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Santa Fe Audubon Society - Florida

# Santa Fe Audubon Society

Melrose, FL

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**TUESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18**



We are excited to announce the start of our 2022-2023 Speaker Series and Activities Season with a "Welcome Back" gathering and award presentation of our 2020 "Conservationist of the Year" to Timothy (Tim) Keyser President of Putnam Land Conservancy.

<https://putnamlandconservancy.org>

**6:45 PM** at Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall (204 SR 26 downtown Melrose) on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

The safety of our membership is of utmost importance, and we encourage everyone to wear a mask.

You do not need to be a Santa Fe Audubon Society chapter member to attend our Speaker Series programs. All are welcome! If you would like to become a chapter member, 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.

**Please see page 2 for November and December Speaker Series and Field Trip dates.**

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.

## OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

### RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

We will be limiting the number of participants on all field trips. We ask that all observe personal distancing and suggest bringing a mask for everyone's protection, just in case it is needed.

Reservations for each trip will be filled on a first-come first-served basis with waiting lists in case of participant cancellation. Please be sure to include the field trip name and date along with your name, phone number(s) and e-mail address, in case we need to notify you of any changes. Field Trip Guidelines are on page 2.

Field trip address and directions will be emailed with your reservation confirmation.

To make your reservation, email

[santafeaudubonfl@aol.com](mailto:santafeaudubonfl@aol.com)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**BOLLEN BLUFF TRAIL**

### AT PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK

This trail at the south rim of the park loops through a magnificent hardwood hammock with a large diversity of migratory birds. Bollen Bluff is an open grassy knoll halfway along the loop. Gina Hopen and Sallie Carlock are the field trip contacts. Approx. 3 hours

**LIMIT 10 PARTICIPANTS • DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 3**  
May involve elevation change, uneven terrain & be greater than 2 miles.

**PARK ENTRY FEE: \$2 PER VEHICLE**

Meet at 7:45 AM at Melrose Heritage Park to caravan or  
8:45 AM at the Bollen Bluff parking area  
in Paynes Prairie St Park

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**FALL WILDFLOWERS**

### AT MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK TRAIL

This peaceful and scenic trail leads to Magnolia Lake, and offers stunning views of the water and woodland areas surrounding it. It is very common to encounter a variety of wildlife along this trail, and it is important to maintain a safe distance. Sallie Carlock, field trip contact. Approx. 2 hours

**LIMIT 10 PARTICIPANTS • DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 2**  
May involve uneven terrain; 1-2 miles.

Meet at 7:45 AM at Melrose Heritage Park to caravan or  
8:30 AM the Magnolia Lake Parking Loop

**NO RESTROOMS**

**at either of these Field Trip locations.**

# ABOUT FIELD TRIPS

## **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS**

*We all must remember to maintain safe personal distancing. We suggest you bring your face mask just in case it is needed. It is easy to forget during the excitement of bird watching.*

**BRING:** Water, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, rain gear and face covering.

Please, **NO SHARING OPTICS**. The field trip contact has sanitized binoculars to loan.

**WEAR STURDY WALKING SHOES.**

*We will be limiting the number of participants on all field trips.*

*Field Trip contacts keep waiting lists in case of a cancellation.*

*Stay hydrated, be safe and have FUN!*



### **CARAVAN FROM MELROSE**

Please arrive early and be ready to leave with your supplies: water, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, rain gear and **STURDY WALKING SHOES**.

Santa Fe Audubon has extra binoculars to lend.

Meet on the **west side** of Melrose Heritage Park, SR 26, downtown Melrose. Or meet at the field trip site. When you make your reservation, please specify if you will meet at Heritage Park or the Field Trip location.

### **FIELD TRIP DIFFICULTY CHART**

- 0** - Impaired mobility has been considered for this trip. The SFAS Contact has details.
- 1** - Trip within easy access to the vehicle and/or level terrain; 1 mile or less.
- 2** - May involve uneven terrain; 1-2 miles.
- 3** - May involve elevation change, uneven terrain, and/or be greater than 2 miles.

## **SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER**

### **SPEAKER SERIES**

**Tuesday, November 15**

Sunrise Wildlife Rehabilitation will be bringing some of their "Wildlife Ambassadors"

### **FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, November 19**

Little Orange Creek Preserve



## **BIRDING ETHICS** (including photography)

*Practical guidelines that aim to mitigate the stress birds and their habitats face when humans intrude.*

- Leave pets home
- Bring binoculars
- Mute cell phones
- Gently close vehicle doors
- Talk softly/whisper
- Keep bird call playback and pishing to a minimum.
- Walk quietly in woods (pick up feet)
- Avoid using a flash when taking photographs
- Keep your distance
- DO NOT flush or disturb birds (especially during spring nesting season)
- Stay on established trails
- Be alert for bird sounds/movements
- Coughing/sneezing? Stay away from group or, if possible, in vehicle
- Respect other birders
- Wear earth tone color clothing, when possible
- Stay hydrated and safe

## **SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER**

### **SPEAKER SERIES**

**Tuesday, December 13**

Dr. Ken Meyer of ARCI

(Avian Research and Conservation Institute)

will talk about Snail Kites and Crested Caracaras

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

### **FIELD TRIP**

**no field trip is scheduled at this time**



## BECOME A CHAPTER MEMBER TODAY!

### August 2022 – July 2023

All chapter membership dues support local activities, programs,  
& projects of Santa Fe Audubon & are tax deductible.

#### Regular Chapter Member:

Individual \$20

Family \$30

#### OR Become a Special Chapter Supporter!

Eastern Bluebird .....\$50

Swallow-tailed Kite .....\$100

Bald Eagle .....\$250

Whooping Crane.....\$500

Ivory-billed Woodpecker .....\$1000

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learn more about national conservation issues.

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click on "Join Audubon" at bottom of the page.

***THANK YOU!***

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