



<http://www.santafeaudubon.org> and



Santa Fe Audubon Society - Florida

**Santa Fe Audubon Society**  
Melrose, FL



**PROGRAM**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Speakers: Ben and Louann Williams**  
recipients of this year's  
*The Joyce King Santa Fe Audubon Conservationist Of The Year*

**PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW**

**6:45 PM** at Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall  
204 SR 26 downtown Melrose  
You do not need to be a Santa Fe Audubon Society chapter member to attend our Speaker Series programs. All are welcome!

*The safety of our membership is of utmost importance, We encourage everyone to, please, wear a mask.*

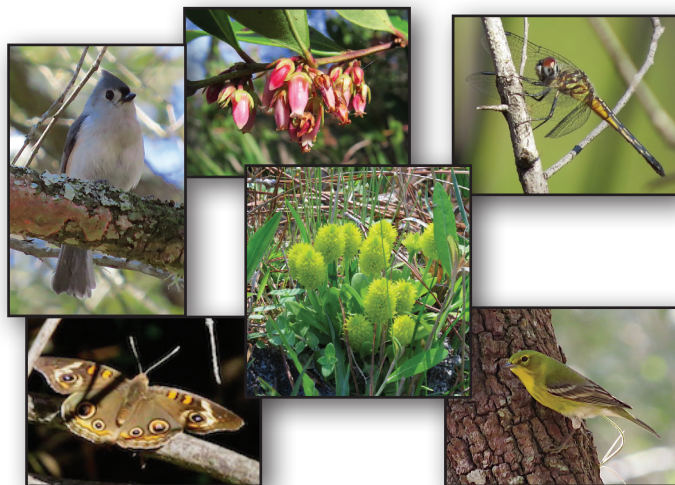
Our in-person Speaker Series may be postponed or canceled on short notice due to health related concerns.

**CEDAR KEY**  
**BOAT FIELD TRIP**  
**DETAILS ON PAGE 2**

**SEATING IS LIMITED**  
**RESERVATIONS and PRE-PAYMENT**  
**REQUIRED**

**FIELD TRIP**  
**Saturday, MARCH 23**

**B • B • B**  
**Birds, Bugs & Botany**  
at **SANTA FE SWAMP TRACT**



Join us for Birds, Bugs and Botany with Michael Drummond (ret. Alachua County Environmental Protection Dept.) who will identify a variety of plants and wildflowers, as well as dragonflies, butterflies, birds and more.  
Approx. 2 - 3 hours

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL 2:** May involve uneven terrain; 1-2 miles.

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT**  
contact Sallie Carlock [santafeaudubonfl@aol.com](mailto:santafeaudubonfl@aol.com)

Meet at Santa Fe Swamp Tract Parking area at **8:30 AM**  
SE 11th Ave access- Keystone Heights, FL

SE 11 Ave is on the left, off SR 100, about 3 miles west of SR 21. The parking area is a little less than 1/2 mile on the left, look for 2 black mailboxes.



**NO RESTROOMS AT THIS LOCATION**

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.

# **CEDAR KEY BOAT FIELD TRIP THURSDAY - APRIL 11**



The April field trip will be a special boat trip with Tidewater Tours out of Cedar Key. The trip includes an exploration of the outer islands of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge with emphasis on the Snake Key bird rookeries and other birding sites. We board the boat at 3:15 PM for the 1.5 hour adventure.

**Board at 3:15 PM**  
**Cost \$50 per person (tip included)**

**SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

**Secure your seat by:**

- 1) Email your name, number in your party, email address, and mobile phone contact number to [santafeaudubonfl@aol.com](mailto:santafeaudubonfl@aol.com)
- 2) **PAY \$50** at the March 12 Program (details on page 1) or by mail with your check payable to Santa Fe Audubon to PO Box 533, Melrose, FL 32666-0533.

Spaces will be filled based upon the first 20 people for whom payment is received; those received by mail will be based upon the date on the envelope. You will receive a confirmation of the payment and your status (seat secured, waiting list, or too late-boat full). We will keep four people on the waiting list in case of last minute seat availability.

Complete information about the departure point will be given when confirmation is sent.

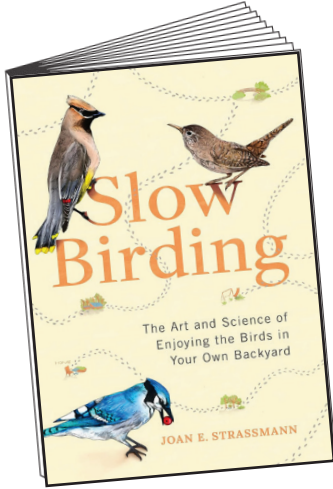
Questions may be directed by email to [santafeaudubonfl@aol.com](mailto:santafeaudubonfl@aol.com)

**RECOMMENDED READING**  
from Jacqueline Williamson

**SLOW BIRDING**

*The Art and Science of Enjoying Birds in Your Own Backyard*

by Joan E. Strassmann



Many birders travel far and wide to popular birding destinations to catch sight of rare or “exotic” birds. In *Slow Birding*, evolutionary biologist Joan E. Strassmann introduces readers to the joys of birding right where they are.

**GOOD NEWS**  
by Jacqueline Williamson

**FOS ADDS 9 NEW SPECIES**

Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee met recently and added 9 new species to the official Florida list, including Yellow-headed Caracara, Couch’s Kingbird, and Large-Billed Tern. It was a truly exceptional year for rare birds in Florida.

To learn more about the Florida Ornithological Society go to: <https://fosbirds.org>



**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/)

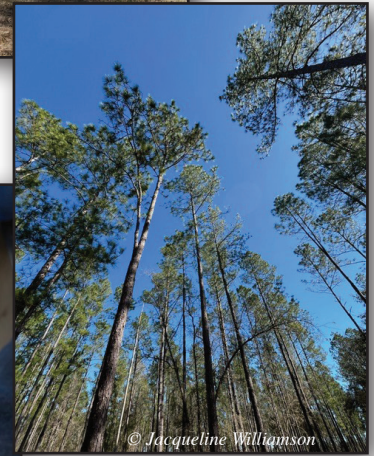
**Field Trip  
Wetland Preserve LLC**  
(private land by reservation only)  
February 24, 2024



© Jacqueline Williamson



© Ida B Little



© Jacqueline Williamson



© Ida B Little



© Ida B Little

**Southern  
Butterwort**

*photographing Southern Butterwort*



## SPEAKER SERIES PROGRAMS

April 9, 2024

**THE GULF** speaker Jack E. Davis

May 14, 2024

**BEES** speaker Rachel Mallinger



## 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

## FIELD TRIPS

*Reservations will be required & all field trips are subject to date change or cancellation due to weather, etc.*

**APRIL 11, 2024 (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)**  
**Gulf Boat Trip (Tidewater Tours) - Cedar Key, FL**

**SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024**  
**Sweetwater Wetlands Park - Gainesville, FL**

## FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

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

*When you make your reservation, please be sure to include your name, phone number, email address, and the number of participants*

- **BRING:** Water, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, rain gear and face covering.
- **WEAR STURDY WALKING SHOES.**
- **SFAS has sanitized binoculars to loan.**

*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.*

**Stay hydrated, be safe and have FUN!**

**COMING (back) SOON.....**



All the boxes have been cleaned and are ready for Kestrels looking to nest, which should begin this month.