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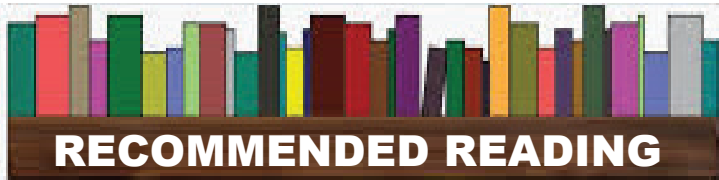


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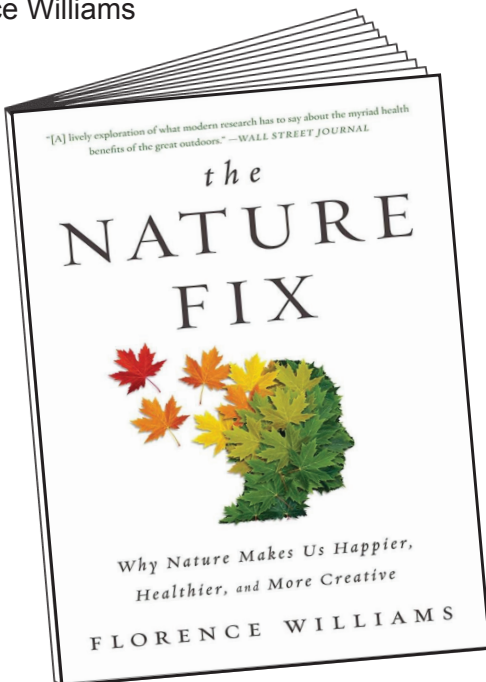
## AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



by Jacqueline Williamson

### THE NATURE FIX

by Florence Williams



**This research is more important than ever.**

As our daily lives are increasingly spent indoors in front of screens, this highly informative book by Florence Williams delves into the science behind nature's positive health and well-being benefits.



### FLORIDA WILDLIFE EXTENSION Wildlife Happenings

Click on the link below to check out the "Wildlife Happenings" in our area.

[https://wec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife\\_info/happenings/](https://wec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/happenings/)

## BREAKING NEWS

### SANTA FE AUDUBON GOES DIGITAL



Santa Fe Audubon is pleased to announce that we are going **"digital"** with our announcements in The Kite, our website [www.santafeaudubon.org](http://www.santafeaudubon.org), and Facebook page, one month prior to our activities.

We are excited to announce our in-person Speaker Series, held at Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall (204 SR 26 downtown Melrose), and Field Trip activities will begin in October.

We will **NO LONGER** be mailing our Presidents letter, activities schedule and membership form.

It is that time of year to renew your 2022- 2023 membership. A membership form is page 3 of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from our website. If you are not able to download and print it, you can simply send your payment (please make check payable to Santa Fe Audubon Society) and mail it to Santa Fe Audubon Society, PO Box 533, Melrose, FL 32666-0533. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email.

The safety and well-being of our membership and board members is our top priority; therefore, our in-person Speaker Series may be postponed or canceled on short notice due to health related concerns. Cancellation notifications will be sent out via email and posted on our website and Facebook page.

# GOOD NEWS

## HISTORIC CLIMATE LEGISLATION PASSES



The Inflation Reduction Act with its \$369 billion in unprecedented investments in clean energy and conservation has passed the Senate and House! It now heads to President Biden's desk for his signature. This bill aims to reduce US greenhouse gas emissions by some 40% below 2005 levels by 2030. Thanks to all who called or sent emails to their members of Congress to demand climate action and make this important step happen.



### Kestrel Corner

by Bill Chitty

The Santa Fe Audubon American Kestrel nesting box project's volunteers have been busy all summer. We watched the last group of young Kestrels leave their home (box 18) on June 12th. After which, we started radio tracking the seven individuals with the tiny radio transmitters strapped on their backs. Just fledged Kestrels, as well as many other species, tend to hang around the nest for a short period, learning to find food while still begging their parents to feed them. Six of our new Kestrels, from box 18 and box 24 did it more or less as expected. Box 1 only had one egg hatch. The adults successfully raised this female to fledge on June 7. Instead of striking out on her own in three to four weeks, she hung around her parents for almost 7 weeks before leaving to the south on her own on July 24th. Box 18 young dispersed to the west not quite four weeks after fledging on June 12, and box 24 young all moved in a generally northern direction. We will continue to track the movements of the young for the next several months.

Again, thank you to Dr. Ken Meyer and the Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) for their collaboration on banding and attaching radio telemetry devices on our Kestrels..

To learn more about ARCI visit their website: [www.arcinst.org](http://www.arcinst.org)

## BIRD OF THE MONTH

### FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY

(*Aphelocoma coerulescens*)  
band code FLSJ



The Florida Scrub-jay is one of the species of scrub jay native to North America. It is the only species of bird endemic to the U.S. state of Florida and one of only 15 species endemic to the continental United States.

Because of this, it is heavily sought by birders who travel from across the country to observe this unique species. It is known to have been present in Florida as a distinct species for at least 2 million years,[4] and is possibly derived from the ancestors of Woodhouse's scrub jay.

Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida\\_scrub\\_jay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida_scrub_jay)

The Florida Scrub-Jay is listed as threatened (one step below endangered) by both the FWC and USF&W. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classifies this species as vulnerable to extinction.



### Cool Facts:

Florida Scrub-Jays are homebodies; they don't migrate, rarely move more than a few miles from where they hatched, and they don't like to move across areas that aren't scrub oak. Increased fragmentation of their

habitat means that Florida Scrub-Jay populations are now very isolated. Jays from the Atlantic Coast, central Florida, and southwestern Florida have different vocalizations despite being separated by less than 100 miles.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY:

[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Florida\\_Scrub-Jay/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Florida_Scrub-Jay/overview)

**Fun Fact:** A group of jays has many collective nouns including a "band", "cast", "party", and "scold" of jays.



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