



The PELICAN

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St. Johns County Audubon Society promotes the protection, preservation, and restoration of birds, other wildlife and their habitat through science-based advocacy and education in St. Johns County, Florida.

Hello Members!

St Johns County Audubon Society is just starting to gear up for the spring. We have several new board members that were elected this past January, all of whom we are excited to have on our board. I'd like you all to join me in welcoming Ali Fulcher, Terry Jennings, Erin Masters, and Amy Meide to the board. Many of you know some or all of them already, but if you haven't met, try to catch them at our next meeting or field trip. They are all people worth meeting!

Thanks for taking the time to check up on the chapter, and I hope to see all of you soon.

Andrew Thornton,
President

SPECIAL NOTICE!

APRIL Members Meeting Special Time and Location!!

Time: Saturday, April 25, 2009, 12:30pm

Location: Whitney Lab (Marineland)

Directions: From Downtown St. Augustine, cross the Bridge of Lions to Anastasia Blvd. Head south for approximately 17 miles. Whitney Lab is located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd.

APRIL Members Meeting

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 12:30pm

7th Annual Birding and Fotofest

Special Meeting Location – Whitney Lab (Marineland)

Florida Nature and Photography

A special presentation by Thomas Dunkerton, Photographer

Join Tom as he speaks of the dizzying array of wildlife we can find and photograph here in Florida. He will touch on various aspects of photography from digiscoping to digital SLR. He'll also share his experiences working with the Florida Scrub-jay, as well as our relationship with the wildlife around us.



St. Johns Audubon Nature Walks

Contact: Teddy Shuler
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904-819-5860

Sometimes the best birding is in your own backyard! Meet some of your neighbors while exploring the local birding hotspots.

April 2nd: 9-11 am Princess Place Preserve. Meet Melinda Clemons (829-0406) at the Parking lot.

May 16th :Return trip to Elkton with Renee and Phil Stambaugh (692-3927).

Members Meeting Time and Location

What: 2009 Members Meetings

Where: South Ponte Vedra Civic Association Community Center (Unless Specified)

Directions: Located on coastal Hwy A1A, 7.3 miles North of the Vilano Bridge and 10 miles South of Mickler Rd

When: 4th Monday Every Month
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Check our website for the most up-to-date meeting times and locations
www.stjohnsaudubon.org

Least Tern Project

Least Tern season is almost upon us! Pre-posting for known nesting areas is about to begin in just a few weeks. Matanzas Inlet will be posted Thursday, April 2nd, at 9:00 am, and Porpoise Point will be posted Wednesday, April 8th, at 9:00 am. Please come out and help us protect one of our favorite endangered birds. Bring hats, gloves, food and water. Contact Monique at mborboen@audubon.org if you can make it.

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Special Fund Raising Workshop at the
7th Annual Birding and Fotofest
Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 8:30 am- 5 pm
Whitney Lab, Auditorium (Marineland)
Bird Migration
'...they were here just a minute ago...'
Cost: \$60

Introduction to Migration with Jeff Bouton
Neotropic (Songbird) Migration with Roger Clark
Shorebird and Seabird Migration with Monique Borboen
Swallow-tailed Kite & Short-tailed Hawk migration with Dr. Ken Meyer

Bird migration is one of the most intriguing and fascinating hobbies for nature enthusiasts. Many birds migrate long distances, while some birds remain year round. There are many factors that influence this phenomenon. This "Bird Migration" presentation is designed to describe the where, why and how of bird migration from our northern climes to their warmer southern wintering environs. Four dynamic speakers will introduce you to birds and their migration patterns. Proceeds will go to St. Johns County Audubon Society to support surveys, field trips, and our mission. Lunch is included with this program.

Education/Outreach Committee:

Although we are very sad to see Veronica "retire" from the post of Education/Outreach Committee chair, it is my pleasure to introduce to you new board member Terry Jennings as our replacement. Terry has some great ideas for reaching out to our local community, but he's going to need some help. If you would like to serve as a committee member with Terry, please email him and let him know! Outreach can include anything from informative talks, hikes, tabling events: it's what you make it! Terry is already planning some outreach events for the near future, using birds to reach people. Welcome Terry!

**Members Meetings and Programs
are open to the public and are held at:**
South Ponte Vedra Civic Association Community Center
unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

3/27-29 Audubon Academy, Haines City
4/2 Least Tern Pre-Posting, Matanzas Inlet
4/4 Shorebird training, NE FL Audubon Office
4/8 Least Tern Pre-Posting, Porpoise Point
4/12 Edgefield Conservation Area fieldtrip
4/22-26 Birding and FotoFest, Marineland
4/25 April Meeting, Special Location: Whitney Lab
May meeting details to be announced.
Check our website for more information at
www.stjohnsaudubon.org

NATIONAL AUDUBON DUES

(includes membership in the St. Johns Chapter)

Regular membership \$20

Senior/student membership \$15

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