Meet Lindsey Day, Board Member at Large

Lindsey Day, *Falconer*  

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Becoming a Master falconer takes at least seven years; finishing your apprenticeship alone will take at least two. Your hawk requires a significant amount of time, every day, 365 days a year, and a bird in training requires substantially more time.

Of all sports in America, falconry is the only one that utilizes a trained wild creature. Falcons, hawks, eagles and owls are essential elements of our wildlife. The competent falconer takes care to follow sound conservation principles in the pursuit of the sport. Even though the federal government’s environmental assessment states falconry has "no impact" on wild raptor populations, a careless, uninformed individual, attempting to satisfy a passing fancy, can do great harm to one or more birds and cast the shadow of discredit on the sport of falconry itself.

Most falconers, therefore, before they will agree to help anyone newly attracted to the sport, will require evidence of a serious, committed interest in falconry. They just don't have time for anything else. The ethics of practicing quality falconry are an important part of a falconer's every day life.
UPCOMING EVENTS >>> Field Trips & Special Events

Monthly Meetings are held at 7pm on the first Monday of the month October–May at Moccasin Lake Nature Park 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater, FL 33759. Mix-and-mingle starts at 6:30.

Programs for March & April

MAR 2  Michael Brothers
Gulls & Jaegers: We welcome back Michael for another informative and educational program. Now retired, he enjoys his time with these amazing creatures more than ever.

APRIL 6  Dave Goodwin
Crested Caracara: This program takes a look at the most unusual member of the falcon family in Florida. We will discuss the current status of this species in Florida, looking at it's behavior and breeding.

Partner Events

Dine out for The Hammock MAR31
Hosted by Friends of the Hammock of Dunedin, Inc.

Making a difference is as easy as maintaining a habitat.
Tell Salty Soul you are with Clearwater Audubon. Make a new friend.
Apr11 - Sat 9 AM
Apr 2020 Beach Cleanup Anclote Beach

Field Trips

Most trips are led by volunteer Clearwater Audubon Society leaders. Unless otherwise indicated, they are free and open to the public. We host monthly guided bird walks at Moccasin Lake Nature park which is free to the public. The schedule will be updated as more information becomes available. Carpooling is encouraged.

Field Trip Schedule Table

Download the full Field Trip Brochure

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Membership
Membership Application

Monthly Meetings
October – May
The first Monday of each month at Moccasin Lake Nature Park:
Meet and Greet @ 6:30PM
Public Program @ 7:00PM
(Unless otherwise noted)

Pinellas County Birding Checklist

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING
First Monday of the Month unless otherwise noted.
Last year we completed our first year (two seasons) of banding out on Caladesi Island State Park. As expected, we encountered some logistical “hiccups” but the team of volunteers proved resilient and more than up to the task. The last day of the spring season ended with a prescribed burn of most of the study site. Prescribed burning is a valuable management tool for the park and will, in the long run, improve the quality of the habitat for the birds and all wildlife. Unfortunately, it happened before we finished our banding season and made our last day fairly unproductive.

We had a major weather front move through the weekend of the Florida Birding Festival. This resulted in us having to cancel the banding on the Saturday and it affected the banding out on Caladesi. We decided to band in Hammock Park on that Sunday which turned out to be a VERY good decision! We had a record day in the park with 80 new birds banded and 7 recaptured. We had 26 species banded and added a new species – an Eastern Wood-Pewee.

Both the spring and fall seasons started out pretty slow but we had a few pretty busy days of banding out on the island. The best day so far was on Sunday, October 27th. We banded a record number of birds with 60 new birds banded and one recaptured Cardinal. All in all, it was a great wrap up for the year with 80 birds at Dunedin Hammock Park and 61 birds at Caladesi Island State Park. It reinforces the importance of weather events (especially wind direction) and the numbers and variety of migratory birds that utilize the natural areas in west central Florida.

Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers who help with this project, Brett Gorman & Dan Larremore (Caladesi Island Asst. Park Manager & Honeymoon Island biologist), the Caladesi Island Ferry, and our volunteer boat captains, Harvey Kerstein & Bert Thomas.

Highlights:
• 28 species banded at Caladesi Island
• 7 recaptures included 3 Cardinals, 2 Common Yellowthroats, an Ovenbird and a Blue Jay.
• 17 Wood Thrush captured, banded and released at Hammock Park!
• Four new species added bringing our overall species total to 62 species (Eastern Wood-Pewee – Hammock Park; Bay-breasted Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet & Pine Warbler – Caladesi Island State Park)
• Big days at Hammock and Caladesi Island parks (80 & 61 birds, respectively) following a strong front with westerly winds.
Kentucky Warbler

Pine Flatwoods

CIBS

Wood Thrush Molt

Florida Avian Conservation
Conservation through Research and Education

Pine Flatwoods
Honeymoon Island Earth Days April 18-19

Event Menu:
- Home Page
- Entertainment
- Location
- Be a Supporter
- Volunteer!
- Vendor Info
- Email: info@islandearthdays.com

Special Thanks to:
- Honeymoon Island State Park
- Caladesi Island State Park
- Friends of the Island Parks
- St. Pete/Clearwater CVB
- City of Dunedin
- Dunedin Rotary Club
- Dunedin Chamber of Commerce

Craft Beer Provided by Cafe Honeymoon!

Fun for the whole family!
- Fees: An $8.00 donation per vehicle at the gate includes free parking. - Up to 8 people per vehicle.
- Pet Friendly: Pets permitted on 6' hand-held leash.
- Live music both days
- Kids crafts & activities with new seine netting!
- Live Animals and Birds of Prey presentations, nature education and history displays
- Great food & beverages, including beer & wine
- Representatives from local parks & facilities
- Located in the shady picnic area next to the beach & the wooded hiking trails

Presented by Friends of the Island Parks & Honeymoon & Caladesi Island State Parks
Sat. April 18th & 19th, 2020
11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days

Event Home Page | Entertainment | Location | Volunteers | Vendors | Sponsors | Friends of the Island Parks Home Page

Winn-Dixie

we've been selected for the

Winn-Dixie Community Bag Program!

When you buy these bags this month, we will receive a $1 donation.

Unless it is otherwise directed by the customer, via the Giving Tag attached to the bag.
Great American Cleanup:

March 2nd: Leaders Against Litter - Gandy Beach Cleanup
March 7th: Safety Harbor Cleanup - City of Safety Harbor
March 7th: Give-A-Day for the Bay Cleanup with TBEP and Town of Kenneth City
March 14th: Clam Bayou Nature Park Cleanup - City of Gulfport
March 21st: Cross Bayou & Joe’s Creek Cleanup
March 21st: St. Petersburg Waterfront Cleanup - Reggae Rise Up, Rootfire, and Peaceful Green Warriors
March 21st: Grandview Park Cleanup - Tampa Bay Watch
March 21st: Indian Rocks Beach Cleanup
March 21st: Upham Beach Cleanup - Sea Turtle Trackers and City of St. Pete Beach
March 22nd: Dunedin Causeway Cleanup - Underwater Odyssey
April 4th: Gandy Beach Cleanup - American Advertising Federation Tampa Bay
April 18th: Sand Key Cleanup - Peaceful Green Warriors
May 10th: Sand Key Cleanup - Peaceful Green Warriors

We Value Volunteers
Would You Like to Volunteer?
The Clearwater Audubon Society at Moccasin lake Nature Park depends on the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. If you enjoy meeting new people, learning about the environment or spending time outdoors, then we have an opportunity for you!
Visit our Volunteer Opportunities page to learn how you can make a difference.
Become a Member
Membership in National Audubon also includes membership in Audubon of Florida and Clearwater Audubon. In addition, you will receive the award-winning National Audubon magazine.

JOIN NOW

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You can save trees, time and money by renewing your membership online. It’s fast and safe with a click of a button.

RENEW

If you don’t feel comfortable paying online, either for joining or renewing, please make out a check for $20.00 to National Audubon, and send to: Clearwater Audubon Society, PO Box 97, Clearwater, FL 33757

eBird Shoutouts

**Top eBirders**

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eBird Field Checklist
Moccasin Lake Nature Park

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