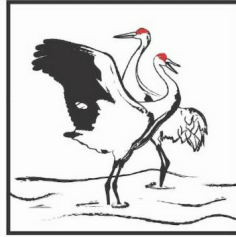
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## Notes from the Nature Center

While we have only been open a few days before needing to storm prep, the opening has been wonderful! It's been so nice seeing familiar faces again.

**Milton:** We will be prepping for the storm at the Nature Center and will keep everyone updated as we assess after the storm. We plan to open as soon as it is safe to do so.

**"I Climbed Mt. Celery" t-shirts:** Tell the world about your accomplishment by wearing our brand new t-shirt! Mt. Celery is pure cardio, rising up from the Celery Fields to a dizzying summit of 70 feet. If you've reached the peak, then you've earned the right to brag.



**SARASOTA AUDUBON NATURE CENTER**  
at the Celery Fields

**Sandhill crane shirts are back:** Our classic short-sleeve sandhill crane t-shirts are back by popular demand in the Gift Shop. These beautiful shirts have three images of sandhill cranes on a light gray background. Come get yours while they last!

[Volunteer Portal](#)

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**Volunteer for the Big Sit on Oct. 13, Raymond Road Boardwalk**



**The Big Sit**  
**Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024**  
Celery Fields Raymond Road Boardwalk: Looking for people to volunteer in four-hour shifts between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- First shift 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Second shift 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Third shift 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for birders with knowledge of the birds in the area of Celery Fields and ability to create a checklist on the eBird App.



## Upcoming Birding Events



### Florida Birding & Nature Festival

Oct. 17–20, 2024  
6650 Dickman Rd,  
Apollo Beach, FL

Four days of field and boat trips, expert seminars, keynote speakers, and a great free nature expo!

**Friday Keynote: David Allen Sibley!**

**Friday Evening October 18  
David Allen Sibley Keynote**

**Buffet Supper  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
Sun City Center**

**Fee: \$40 Keynote only  
Fees Vary for full Attendance**

**Reserve Tickets to Florida Birding & Nature Festival**

**Audubon Assembly:  
Celebrating 125 Years of  
Audubon in Florida**

Nov. 7–9, 2024  
Hilton Daytona Beach  
Oceanfront



Florida's premier conservation gathering, where grassroots leaders from around the state join Audubon's professional staff and partners to grow their networks and increase knowledge and skills to protect Florida's precious natural resources. Field trips, keynote speakers and learning sessions.

**Reserve Tickets to Audubon Assembly**

**Conservation: Our Changing Environment  
Radio Show with Steve Suau  
Stormwater in the Wake of TS Debby**

SARASOTA

## As flood waters swallow neighborhoods, frustrated Sarasota residents blame development



**Derek Gilliam**

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

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**Our Changing Environment on WSLR**

Hosts: Julie Morris & Jono Miller  
Guest: Steve Suau

Steve Suau, the former director of Sarasota County's Stormwater Environmental Utility and partner at Progressive Water Resources, joins Jono Miller and Julie Morris on "Our Changing Environment" to discuss flooding in all its forms, what happened in the wake of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Debby and what can be done.

**Listen to the Radio Show with Steve Suau  
talking Stormwater**



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