

**Please check the webpage or Facebook page for updates and changes to our schedule!**

## **Speakers**

Talks are usually held at 11 am the first Saturday of each month, October - April, at the Jay B Starkey Wilderness Park Education Center. All are free and open to the public.

**October 2 - Caitlin Westerfield** and research panel present findings on the year-long threatened species study at Grassy Lake.

**November 6 - Don Frasier**, will talk about butterflies of Pasco with tips for identifying them.

**December 4 - Ken, Linda, and Steve Tracey** share adventures birding in Cochise County Arizona. Plus, a pot-luck holiday celebration! Annual members' meeting to follow.

**January 8 - Mary Ellen Gotto** will talk about how to incorporate plants for birds in your yard. Native Plant Sale to follow.

**February 5 - Vincent Morris** from the Florida Forest Service, presents "Red-cockaded Woodpeckers: A Conservation Success Story".

**March 5 - Mark Rachal**, Sanctuary Manager, Audubon Florida, presents "Roseate Spoonbills and Wood Storks: Nesting in Pasco and the Tampa Bay area".

**April 2 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nature and Wildlife of Tampa Bay Photography Competition.** Join our open competition or just check out the great images taken right here around beautiful Tampa Bay!

## **Field Trips**

Field trips are held the third Saturday of each month, October - May. Plus bonus trips this year! All are open to the public. Some parks charge entrance fees; otherwise trips are free.

**October 9 - Jumping Gully Preserve** 8am. Limited to 20 people: contact Christine at [president@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:president@westpascoaudubon.com) to pre-register.

**October 23 - Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive.** Fulvous Whistling Ducks, American Bittern, and Northern Harrier. Contact Christine Rowland at [president@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:president@westpascoaudubon.com) for meet details.

**November 20 - John Chesnut County Park.** Wintering warblers, eagles. Meet 7:30am at Panera Bread on SR54 and Little Road.

**December 20 - Christmas Bird Count.** Contact Christine Rowland, [president@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:president@westpascoaudubon.com) for information on participating.

**January 15 - Circle B Bar Preserve.** Barred Owl, Painted Bunting, Purple Gallinule, Limpkin, rails, eagles. Meet 7am at the Panera Bread SR 54 and Little Road.

**February 19 - Croom Wildlife Management Area.** Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Bachman's Sparrow. Meet 6:15am Winn Dixie Moon Lake Road and SR 52.

**March 19 - Ocala National Forest.** Scrub Jays and woodpeckers. Meet 7am Winn Dixie Moon Lake Road and SR 52.

**March 26 - Wall Springs, Palm Harbor, & Anderson Park.** Meet 7:30 behind Burger King at US 19 and Moog Road.

**April 23 - Fort Desoto Park.** Spring bird migration - orioles, tanagers, and warblers. Meet 7 am Panera Bread SR 54 and Little Road.

**May 14 - Power Line Road.** Swallow-tailed Kites, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Burrowing Owls. Meet 7:30am Winn Dixie Moon Lake Road and SR 52.

## **Other WPA Events**

**Morning Nature Walks** - Join us for a guided walk through Jay B Starkey Wilderness Park\* the first Saturday of the month searching for birds and other fauna and flora. Meet at the Education Center 7:30 am June-September and 8:00 am October - May. Free. Public welcome. Stay after for our free birds talks! \*Please check for location changes to accommodate special speakers.

**September 18 - Coastal Clean-Up.** Join us to help in this international event. Time and location TBD. Contact Mitch at [btrbrdgn2@gmail.com](mailto:btrbrdgn2@gmail.com)

**December 4 - Annual members meeting** immediately following the 11am talk at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park education center.

**December 20 - Christmas Bird Count.** Contact Christine Rowland at [president@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:president@westpascoaudubon.com) to participate.

**February - Winter shorebird count.** Date and time TBD. Check website for updates.

**February 18-21 - Great Backyard Bird Count.** Check [gbbc.birdcount.org](http://gbbc.birdcount.org) for information on how to participate.

## WPA Classes and Workshops

**Beginning Birding Class** - Come and learn tips and secrets to identifying our local birds! The course includes three sessions: October 2, November 6, and December 4. Each runs from 8:00-10:30 am in the Starkey Education Center. Led by Mike Kell. \$5 donation per class requested (\$15 for all three). Space is limited - please contact Mike at [jmike65@gmail.com](mailto:jmike65@gmail.com).

**Nature Photography Workshops** - Come and learn how to better use your camera and apply artistic techniques to create more compelling images. This is a five-part series with a special session on camera choice/purchasing. Dec 9, 16, Jan 6, 13, 27, and Feb 10 from 9-11 am at the Starkey Education Center, plus optional practice time. A \$5 donation per workshop is suggested. Contact Pat Goldberg at [projects@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:projects@westpascoaudubon.com) to register.

For membership contact Susan Greenstein at [treasurer@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:treasurer@westpascoaudubon.com).

For all other inquiries contact Christine Rowland at [president@westpascoaudubon.com](mailto:president@westpascoaudubon.com).

## Florida Audubon Events

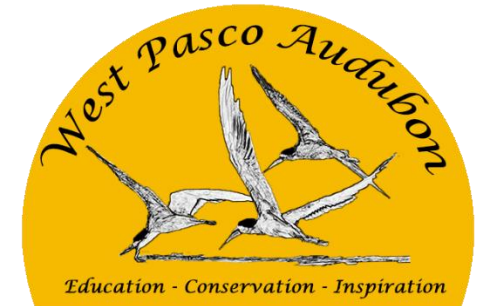
**October 15-17 - Florida Birding and Nature Festival** held at Manatee Viewing Center, Apollo Beach. Sponsored by Tampa Audubon.  
<https://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org>

**Audubon Assembly** This year's assembly will include three field trips and networking lunches as well as virtual seminars. **Oct 23** - location TBD. **Oct 30** - at Audubon Birds of Prey in Maitland. **Nov 6** at Corkscrew Swamp in Naples. **Nov 9** for Keynote.  
<http://fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly>

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## Talks and Field Trips

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