

Collier County Audubon Society

PROGRAMS & OUTINGS

Fall 2011 - Spring 2012



Our Programs are presented monthly from November through April at 7:30 pm. at **Naples Botanical Garden**, in **FGCU's Kapnick Education Center** building, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples (Off US41 near the Collier County Government Center. See directions on our website)

Our first Program is on November 15th and will also be our Annual Meeting.

CCAS members, non-members, and guests are welcome. There will be a \$3.00 charge for non-members, and donations are graciously accepted from members to help defray the cost of the auditorium. This is the fifth season of our Audubon Young Birders Club, ages 6-18, and the Young Birder Field Trips are also included in the calendar. We have some exciting **New Field Trips**, and are offering the ECO Kayak Outings again this season.

Tuesday, November, 15, 2011

The Coast in Motion

Speaker: Ted Below, Avian Ecologist
Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Sandhill & Whooping Cranes in Florida

Speaker: Marty Folk, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Woodpeckers in Florida

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Jackson, Professor of Ecological Sciences, FGCU

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Black Bears

Speaker: Joseph Bozzo, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Everglade Snail Kite

Speaker: Zach Welch, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

The Endangered Sawfish

Speaker: George Burgess, Director, Florida Program for Shark Research at Florida Museum of Natural History

Each Program will also feature a "**Bite**" about the Environment, Birds, or Places to visit right here in our own back yard. It's a new and exciting season so come join the fun!

Visit us online at www.collieraudubon.org

Address: 1020 8th Ave. South, Suite 2~Naples, FL~34102 (239)643~7822

Outing Guidelines:

All trips are open to anyone interested in birding, wildlife, exploring our natural areas or anyone who loves the outdoors. No reservations are necessary UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. Some fees may be required for reserved trips and may need to be paid in advance to insure a reservation. Please bring binoculars, field guides, water, snacks, insect repellent and sunscreen for all outings. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat. Please note that some trips may require shoes to get wet. No flip-flops on the trips please.

Remember to walk and speak quietly during the outings so as not to frighten the wildlife. **Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to departure to sign in.** Some walkie-talkies will be provided, so please make sure they are returned to the trip leader at the end of the trip. Carpooling is suggested for each outing when possible. All trips are subject to rescheduling or cancellation due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Details on possible changes will be posted on our website, www.collieraudubon.org, or in the newsletter. Any inquiries on any of our outings should be directed to the Audubon Office unless otherwise noted.

We will offer **ECO Kayak Tours** again this season with *Everglades Area Tours*. Audubon members will get special rates for these back to nature outings. See details on the enclosed insert.

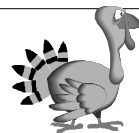
2011-2012 Adult Bird Outings at a Glance

(Descriptions of all Outings are on the following pages)

- ◇ **Saturday, November 12, 2011**– Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, November 19, 2011**– Marsh Trail (Oil Pad Rd.)/Kirby Storter Park/ Turner River Rd
- ◇ **Saturday, December 10, 2011**– Pepper Ranch/Lake Trafford, Immokalee, FL
- ◇ **112th Christmas Bird Count December 14, 2011—January 5, 2012**– Area Count Locations TBD
(check upcoming newsletter or website for more details)
- ◇ **Friday-Sunday, January 13-5 2012** -Southwest FL Nature Festival, Rookery Bay, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, January 21, 2012**— Freedom Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, January 28, 2012**—Panther Refuge and Bear Island Nature Trails
- ◇ **Saturday, February 4, 2012**—STA 5, Clewiston, FL
- ◇ **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**-Panther Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip
- ◇ **Thursday-Sunday, February 17-20, 2012**– Great Backyard Bird Count
- ◇ **Saturday, February 18, 2012**– Harn’s Marsh Preserve, Leigh Acres
- ◇ **Saturday, February 25, 2012** — Otter Mound & Tigertail Beach Lagoon, Marco Island
- ◇ **Saturday, March 3, 2012** — Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, March 3, 2012**– Everglades National Park, Homestead, FL
- ◇ **Saturday, March 10, 2012**— Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk & Janes scenic Drive, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday March 17, 2012**— Wakodahatchee Wetlands & Green Cay Wetlands, Delray Beach, FL
- ◇ **Saturday March 17, 2012**— Bird Science at FGCU, Estero FL (Join Young Birders for this FT)
- ◇ **Saturday, March 24, 2012**– Bonita Bay East Golf Club, Naples
- ◇ **Friday-Sunday March 28-31, 2012**— Big O Birding Fest, Clewiston & Moore Haven, FL
- ◇ **Monday, April 2, 2012**- Colliers Reserve Golf Course, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, April 7, 2012**– Panther Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip
- ◇ **Saturday, April 14, 2012**-Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ ***Saturday, August 11, 2012**-Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ ***Saturday, September 11, 2012**– Freedom Park, Naples
- ◇ ***Saturday, September 15, 2012**– STA5 Migration Count, Call Roberta for details, 239-775-4160
- ◇ ***Saturday, September 22, 2012**– Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk



****Please note that if any members would like to bird together in the summer other than the dates given, please e-mail the office, audubon@collieraudubon.org, and Lori will keep a list of those interested.***



Audubon Young Birders Club—Eagle Lakes Park

Saturday, November 5, 2011, 8:00am-11:00am

Young Birders is for children ages 6-18. Great birding location. Here you will discover two retention ponds with a boardwalk that attract 149 different species of birds including Moorhens, Gallinules, Swallows, Terns and Gulls.

Eagle Lakes Community Park is also listed on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Birding Trail.

Alan Murray will be our expert guide as we tour this area.

Directions: Meet at the parking lot on the left as you enter the Park. On US 41 East just west of Lely Resort entrance, you will see the large soccer field at front of the park. About 1.25 miles west of Collier Blvd.(951)

Sugden Park, East Naples

Saturday, November 12, 2011, 7:30am-12:00pm

One of Naples best kept secrets for a birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's Hawk Buntings, wading birds, warblers, eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches.

Directions: Park is located on US 41East(Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr./Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. Easy walk around the back of the lake on a paved path. Bathroom facilities at entrance to the park. Jackie Fresenius is trip leader.

Marsh Trail (Oil Pad Rd.)/Kirby Storter Park, East Naples

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 7:30am-12:00pm

We will bird the first part of the Marsh Trail, US 41 East, to the observation tower, then head to Kirby Storter Park. Often seen are water thrush, Worm Eating Warbler, hawks, and waders. All from dry ground or boardwalk.

Directions: Meet at Publix parking lot, Collier Blvd.,(951) & 41 East at 7:30am. Park away from the store entrance close to 951. Jackie Fresenius is trip leader.

ECO Kayak Outing– Birding, Dolphin & Photo Boat Tour

Third Wednesday Each Month starting on November 16, 2011, 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:30pm & 4:00pm-2 hour tour

Other Dates: Dec.21th, Jan.18th, Feb. 15th, March 21st, & April 18th

The entire Everglades area, including Everglades National Park, is a wonderful place for birding with over 300 species of birds seen throughout the year. Everglades National Park was established for its biological and ecological considerations rather than its geological features. Trip is limited to 6 people. Call the Everglades Area Tours @ 695-3633 for reservations & directions or e-mail info.evergladesareatours@gmail.com

See insert for more details.

ECO Kayak Outing– Everglades National Park Boat Assisted Kayak Eco Tour

Third Wednesday Each Month starting November 16, 2011, 9:00am & 1:30pm -3.5 hour tour

Other Dates: Dec.21th, Jan.18th, Feb. 15th, March 21st, & April 18th

This is Everglades Area Tours signature tour. This eco-adventure, boat assisted kayak tour combines the best of a boat tour, a kayak tour and a awaking tour. Using a dedicated kayak transport boat your are transported to some of the most beautiful and remote areas of the park. Tour leaves from Chokoloskee Island, located 3 miles from Everglades City. Trip is limited to 6 people. Call the Everglades Area Tours @ 695-3633 for reservations & directions or e-mail info.evergladesareatours@gmail.com **See insert for more details.**

ECO Kayak Outing– Mangrove Tunnel Birding Tour

Third Wednesday Each Month starting November 16, 2011 9:00am & 1:30pm

Other Dates: Dec.21th, Jan.18th, Feb. 15th, March 21st, & April 18th

Everglades Area Tours, takes you into the Everglades throughout the largest mangrove forest in North America, throughout its brackish lakes. These lakes, surrounded by mangroves, are refuges and nursery grounds for herons, egrets, stilts, ducks, Wood Storks, spoonbills, alligators, otter and other wildlife. Some lakes are host to colonies of roosting birds. Trip is limited to 6 people. Call the Everglades Area Tours @ 695-3633 for reservations & directions or e-mail info.evergladesareatours@gmail.com **See insert for more details.**

ECO Kayak Outing– Everglades National Park Grand Heritage & Birding Tour

Third Wednesday Each Month starting November 16, 2011 10:30am-sunset

Other Dates: Dec.21th, Jan.18th, Feb. 15th, March 21st, & April 18th

This is the most extensive tour of Everglades National Park. Approx. 7 hours in duration, your Naturalist Guide will lead you through a personalized, interpretative ecological and historical tour into areas of the Park that few get to experience. Trip is limited to 6 people. Call the Everglades Area Tours @ 695-3633 for reservations & directions or e-mail info.evergladesareatours@gmail.com

See insert for more details.



DECEMBER 2011



Audubon Young Birders Club—Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 8:00am-11:00am

Young Birders is for children ages 6-18. Target species for this outing will be water birds, warblers, Osprey, Limpkin, Buntings, Hawks, Wood Storks and many more.

Directions: Meet at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary on Immokalee Rd. 15 miles east of I-75. Boardwalk is raised above the swamp and prairie. Wear quiet shoes for wooden boardwalk. Education center and store on site. Discount park admission fee will apply to Audubon Members. Dick Brewer is trip leader

Pepper Ranch/Lake Trafford, Immokalee, FL

Saturday, December 10, 2011, Leave Naples @ 6:45am-1:00pm

We will bird at Lake Trafford parking lot and then proceed to Pepper Ranch, and then to the Midney bird feeders. Registration forms for the ranch will need to be signed when we meet the morning of the trip. Pepper Ranch is a fabulous acquisition for Conservation Collier. We will have a private extensive birding trip, even though the ranch is open to the general public. Bring your lunch to enjoy while watching painted buntings and other beautiful birds in Midney's backyard.

Directions: Leaving from Sam's Club parking lot, north end of Airport Pulling Rd. (CR 31) and Immokalee Rd. (CR 846) We park close to the Immokalee Rd. entrance to Sam's Club, near the gas station. If you wish to meet at Lake Trafford, at the end of Lake Trafford Rd., please call Roberta at 775-4160 by Friday, Dec. 9th. Trip leaders to be determined.

112th Christmas Bird Count

December 14, 2011-January 5, 2012

Join Collier County Audubon Society for the 111th annual Christmas Bird Count as birders from across the continent gather data on winter bird populations. Various count groups will form throughout the area. Places and dates TBD. **Naples area count will take place on Dec. 31, 2011.** Check our website and newsletter for additional information. If you would like to volunteer or be a party leader, please e-mail

Ana Jonas@ a-jonas@illinois.edu For general information on the Bird Count go to www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

JANUARY 2011



SW Florida Nature Festival

Friday, January 13—Sunday January, 15, 2012

Fifth Annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival hosted by Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, featuring a variety of lectures, activities and bird outings to the surrounding areas. Registration is mandatory if you plan on attending some of the events.

Check www.rookerybay.org for further details, or call 417-6310.

Audubon Young Birders Club Outing—Naples Botanical Garden

Saturday, January 14, 2012, 8:00-11:00, Workshop at 11:00-2:00

The Young Birders Club is targeted for children ages 6-18 years old. Please call 643-7822 for reservations. Naples Botanical Garden is a local treasure and has some great birding in The Preserve area. This is a 90-acre preserve has over 7 different ecosystems. There is a birding tower on the preserve that allows our Young birders to see the entire marsh area and some fantastic birds including Great Blue Herons, Roseate Spoonbills and Cormorants.

Directions: From the North: Take US 41 South, and Bayshore will be on the right. Take a right and about a mile straight ahead you will see signs for the garden. **From the South:** Take US 41 South. Just past the Government Center you will see Bayshore on the left. Mile down.

NEW -Freedom Park, Naples

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 8:00am-11:00am

The Young Birders Club is targeted for children ages 6-18 years old. Please call 643-7822 for reservations.

Amenities include a 5-acre lake with approximately 3500 feet of boardwalk constructed throughout the park. Existing on the site wetlands have been restored via removal of exotic vegetation and planting of native species. Other amenities include six lookout pavilions, water fountains, and walking trails. Educational and information signage is available throughout the park. Bill & Roberta Marten will be trip leaders.

Directions: Northeast corner of Goodlette Frank and Golden Gate Parkway. **Meet in the parking lot at 8:00.**

Audubon Young Birders Club—Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 8:00am-10:00am

The Young Birders Club is targeted for children ages 6-18 years old. Please call 643-7822 for reservations. Park Rangers Mike Owen & Karen Relish will lead us through the Big Cypress boardwalk where there is an active eagle's nest within easy view.

Directions: Meet at the Publix parking lot at the SW corner of US 41 and 951. Be there at 8AM and we will caravan to the Boardwalk. It should take 30 mins. from Publix. There are no facilities at the Boardwalk.

Panther Refuge Nature Trail, Naples

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 8:00-11:00am

This NEW outing which utilizes a great trail system at the Panther Refuge that was built a few years ago. There is a large automatic gate on the left, just after you come over the overpass off I75. It can also be reached from SR 29. We will park at the parking area closest to the bathrooms and hike on smooth trails. We will go through hammocks for a platform wetland viewing and through prairie areas.

Directions: There are two ways to get to the Panther Refuge. Take I75 towards Miami to SR29 (Everglades City exit) which is about 20 miles from the toll both. Take a left over the overpass on SR29 and immediately on the left will be the big fence and open gate for refuge trails. Others may wish to get to SR29 and come south to the gate which will be on your right, just before the I75 overpass. Jackie Fresenius will be trip leader.



STA 5 (Storm Water Treatment Area), Clewiston, FL

Saturday, February 4, 2012, 6:00am-3:00pm or later Reservations Required by Feb.1st

STA 5 is south of Clewiston. Some people make hotel arrangements at the Clewiston Inn and then drive to **STA 5 and meet us at 8 am**. If you have never been to these water impoundments you are in for a treat. We have counted over 40,000 birds there at Christmas time. We drive on the berms and get out and bird next to our vehicles, then drive a few hundred feet and do it again. This can be an all day trip, but we will be done at STA 5 at 1:00pm. There are 2 impoundments that are 1 mile by 2 mile rectangles. We eat lunch out on the impoundment so **bring your food and water. None available**. Hats, sun protection and a scope are important. We will have some scopes available. Binoculars are necessary. Carpool around the impoundments. Sign liability releases when you arrive.

Directions: Meet at the Super Wal-Mart off Immokalee Rd. Go down Juliet Ave to the large Walmart sign on the left and turn in there. Proceed to park close to the building. Sing up INSIDE at the coffee shop just inside the doors, and get your walkie-talkie. You can also meet us at the Immokalee Casino at 6:45 am, main entrance. **If meeting at the casino call Roberta 775-4160, by Friday, Feb.3rd no later than 8:00pm.** Trip leader will be Alan Murray.

Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 8:00-12:00pm

Trip is limited to 13 participants. Please call the Audubon Office, 643-7822 to register. Join us for a morning swamp buggy trip through the varied habitats of the Refuge, including cypress swamp, pine flat woods and wet prairies. We will learn about panther biology and conservation while traveling through one of Florida's wildest and most beautiful landscapes. The Refuge is home to many imperiled and native species, including the Florida Panther, Black Bear, Wood Stork, Deer, Bobcat, Orchids and Bromeliads. This is **not** a birding trip although many species of birds can be seen. CCAS's own Brad Cornell is the Trip Leader.

Audubon Young Birders Club Outing—Ding Darling NWF, Sanibel

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9:00am-1:00pm

The J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is located on the subtropical barrier island of Sanibel in the Gulf of Mexico. The refuge is part of the largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the United States. It is world famous for its spectacular migratory bird populations.

Directions: Take I75 to exit 128, Alico Rd/SW Int'l Airport exit and go left. Go to US 41 and turn right. Turn left on Gladiolus (CR-865 S) and turn left onto Summerlin (CR-869 S) this turns into CR-687 S (McGregor Boulevard) for 12 miles to toll booth at Punta Rosa, across 3.4-mile causeway, right on Periwinkle Way, slight right on Palm Ridge Road for approximately 5 miles to refuge entrance on right. Go through entrance and meet at first clearing near lake or bay, right hand side. Don & Judy Davis will be our trip leaders.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Thursday-Sunday, February 17-20, 2012

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Once you have finished counting go to www.birdcount.org and log your finds on the sheet provided and submit. It's that easy!

Harn's Marsh Preserve, Leigh Acres

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 6:45am to 2:00pm

This is a fabulous property with several habitats. We will drive the dyke road, unless there is construction. Wintering ducks and Limpkin as well as Bald Eagles were a great sight last year. Check the bird list at www.birdpatrol.org

Directions: Meet at the Super Wal-Mart off Immokalee Road near the SW corner of I 75 @at 6:45 am. The entrance road for Wal-Mart is called Juliet Ave. off Immokalee. Enter the Wal-Mart off Juliet Ave. and turn left into the parking lot. Park up by the building. There was a coffee shop and bathrooms inside. Meet inside the Wal-Mart. Please be ready to leave at 6:45am. We will make another comfort stop in Lehigh Acres before entering Harns Marsh. For those wishing to meet us near the marsh, please call Audubon office,643-7822 for a meeting point. Trip Leader Cathy Olson. See website for map details.

NEW-Otter Mound Preserve & Tigertail Beach/Lagoon, Marco Island

Saturday, February 25, 2012, 7:45am-12:00pm

Otter Mound is a 2.4 acre preserve located on one of the highest points in Marco. It sits on a Calusa shell mound and terraces that were built by Mr. Otter with thousand of ancient whelk shells. Over 50 species of birds have been sited. After a short walk we will drive down to Tiger Tail Beach. Non resident fees of \$8.00 will apply without a beach permit parking pass. We will walk along the edge of the lagoon. Sometimes it's wet, so wear appropriate shoes, hats and sun protection. Bring water to drink also. We will view shorebirds at low tide feeding along the lagoon.

Directions: Meet at Publix parking lot, Collier Blvd.(951) and 41 East at 7:30am. Park away from the building entrance close to 951. Bathrooms open in Publix. Trip Leader, Alan Murray



MARCH 2012



Sugden Park, East Naples

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 7:30am-12:00pm

One of Naples best kept secrets for a birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's Hawk Buntings, wading birds, warblers, eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches.

Directions: Park is located on US 41 East (Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr./Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. Easy walk around the back of the lake on a paved path. Bathroom facilities at entrance to the park. Jackie Fresenius is trip leader.

Everglades National Park, Homestead, FL

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 7:15am to Sunset

Please call Roberta @ (239) 775-4160 to register by March 1st. This is a fabulous all day trip. Meet at the **Coe Visitor Center** at the entrance to Everglades National Park in Homestead at 7:15 am. It takes about 2.5-3 hours to get over there. 80 species have been seen in one day. We will start at the visitors center and then bird all along the way to Flamingo, 36 miles. This trip last until dark, but you can leave at any time. The TAS leaders know where most birds reside at this time of year. **You must bring food and water.** None will be available to purchase.

Suggestions for hotels in the area can be found on www.southfloridabirding.com if you wish to get an hotel the night before. Look under, **"Where to Stay"** in South Dade. *Best Western Gateway to the Keys* is near the Coe Visitor center. Park Entrance Fee may apply. We are invited guests of Tropical Audubon. The trip leader is John Boyd of TAS.

Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk & Janes Scenic Drive

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 8:00am-1:00pm

Eagles and Spring Migration. Park Rangers Mike Owen & Karen Relish will lead us through the Big Cypress boardwalk where there is an active eagle's nest within easy view. Also discover Spring Migration! a chance to see unusual birds as they migrate to their northern breeding and feeding grounds. Then over to Janes Scenic Drive for more spectacular birding.

Directions: Meet at the Publix parking lot at the SW corner of US 41 and 951. Be there at 8AM and we will caravan to the Boardwalk. It should take 30 mins. from Publix. There are no facilities at the Boardwalk.

Wakodahatchee Wetlands & Green Cay Wetlands, Delray Beach

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 7:30am-1:00pm

Meet at Wakodahatchee at 7:30 am. We are the guest of Tropical Audubon Society

Registration is required by calling Roberta Marten at 775-4160, by March 15th. Turnpike and I75 fee's apply. This is the closest you will get to many of the nesting wading birds. It was amazing to watch nesting bird behavior from the elevated board walk. This is nearly a 3 hour drive. You may wish to spend the night in Delray Beach. While you are there you may wish to take in the fabulous Morikami Gardens which is just down the street from these two manmade wetlands.

Directions to Wakodahatchee: Take I 75 east to Sawgrass Expressway 869, follow that north until it intersects the FL Turnpike. Take that north to Atlantic Ave West, Delray Beach. Go east on Atlantic Ave a few blocks to Jogg Rd. Make a left on Jogg Rd., go about 1.5 miles north. You will see the sign for the wetlands on your right. Our next stop will be Green Cay. We are guests of Tropical Audubon Society, Nancy Freedman-TAS is trip leader.

Adult & Audubon Young Birders Club—Bird Science at FGCU

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 8:00am-12:00pm

The adults will also have a chance to see this amazing lesson in monitoring birds with Dr. Jerry & Bette Jackson. This exciting and informative field trip to talk about bird science will be on the FGCU Campus and surrounding areas. <http://www.fgcu.edu/info/Directions.asp> for directions. Plan to meet near the Observatory next to Whitaker Hall at 8:00 a.m. Please call 643-7822 for reservations.

Bonita Bay East Golf Club

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 7:30am-10:30am, Registration required. Limited to 25 people. Call 643-7822 for reservations.

Join us at this Audubon Sanctuary course on 1400 acres of cypress wetlands, slash pine flats and expansive lakes to view birds. This is a very unique course and has no houses around the courses which makes for great birding.

Directions: Bonita Bay East is located on Immokalee Rd., 2 miles past 951 (Collier Blvd.) just past Heritage Bay on the north side of the road, Wildwood Rd. Meet at the Clubhouse at 7:45 sharp. Golf carts will be provided. Monica Higgins, Landscape Manager, is our trip leader.

Big O Birding Festival, Moore Haven, Florida

Friday, March 28– Sunday, March 31, 2012

This popular birding festival targets exciting central Florida species of birds such as Barn Owls, Crested Caracaras and nesting Swallow-tailed Kites. The festival features speakers, activities and a variety of outing to see Central Florida's rich birdlife and the state's largest lake, Lake Okeechobee. For further details, visit www.bigobirdingfestival.com

APRIL 2012



Colliers Reserve Golf Course

Monday, April 2, 2012, 6:45am—9:30am

We should see 25-35 species of birds including, water birds, nesting Osprey, Buntings and many more. Colliers Reserve is the first Audubon sanctuary designated golf course. They use practices that are more environmentally friendly than other courses. Golf carts will be provided by Colliers Reserve. Trip is limited to 16 people. \$5.00 cart fee per person. **Call Audubon office at 643-7822 by March 27th for reservations.**

Directions: The golf course is located on the north side of Immokalee Rd. about 1/2 mile from US 41. The light is at Creekside and the new Naples Daily News building. Proceed to the gate and they will have a list of pre-registered participants. Assemble at the cart building and be ready to leave at 7:00am promptly. Bathrooms are available at the cart drop and along the route. Trip Leader is Pete Thayer.

Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip

Saturday, April 7, 2012, 8:00-12:00pm

Trip is limited to 13 participants. Please call the Audubon Office, 643-7822 to register. **See Feb.8th Trip for a detailed description.** CCAS's own Brad Cornell is the Trip Leader.

Sugden Park, East Naples

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8:00am-12:00pm

One of Naples best kept secrets for birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's Hawk, Buntings, wading birds, warblers, eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches.

Directions: Park is located on US 41 East (Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr./Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. Easy walk around just the back of the lake on a paved path. Bathroom facilities at entrance to the park. Trip leader is Alan Murray.

Audubon Young Birders Club—Tigertail Beach Birds & Burrowing Owl Sites

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8:00am-11:00am

The Young Birders Club is targeted for children ages 6-18 years old. Martha Kriek will lead this trip to talk about all the shore bird species and the marine life on Tiger Tail Beach and Sand Dollar Island Park.

Directions: Meet at Tiger Tail Beach on Marco Island at 7:45am. Parking fees may apply if you don't have a beach parking pass. We will also visit some Burrowing Owl nest sites after the beach walk. Please call 643-7822 for reservations.

Additional Adult Bird Outings: (See website for more details)

Saturday, August 11, 2012— Sugden Park -8:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, September 1, 2012—Freedom Park - 8:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, September 15, 2012—STA5 Migration Count-Call Roberta for details, 239-775-4160

All day birding plus a free dinner in Clewiston with a count wrap up.

Saturday, September 22, 2012—Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, 8:00am-12:00pm

May be mosquitoes!! Wear appropriate clothing.



Check our website www.collieraudubon.org for additional details or additions to schedule.

American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

1(a) Support the protection of important bird habitat.

1(b) To avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming. Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas, or for attracting any species that is Threatened, Endangered, or of Special Concern, or is rare in your area; Keep well back from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites. In such sensitive areas, if there is a need for extended observation, photography, filming, or recording, try to use a blind or hide, and take advantage of natural cover.

Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.

1(c) Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area, and proceed only if access can be controlled, disturbance minimized, and permission has been obtained from private land-owners. The sites of rare nesting birds should be divulged only to the proper conservation authorities.

1(d) Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.

2(a) Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.

2(b) Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.

2(c) Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

3(a) Keep dispensers, water, and food clean, and free of decay or disease. It is important to feed birds continually during harsh weather.

3(b) Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.

3(c) If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations spelled out in Items #1 and #2, has responsibilities as a Group Member.

4(a) Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Freely share your knowledge and experience, except where code 1(c) applies. Be especially helpful to beginning birders.

4(b) If you witness unethical birding behavior, assess the situation, and intervene if you think it prudent. When interceding, inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action, and attempt, within reason, to have it stopped. If the behavior continues, document it, and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.

Group Leader Responsibilities [amateur and professional trips and tours].

4(c) Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.

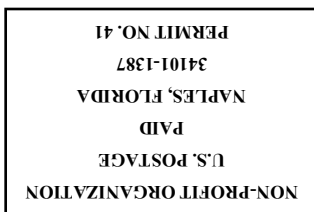
4(d) Keep groups to a size that limits environmental impacts, and does not interfere with others using the area.

4(e) Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.

4(f) Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g. no tape recorders allowed).

4(g) Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear a special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company's commercial interests. Ideally, leaders should keep track of tour sightings, document unusual occurrences, and submit records to appropriate organizations.

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