

Burrowing Owl Festival

Rotary Park Environmental Center, Cape Coral



Travel Day February 23rd 3pm and Festival on February 24, 2017 return after dinner on the road. Includes...transportation, hotel, breakfast, entrance fees & festival bus tour.

Cost: \$280 single occupancy, \$240.00 double occupancy

Limited Space: Only 7 spaces remaining

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Cape Coral is home to the largest known population of the Florida Burrowing Owl which is listed as a State of Florida threatened species. These pint sized birds burrow underground where they nest from early February through mid-July and are now the official city bird of Cape Coral.

Festival highlights include the Mote Marine Mobile Education Exhibit, environmental and wildlife organizations with educational exhibits and live animals, bus tours to local burrowing owl burrows, demonstrations on burrowing owl burrow maintenance and starter burrows. There will be on site speakers with wildlife presentations and live birds of prey. Enjoy a tour through the live interactive butterfly house and learn about their host and nectar plants. Artists, photographers and craft vendors of all things natural, native and wild will have lovely items for sale. Also on site will be music and food vendors.

3799 Owls Counted

For years we have reported that Cape Coral has about 1000 nesting pairs of Burrowing Owls. In early June 2017, the first city wide survey was done with over 100 volunteers from CCFW, FGCU and local wildlife lovers.

The Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife is pleased to offer a Birding Bus tour in connection with the 16th Annual Burrowing Owl Festival on Saturday Feb. 24, 2017

We will have two, air-conditioned buses with expert birding & photography guides. The tour will start from Rotary Park at 7:30 am with a meeting time of 7:15 am and returning at noon.

The tour will highlight birding/photo opportunities for Cape Coral's famous Burrowing Owls as well as Florida's endemic Scrub Jay. Other targeted birds will be Bald Eagles, Monk Parakeets, Meadowlarks, Shrikes, Great Horned Owls, and Towhees.

This is a fantastic way to learn about local wildlife and get an up close look at many of the creatures living in or around our beautiful parks. Guests will go with a knowledgeable guide in an air conditioned van or mini-bus to see all the wonderful wildlife Cape Coral has to offer. The tour goes to several different parks where guests can get off the vehicle & get a good view of the

wildlife. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable, closed toed, walking shoes so you can get off and on the bus and walk around the parks at each stop. Bring a camera and binoculars, too. Each tour departs from Rotary Park, travels to several parks around Cape Coral, then back to Rotary Park.