

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 7th - Birding Britain by Pat Goldberg and Christine Rowland. Britain boasts 628 species of birds, with hotspots ranging from the ponds fronting Whitehall in London to remote islands off the Scottish coast. Pat and Christine will share some of their adventures in Britain, including helpful insider information for birders traveling there.

November 4th - Birds of Prey by Sherri Shelley. Sherri will be introducing some of the resident birds at newly opened Athena's Wildlife. **Live Birds!**

December 2nd - Tips and Techniques with Cornell's Apps by Mic McCarty. Have you thought of trying Merlin to help ID birds in your backyard, or learning how to use eBird to better help you find birds in the area? If so, this will be a great chance for you to learn about some simple programs to make birding easier, and if you're using them already, to improve your experience. Plus, a pot-luck holiday celebration with annual members' meeting to follow.

January 6th - Bugs in Your Bloomers by John Lampkin. Insects and flowering plants have been co-evolving for at least 135 million years and as a result, both groups have flourished, becoming our most abundant fauna and flora. The relationships are more varied, complex, and sophisticated than first meets the eye. So, what is that bug and what is it doing in that flower? Armed with camera and thinking cap, John Lampkin has been investigating such questions and will share some amazing insights he has documented in this beautiful, educational, and entertaining photographic presentation.

February 3rd - Shorebird Identification with Vince Capp. Do you sometimes find shorebirds confusing? Want to improve your skills? Vince will present an overview that will assist beginners, but also will address some of the more challenging IDs for more advanced birders.

March 2nd - Bird Banding and the Florida Young Birders Club with Jim McGinity. Jim is a master bird bander and has banded thousands of neotropical migratory birds in our area. He is also an educator, and has prioritized engaging young people in birding, including establishing the Florida Young Birders Club.

April 6 - The 6th Annual Nature and Wildlife of Tampa Bay Photography Competition Exhibit and Awards.

Field Trips

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

October 21 - Honeymoon Island. Fall migration: warblers and shorebirds.

November 18 - Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. Fulvous Whistling Ducks, American Bittern, and Northern Harrier.

December 14 - Christmas Bird Count. Contact Christine Rowland, president@westpascoaudubon for information on participating.

January 20 - Circle B Bar Preserve. Barred Owl, Painted Bunting, Purple Gallinule, Limpkin, rails, eagles.

February 10 - Lake Dan Preserve. Led by Lilian Saul.

February 24-25 - Optional overnight trip to **Ocala National Forest, Paynes Prairie, and Sweetwater Preserve.** Scrub Jays (Ocala), winter Ducks and Snail Kite (Paynes), winter ducks and sparrows (Sweetwater).

March 9 - Chinsegut. TBD.

March 23 - Celery Fields. Rails, bitterns, Bronzed Cowbirds.

April 20 - Fort Desoto Park. Spring bird migration - orioles, tanagers, and warblers.

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!

December 3 - Annual members meeting immediately following the 11am talk at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park education center.

December 14 - Christmas Bird Count. Contact Christine Rowland at president@pascoaudubon to participate.

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

WPA Classes and Workshops

Beginning Birding Class - Come and learn tips and secrets to identifying our local birds! The course includes three sessions: Dates TBA. Led by Mike Kell. Space is limited - please contact Mike at jmike65@gmail.com.

Birding 102 - Points Pasco. Join Christine Rowland Wednesday mornings for field practice identifying birds found right here in Pasco County. Space is limited; contact Christine at president@pascoaudubon.com.

Florida Audubon Events

October 12-15 - **Florida Birding and Nature Festival** held at Apollo Beach with field trips across the bay area. Sponsored by Tampa Audubon.
<https://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org>

October 26-28 Audubon Assembly held at the Sheridan Tampa Brandon Hotel <http://fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly>

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Talks and Field Trips

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