



**Audubon**  
*of Southwest Florida*

*When birds thrive, people prosper*

## **Save The Date!**

### **Audubon of Southwest Florida's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

*Saturday, May 31, 2025*

*Refreshment Reception at 5:15 pm*

*Speaker at 7:00 pm*

*The Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers 33901*

*Keith Laakkonen,  
Director of Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary*

*"Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's Legacy is For the Birds"*

Free and open to the public, parking available front or rear of building.

**RSVP & INFO**



**Help Protect Southwest Florida's Shorebirds by Volunteering with the  
Audubon Shorebird Stewardship Program**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are in our busy beach-bird nesting season here in Southwest Florida. If you love the beach, join the flock and become a bird steward!  
Beach-nesting birds, including terns, skimmers, and plovers, are struggling to survive in Florida, often because of disturbance by recreational beachgoers. We are recruiting volunteers to help us protect sea and shorebird families ahead of the busy holiday weekend.

To learn more, visit our [Shorebird Stewardship](#) page.

Email [leeshorebirdsteward@gmail.com](mailto:leeshorebirdsteward@gmail.com) for more information and access to the stewarding sign up schedules and other resources, including the current training video.



## Field Trips

### Sign-Up

Join us for our always popular and informative field trips.

#### **Celery Fields in Sarasota**

Sunday, August 20

Leader: Vince McGrath

#### **Hawk Watch at the Sanibel Lighthouse**

Sunday, October 5

Leader: Vince McGrath

## Good News for Migratory Birds

As our chapter is focused on reducing [Window Bird Collisions](#), we celebrate all good news, both near and far, where communities are addressing this issue. With that, we are happy to hear of [the successful application of micro-dots](#) on one of the most bird-lethal buildings in the United States,

McCormick Place in Chicago. This is a practice we have celebrated locally at Florida Gulf Coast University and The Collaboratory.

## Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail

The Florida Commission of Wildlife has just updated their [Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail](#) website. With over 500 birding and wildlife viewing locations across the state, this major update makes it easier than ever for birders and wildlife viewers to explore Florida's natural wonders.

## Free Shorebird Pocket Guide

Headed to the water this month? Be sure to keep an eye out for migrating shorebirds! Pick up our tips on shorebird ID with a free [Shorebird Pocket Guide](#).

## It's Never too Late!

Chapter memberships run by calendar year, so please make sure your membership is current as of January 1, 2025. It's easy -- [join or renew](#) now.

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