Bird stewards are a vital part to the conservation and protection of beach-nesting species! Join us virtually to learn about Florida's beach-nesting birds and best practices for educating and interacting with the public. During steward training, you'll learn what a bird steward is, what they do, and a bit about the birds you'll be helping. We'll also cover effective tools to use while educating and how to handle any disturbances the birds might encounter. Anyone can be a bird steward, so click the link to our Facebook group to learn more → https://www.facebook.com/groups/TampaBayAreaBirdStewards

If you have any additional questions, please contact Holley Short (holley.short@audubon.org) for Bird Stewardship and Kara Cook (kara.cook@audubon.org) for Rooftop Monitoring.
Thanks to the watchful eye of a few CAS members, the Great Horned Owlets of Philippe Park are now considerably more protected. Our VP of Conservation, Kim Begay, met with the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation about the nest and the tree that has hosted many owlets before. Randy Goggin, Park Ranger at Philippe Park helped to form a protective or restrictive cordon so that the area is safe. No cars can park beneath the tree and the owlets go mostly undisturbed save the curious onlooker or photographer.

Owl photos are by Barbara Surman.

KIM BEGAY is a wild bird rescuer and the VP of Conservation on the Clearwater Audubon Board of Directors.
Coastal Conservation

American Oystercatchers: One of Florida's Most Distinctive Species

By Audubon Staff

Audubon Florida and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission actively monitor American Oystercatchers throughout the state.

Heidi McCree Becomes New Audubon Florida Board Chair

McCree will be the first female Chair since 1999 when Florida Audubon Society merged with National Audubon Society to become Audubon Florida.

Audubon and Partners Discover Culprit Behind Mysterious Seabird Deaths

By Renee Wilson

Journal publication implicates red-tide poisoning in multi-species mortality event

Chapters & Centers

CLI Alum Studies the Threatened Wading Birds of Grassy Lake

Caitlin Westerfield works with West Pasco Audubon Society on an important bird survey initiative.
Thank you for your continued support.

Click a card below to learn more
UPCOMING EVENTS >>> Programs & Field Trips

Monthly Meetings will be held on Zoom 7pm on the first Monday of the month October-May

Upcoming Program

APRIL: Joe Whalen, Communication & Outreach Coordinator with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) will discuss the future vision of TBEP, exciting new projects, partnerships and opportunities for individuals. [Zoom link here] pw=water

MAY: George L. Heinrich: Zoom and FB live exclusive! Don’t miss it. You won’t see this available at a later date. Survey of Florida Rivers to Determine the Southern Distribution of the Suwannee Cooter.

Previous Programs are available on our YouTube Channel

Mix-it-up-Monday’s February Program

Two guests and a game to follow. Elimelec Medina with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will discuss a new bird survey opportunity north of John Chesnut Park. Holley Short with Audubon FL will discuss bird stewarding and how to become one yourself. We will end the evening with a Bird ID game, so bring your beverage of choice and join us!

March Program Short-tailed Hawks, Swallow-tailed Kites, and Snail Kites

Gina Kent is a Senior Conservation Scientist with the Avian Research and Conservation Institute. She will share details on tracking and migration and update you on the latest research for Short-tailed Hawks, Swallow-tailed Kites, and Snail Kites.

Report Sightings on the ARCI website: [https://www.arcinst.org/report-sightings/]
Field Trips

The schedule will be updated as more information becomes available. When you arrive we’ll have our sign-in sheet as usual but added to the form will be some CDC practices we all need to follow...please don't come to a walk if you have a fever, feeling sick, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc. We will ask that everyone practice social distancing as much as possible and encourage you to wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you at the park.

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Native Plant Partners

You may have noticed on some of our birding trips that there is a native plant expert. Plants and birds have been partners since their time began. We are excited to continue this partnership with our local Pinellas chapter of the Native Plant Society. http://www.fnps.org/

Here are a few of their FB posted events that you might enjoy:

Clearwater Audubon Spring Internships

-> Current Internship Applications <-

Our process is underway and we are currently accepting applications. Please notify us if your academic focus is biology, marine studies, ecology, or conservation.

cas@clearwateraudubonsociety.org
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Join the Board or a Committee

Becoming a member of a nonprofit organization's board can be a meaningful way to explore how your experience and expertise can be applied in the nonprofit sector at the governance level, and ultimately, how your experience and expertise can help advance a nonprofit organization's social impact. Please take a few moments to read Audubon's statement of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and the Board Member Expectations. Board members meet on the last Monday of each month. Monthly general membership meetings (open to the public) are the first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

To view a list of available positions on the board or on a committee, please view this document. Complete the Board Interest Survey here.

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Our Motto: Conservation through Education

We represent Audubon Society members in Northern Pinellas County and provide services to all who are interested: free local field trips with expert birders; inexpensive extended field trips within the US and to other locales, free monthly programs, volunteer & networking opportunities within the local conservation community; scholarships to local summer camps and speakers for a variety of classrooms and groups.

Membership Application
SHUTTERBUG

Spring Fling

Photos by Lynn Sumerson
Organizations We Support

**Audubon of Florida**

**St. Petersburg Audubon Society**

**Tampa Audubon Society**

**Important Bird Areas in Florida**

**Great Florida Birding Trail**

**Florida Ornithological Society**

**Friends Of Brooker Creek Preserve**

**Florida Herb Society**

**Suncoast Herpetological Society, Inc.**

**Tampa Bay Turtle & Tortoise Society**

**Pinellas Chapter FNPS**

**Friends in Focus Photography Club**

**Safety Harbor Garden Club**

**Friends of Moccasin Lake**

**Moccasin Lake Nature Park**

**Clearwater Marine Aquarium**