



Save The Date!

Audubon of Southwest Florida's 67th Annual Meeting

*Sat., May 31, 2025, Potluck Reception at 5:15 pm
The Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers 33901*

*Speaker at 7 pm: Keith Laakkonen,
Director of Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary*

*Free and open to the public, parking available front or rear of building.
Please [RSVP](#) here or on the "Annual Membership Meeting" page on the
chapter website.*



Purple Martins Nesting

The purple martin tower installed at CREW Flint Pen Strand Lakes Parking Lot off of Bonita Beach Road has nesting activity for the first time! Two pairs of Purple Martins have each laid five eggs as of mid-April in the tower. The tower was installed in summer of 2024 and was funded by an Environmental Award Grant from LCEC, in partnership between Audubon of Southwest Florida, CREW Trust, and the FGCU Ornithology Club.



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

Summer Shorebird Stewarding will begin the first weekend of May on Sunday, May 4th for both the Cayo Costa and Fort Myers Beach locations.

To sign up or learning more, email leeshorebirdsteward@gmail.com for the training video and access to the stewarding sign up schedules and other resources.

“New Bluebirds in the World”...says ASWF board member Lona Philpot, who monitors Eastern Bluebird boxes on state-owned land at Babcock Ranch Preserve. Monitoring recently revealed two successful nests and new fledglings.

photo by Lona Philpot



Calling all Naturalists! Bioblitz!

Join CREW Trust for a biological survey at CREW Marsh Trails next Saturday, April 26, from 8-11 am. We will be identifying and recording all animal species that inhabit the trail (birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects, fish, etc.). This program will promote teaching and learning outdoors, expand the index of Florida critters seen at CREW, and encourage participation in citizen science. The Bioblitz will contribute to CREW Trust's citizen science projects and add data to platforms like eBird and iNaturalist!

Bring your hiking necessities (water, snacks, sunscreen, camera, binoculars, etc.) and have iNaturalist and/or eBird downloaded on your phones (a brief walkthrough will be provided on how to navigate those apps).

RSVP to yohn@crewtrust.org.

Field Trips Sign-Up

Historic Fort Myers Cemeteries

Birding & Local History

Wed., Apr 23

Leaders: Dan VanNorman & Gerri Reaves

Harns Marsh w/included Photo Workshop

Sat., May 03

Leader: Vince McGrath

Celery Fields in Sarasota

Sun., Aug 24

Leader: Vince McGrath

Hawk Watch at the Sanibel Lighthouse

Sun., Oct 05

Leader: Vince McGrath

Free Shorebird Pocket Guide

Headed to the water this spring? Be sure to keep an eye out for migrating shorebirds! Many species of shorebirds are already migrating. Pick up our tips on shorebird ID with a free Shorebird Pocket Guide.

Please Join Us!

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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