

JOIN US FOR FUN & FRIENDS WHILE LEARNING

Meet new friends who also care about nature. Increase your insights about our local birds living in our nearby nature preserves & along our shoreline. Receive the annual brochure & monthly newsletter. Get discounts on classes, birding gear and field trips. Dues payable by Jan 1st.

Only \$20 per year per household per calendar year.

Members' dues directly support your Manatee County Audubon Society and Felts Audubon Preserve and the monthly programs offered to members, as well as educational outreach activities.

Mail along with your Local Membership Fee (\$20) to:
 Manatee County Audubon Society
 P.O. Box 14550
 Bradenton, FL 34280-4550

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: (Mr/ Mrs/ Ms) _____

Permanent or Local Seasonal Address

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Off-Season Address (if any) From: _____ To: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

What attracted you to join Manatee Audubon? (RANK TOP 3 REASONS, with #1 being your top reason for joining Manatee Audubon.)

- _____ Bird identification classes
- _____ Local bird walks led by naturalists
- _____ Social aspects (e.g. friend joined; wanted to meet other birders, etc.)
- _____ Affordable membership compared to other options
- _____ Wanted to do something conservation-focused
- _____ Wanted to learn more about Florida birds, their behaviors & habitats
- _____ Outdoor activities _____ International field trips
- _____ Regional field trips _____ Monthly featured speakers
- _____ _____ Photography opportunities
- _____ Other: (write in) _____

2014-2015 MONTHLY FEATURED SPEAKERS



OCT. 16
Corkscrew Character --Speaker Jason Lauritsen, Director Corkscrew Swamp will tell about the history, current state and recent changes of Corkscrew Swamp.

NOV. 20

Unlocking the Secrets of the Mangrove Cuckoo -- Rachel Mullin will bring us up to speed on the Mangrove Cuckoo Project, the study of Mangrove Cuckoos.



DEC. 18
On Eagles Wings --Don't miss the Eagle Watch American Eagle and a presentation by Matt Smith on Florida Eagle Watch. Pot Luck Night: Bring a Covered Dish, Plates, Glasses and Tableware.

JAN. 15

Global Birding Travels "Through the Lens" -- Ron Mayberry presents his fabulous photographs of creatures from exotic places around the world.



FEB. 19
Tantalizing Tanzania via Land Rover -- Rick Greenspun and Barry Rossheim share their Tanzania experience with an abundance of wonderful photographs.

MAR. 19— "Audubon Moments" Radio & More

Hear from John Nelson (president Audubon Martin County) about his Toyota TogetherGreen radio initiative we can promote.



APR. 16
 Celebrate the achievements by our Manatee Audubon chapter. Annual business meeting & awards recognition. This is a pot luck event, so bring a covered dish, plates, glasses & tableware...and a good appetite!



- MANATEE COUNTY -
 AUDUBON SOCIETY

Manatee Audubon is a chapter of the National Audubon Society.

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 on the web at:
ManateeAudubon.org



Monthly meetings of Manatee Audubon are held the third Thursday of each month from Oct through April. Fellowship starts at 6:30pm; the featured speaker starts at 7pm. The public is invited to attend these monthly meetings held at Hope Lutheran Church, 4635 26th St West, (just blocks south of Cortez Rd. in Bradenton).

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

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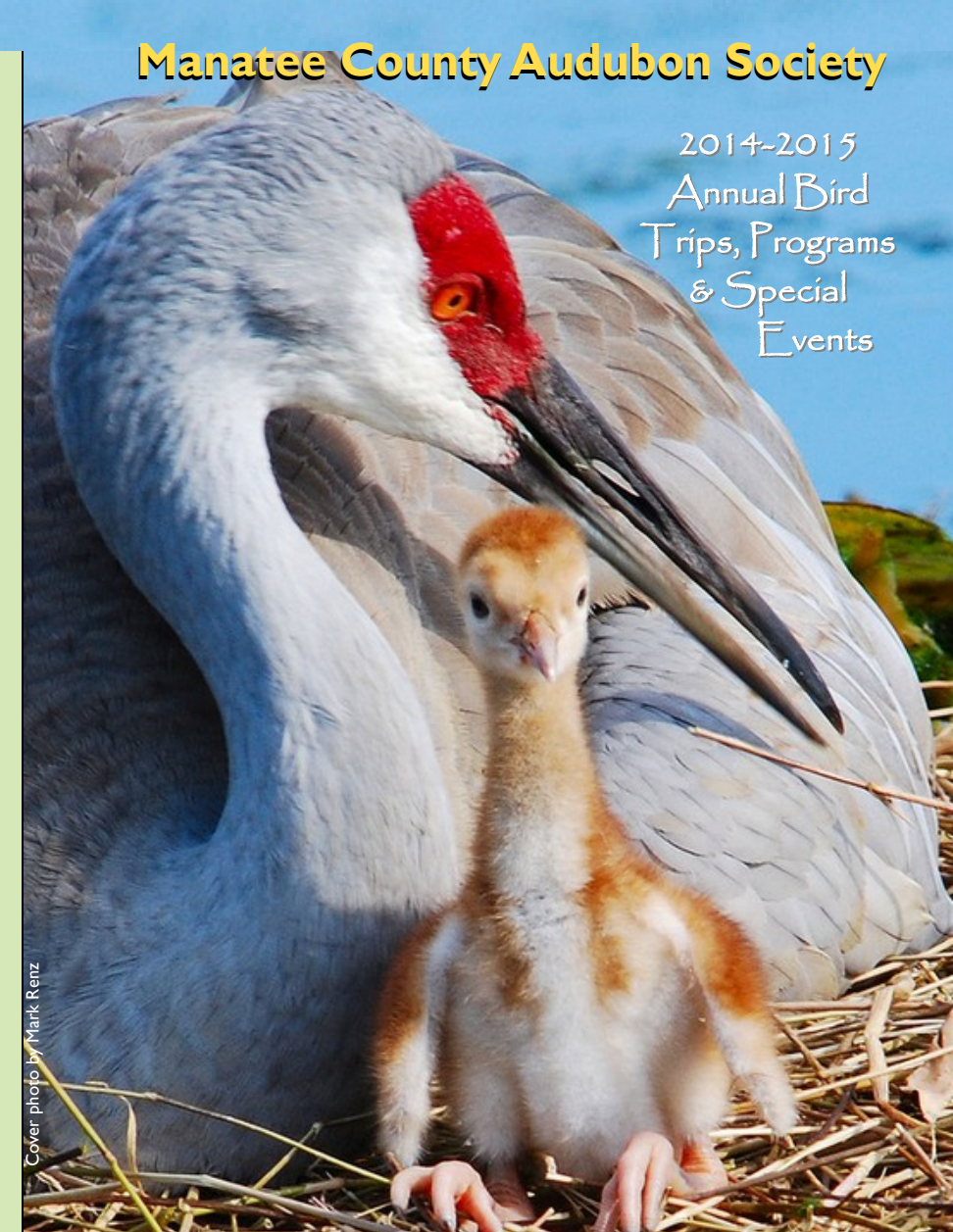
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INJURED BIRD HELP:

Call 941-778-6324 for what to do. Someone will call you back.

Manatee County Audubon Society

2014-2015
 Annual Bird
 Trips, Programs
 & Special
 Events

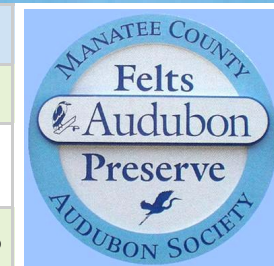


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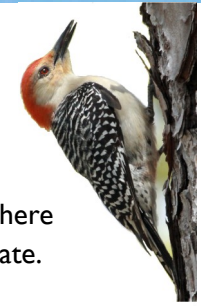
Connecting people with birds & the places they live...

	DATE	DESTINATION	LEADER	MEET TIME	MEETING PLACE
SEPTEMBER	Sept 13 (Sat)	Fort DeSoto Park	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	8:00	Manatee County Rest Area Mile Marker 7 Interstate 275
	Sept 20 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon at Felts Audubon Preserve	Steve Black (ph: 376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve, Palmetto
OCTOBER	Oct 2-5 (Thur-Sun)	Wings & Wildflowers Festival -Venetian Gardens, Leesburg. Lake Apopka Restoration Area, Ferndale Preserve, Emerald Marsh, Hilochee Wildlife Management Area.	Jim Stephenson (ph: 301-466-1973)	TBD	SE corner of Walmart parking lot, SR 64 at I-75 B'ton near Garden Center
	Oct 6 (Mon)	Duette Preserve)	Billie & Jerry Knight (ph: 592-7622)	7:30	SE corner of Walmart parking lot, SR 64 at I-75 B'ton near Garden Center
NOVEMBER	Oct 15 (Wed)	Oscar Scherer Park	Connie Zack (ph: 758-2929)	8:30	Meet at Lowe's, Fruitville near I-75 on left, Sarasota, straight out from the entrance furthest to South
	Oct 18 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph: 376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
NOVEMBER	Oct 25 (Sat)	Leffis Key	Matthew Press thezoexpert@yahoo.com	8:00	Parking Lot at Leffis Key
	Nov 8 (Sat)	Siesta Key	Rick Greenspun (ph:284-2055) John Ginaven (ph: 383-5133)	8:30	Siesta Key Beach Parking Lot ; TBD. Look for group near concession stand or north end of parking lot.
NOVEMBER	Nov 13 (Thurs)	Mosaic Peace River Park (Grt Birding Trail) & also Streamsong Golf & Fishing Resort (south of Lakeland)	Lori Roberts (ph: 404-941-4365) & Mosaic reps.	7:00	Walmart at I-75 and SR 64, SW end of parking lot (garden center end, but away from the building).
	Nov 15 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph: 376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
DECEMBER	Dec 2 (Tues)	Eagle Extravaganza at Cell tower on Lena Rd.	Jim Stephenson (ph: 301-466-1973)	5:00 pm	½ mi south of SR 64 on Lena Rd by cell tower.
	Dec 9 (Tues)	Emerson Point	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	8:30	Visitor Center Parking Lot
DECEMBER	Dec 11 (Thurs)	Terra Ceia & Manatee Hot Spots	Billie & Jerry Knight (ph: 592-7622)	8:00	Felts Audubon Preserve parking lot
	Dec 16 (Tues)	Circle B Bar Ranch	Deb Yodock	7:00	Lowe's SR 70 on the garden center end, but park away from the building.
DECEMBER	Dec 20 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)

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JANUARY	Jan 13 (Tues)	Emerson Point	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	8:30	Visitor Center Parking Lot
	Jan 16 -18 (Fri-Sun)	Weekend trip to Merritt Island, Viera WELANDS	Lori Roberts (ph: 404-941-4365)	7:30	SE corner of Walmart parking lot, SR 64 at I-75 Bradenton near Garden Center
FEBRUARY	Jan 17 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
	Feb 10 (Tues)	Emerson Point	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	8:30	Visitor Center Parking Lot
FEBRUARY	Feb 17 (Tues)	Neal Preserve, Perico Preserve	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	5:30 pm	Bradenton, Main Post Office
	Feb 21 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
MARCH	Mar 10 (Tues)	Emerson Point	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	8:30	Visitor Center Parking Lot
	Mar 14 (Sat)	Robinson Preserve	Matthew Press thezoexpert@yahoo.com	8:00	Visitor Center Parking Lot
MARCH	Mar 21 (Sat)	Cockroach Bay	Connie Zack (ph: 758-2929)	8:00	Walmart Supercenter, 10th Street East, Palmetto, FL. Park at the garden center end, but away from the building.
	Mar 21 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
APRIL	Apr 8 (Wed)	Longboat Key Beach	Rick Greenspun (ph:284-2055) John Ginaven (ph: 383-5133)	8:30	Broadway St. at Seabreeze Ave., Longboat Key
	Apr 14 (Tues)	Emerson Point	Lucette Wombacher (ph: 776-8424)	8:30	Visitor Center Parking Lot
APRIL	Apr 18 (Sat)	Myakka St Park	Jim Stephenson (ph: 301-466-1973)	8:30	Home Depot at I-75 and University, SE end of parking lot
	Apr 18 (Sat)	Jr. Audubon	Steve Black (ph:376-0110)	9:00	Felts Audubon Preserve or other habitats in Manatee County. (Call to confirm location.)
APRIL	Apr 22 (Wed)	Fort Desoto Park	Billie & Jerry Knight (ph: 592-7622)	7:30	Manatee County Rest Area Mile Marker 7 Interstate 275



Felts Audubon Preserve is accessible daily by parking on the street and using the walk-in entrance next to the main gate. During key events on weekends there is a parking area inside the main gate.



For your convenience, port-o-let facilities are available. We recommend bringing binoculars, field guides, hat, water, sunscreen, insect repellent and even a camera!



4600 24th Ave East in Palmetto, FL (at the intersection with Experimental Farm Rd.)



OPEN HOUSE EVENTS with Guided Bird Walks

When - The first Saturday of each month from November through April.
From - 8am—noon, with bird walk at 9:30 am until approx 11 am
Activities - Watching wildlife, hiking & photography.

WORKDAYS AT FELTS

When - Last Saturday of each month, Sept. through April from 8 am - noon. Learn about plants & wildlife.

Audubon Assembly 2014 Hutchinson Island, Florida October 17-18

Make it a Big Year for Florida's Water, Wildlife, and People

Chapters across Florida exchange ideas, learn about environmental & bird population changes at the **Audubon Assembly**. Lots of birding, too!

In December Manatee Audubon members scout & count birds during the annual **Christmas Bird Count**.



BASIC BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE — Living in Florida is a natural way to become a “birder” and enjoy an activity that can be shared with the family. You'll learn from master birders who love to share tips on how to identify different types of birds, habits and their habitats. Both classroom & field trips included in this course. Classroom sessions held at Hope Lutheran Church (4635 26th St West, just a few blocks south of Cortez Rd. in Bradenton).
Cost: \$50 for Manatee Audubon members; \$70 for non-members.
Dates: Jan 16, 19, 21-23, 26, 28-29 with field trips on Jan 24 & 31.

BEACH-NESTING STEWARDSHIP. During peak nesting times & busy holiday weekends (Memorial Day & Independence Day) Manatee Audubon & Turtle Watch work to increase awareness & protect these nesting birds on Anna Maria Island.