

**AUDUBON OF THE WESTERN EVERGLADES**

**PROGRAMS & OUTINGS  
2016-2017**

Our Programs are presented monthly from November through April at **7:00 pm** at the **Naples Botanical Garden**, at **FGCU's Kapnick Education Center** building, **4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples** (Off US41 take Bayshore Drive South, 1.5 miles down to stop sign at Thomasson, go straight you will see garden on right.) **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all Programs.** Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE) members, non-members, and guests are welcome. There will be a \$5.00 charge for non-members, and donations are graciously accepted. We have some exciting Field Trips scheduled this season. We are also planning some interesting workshops so stay tuned! **Please give us your e-mail address so you can get our newsletter and other notices electronically.**

Tuesday, November, 1, 2016

***From Archaeopteryx to Audubon-Capturing 150 Million Years of Birds***

Speakers: John Ruthven, DeVere Burt & John Agnew

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

***Least Terns, The Most Delicate***

Speaker: Ted Below, Avian Ecologist  
**Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

***Purple Martins Majesty***

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Jackson, Retired Professor at FGCU

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

***Reefer Madness, What's Happening to our Beautiful Corals***

Speaker: Ashley Hill, Coral Restoration Foundation

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

***Burrowing Owls, Whoo's in the Burrow***


Speaker: Jean Hall, AWE Owl Watch Project Leader

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

***Birds, Babies & Beaches***

Speaker: Adam DiNuovo, Collier Shorebird Stewardship Manager

Each Program will also feature a "Bite" about the Environment, Birds, or Places to visit right here in our own back yard along with *Critter Corner*. It's a new and exciting season so come join the fun!

Visit us online at [www.audubonwe.org](http://www.audubonwe.org) 

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## Outing Guidelines:

All trips are open to anyone interested in birding, wildlife, exploring our natural areas or anyone who loves the outdoors. Some trips require reservations and some fees may apply. **If you are a Non-Chapter Member each Field Trip will be \$20.00 per trip. If you join our chapter as a chapter member the \$20.00 fee will apply to your yearly membership.** Please bring binoculars, field guides, water, snacks, insect repellent and sunscreen for all outings. Wear comfortable/quiet walking shoes and a hat, long pants and closed toe shoes recommended. Some trips may require shoes to get wet. No flip-flops on the trips please.

Remember to walk and speak quietly during the outings so as not to frighten the wildlife. ***Please arrive promptly at the designated time to receive instructions.*** Some walkie-talkies will be provided, so please make sure they are returned to the trip leader at the end of the trip. Carpooling is suggested for each outing when possible. All trips are subject to rescheduling or cancellation due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Details on possible changes will be posted on our website, [www.audubonwe.org](http://www.audubonwe.org): on homepage click on the "Trips" tab and scroll down for trip descriptions or in the monthly newsletter. Inquiries on any of our outings should be directed to the Audubon Office M-F, 9-3, 239-643-7822, weekend contact for Adult Birding Trips please call Roberta at 239-775-4160.

**Cell phone contact during Outings, (239)289-3233 or (239)289-3232.**

### **2016-2017 Adult Bird Outings at a Glance**

**(Descriptions and directions for all outings on the following pages) Be sure to check website for any changes to schedule.**

- ◇ **Saturday, November 5, 2016**– Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, November 19, 2016**– **NEW** Lakes Park Naturalist Walk, Ft. Myers
- ◇ **Saturday, November 26, 2016** - **NEW** LaBelle & Ortona Locks, Labelle
- ◇ **Sunday, December 4, 2016** - **NEW** Ave Maria & Duck Pond, Ave Maria
- ◇ **Saturday, December 10, 2016**– Six Mile Cypress Slough, Ft. Myers
- ◇ **Saturday, December 17, 2016** - **Corkscrew Area Christmas Bird Count**
- ◇ **Saturday, December 31, 2016** - **117th Naples Area Christmas Bird Count**
- ◇ **Saturday, January 7, 2017** - Everglades National Park, Homestead, FL **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday-Sunday, January 13-14, 2017** - **Rookery Bay Nature Festival – Naples**
- ◇ **Saturday, January 21, 2017** - Pepper Ranch, Immokalee
- ◇ **Sunday, January 22, 2017** - Freedom Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, January 28, 2017** - Bunche Beach, Ft. Myers
- ◇ **Saturday, February 4, 2017**– Harns Marsh, Leigh Acres **TENTATIVE DATE**
- ◇ **Thursday, February 9, 2017**– Florida Panther Swamp Buggy Trip, **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 13 person limit**
- ◇ **Saturday, February 11, 2017** - **NEW** CREW Nature Walk, Estero
- ◇ **Saturday February 18, 2017** - STA-5 Storm Water Treatment Area, Clewiston **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, February 25, 2017**– Tigertail Beach Lagoon, Marco Island
- ◇ **Saturday, March 4, 2017** - Bird Rookery Swamp, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, March 11, 2017** - Wakodahatchee & Green Cay, Delray Beach **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Sunday, March 19, 2017** - **NEW** Nancy Payton Preserve, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, March 25, 2017** - Red Cockaded Woodpeckers, Naples
- ◇ **Thursday, March 30, 2017** - Colliers Reserve, Naples **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, Limited to 23 people**
- ◇ **Saturday, April 1, 2017** - Kirby Storter Park and Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, Eastern Collier County
- ◇ **Saturday, April 8, 2017**- Florida Panther Swamp Buggy Trip, **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 13 person limit**
- ◇ **Saturday, April 8, 2017** - Flamingos, Palm Beach County **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, April 15, 2017** - Eagle Lakes Park, Naples **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, April 29, 2017** - Naples Lakes Country Club **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, May 6, 2017** - North Collier Regional Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, May 20, 2017** - Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, June 24, 2017** - Tigertail Beach Nesting Shore Birds, Marco Island **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, August 26, 2017** - Ag Fields, Palm Beach County—**TENTATIVE DATE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- ◇ **Saturday, September 9, 2017** - North Collier Regional Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, September 23, 2017**– Sugden Park, Naples
- ◇ **Saturday, October 14, 2017**-Shell Island Rd., Marco Island



## NOVEMBER 2016



### PLEASE MEET AT THE DESIGNATED TIME LISTED

#### Sugden Park, Naples

**Saturday, November 5, 2016, 7:45am-12:00pm**

One of Naples best kept secrets for birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's Hawks, buntings, wading birds, warblers, Eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches on paved paths with optional grass paths.

**Directions:** Park is located on US 41East, (Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr./Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. Bathroom facilities at entrance to the park and half way through walk. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Lakes Park Nature Walk, Ft. Myers

**Saturday, November 19, 2016 7:45am-12pm**

Master naturalist Rich Kuntz will lead us through the park learning about habitat and the creatures that live there including the birds that enjoy the park. **Parking fees apply.** Bring lunch to enjoy after the walk.

**Directions:** Meet at Super Wal-Mart, Immokalee Rd and I-75. Use Juliet Ave. entrance, at light; use 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to parking lot. **Meet INSIDE at coffee shop. Call Roberta, by Thurs. 17th if meeting at Lakes Park. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### LaBelle and Ortona Locks, LaBelle

**Saturday, November 26, 2016 6:45am-1pm**

Bird various areas of LaBelle and Ortona Locks with Margaret England, Hendry- Glades Audubon founder.

**Directions:** Meet at Super Wal-Mart, Immokalee Rd and I-75. Use Juliet Ave. entrance at light; use 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to parking lot. **Meet INSIDE at coffee shop. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## DECEMBER 2016



#### Ave Maria and the "Duck Pond", Ave Maria

**SUNDAY: December 4, 2016 1:30pm-dark**

Bird Ave Maria fields, wetlands and parks with Bill and Roberta Marten. Short visit to uniquely designed church for those who want to stop. Bring chairs and snacks for sit down visit at "Duck Pond" to observe fly-in of hopefully hundreds of birds of all sort; cranes, ducks and waders.

**Directions:** Meet at the Publix parking lot on west side of Collier Blvd. 951, just south of Immokalee Rd. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Six Mile Cypress Slough, Ft. Myers

**Saturday, December 10, 2016, 7 am-12 noon**

Six Mile Cypress Slough has lakes, swamp, boardwalk and nature center. Warblers and waders possible.

**Directions:** Meet at Super Wal-Mart, Immokalee Rd and I-75. Use Juliet Ave. entrance at light; use 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to parking lot. **Meet INSIDE at coffee shop. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Corkscrew Area Christmas Bird Count

**Saturday, December 17, 2016 various hours.**

Many volunteers needed. Call Corkscrew Swamp and speak to Sally Stein, e-mail: [sstein@audubon.org](mailto:sstein@audubon.org), or phone: 239-348-9151 x:112

#### 117th Naples Area Christmas Bird Count

**December 31, 2016-various hours/areas available**

Join Audubon of the Western Everglades for the 117th annual Christmas Bird Count as birders from across the continent gather data on winter bird populations. Various count groups will form throughout the area.

Contact Ana Jonas at [a-jonas@illinois.edu](mailto:a-jonas@illinois.edu) if you would like to volunteer to count, compile or be a party leader. For general information on the Bird Count go to [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc) Check our website, newsletter and Facebook for additional information and other area counts.

## JANUARY 2017



### PLEASE MEET AT THE DESIGNATED TIME LISTED

#### Everglades National Park , Homestead,FL

**Saturday, January 7, 2017, 7:00am to Sunset, REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY January 4th.**

Please call Roberta at (239) 775-4160 to register. This is a fabulous all day trip.

**Directions:** Meet at the Coe Visitor Center at the entrance to Everglades National Park in Homestead at 7:00 am. It takes about 3.5 hours to get over there, so consider getting a hotel. 80 species have been seen in one day. We will start at the Coe visitor's center and then bird all along the way to Flamingo, 36 miles. Picnic site at mid-day. This trip lasts until dark, but you can leave at any time. You **must bring food and water**. None will be available to purchase. Suggestions for hotels in the area can be found on [www.southfloridabirding.com](http://www.southfloridabirding.com) . Look under, "Where to Stay" in South Dade and Florida City. Park Entrance Fee may apply. **Guests of Tropical Audubon. AWE Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### SW Florida Nature Festival, Rookery Bay, Naples

**Saturday-Sunday, January 13-14, 2017**

Southwest Florida Nature Festival hosted by Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, featuring a variety of lectures, activities and bird outings to the surrounding areas. Registration is mandatory, trips fill up fast.

**Check website, [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org) for further details, or call 239-417-6310.**

#### Pepper Ranch/Lake Trafford/ Midney Feeders, Immokalee, FL

**Saturday, January 21, 2017, 6:45 am - 2:00 pm**

We will bird along the way to Lake Trafford parking lot, then proceed to Pepper Ranch and Midney bird feeders. Registration forms required. Pepper Ranch is a fabulous acquisition for Conservation Collier. **Bring your lunch** to enjoy while watching painted buntings and other beautiful birds in Midney's backyard. **Donations for bird food always appreciated.**

**Directions:** Leave from Super Wal-Mart, Juliet Ave., 2nd entrance to parking lot, off Immokalee Rd., 1 block west of 175. **Meet inside at café** to sign up and get walkie talkies. For those who wish to meet at Lake Trafford, at 8:00am please call Roberta at 239-775-4160 by Thurs. January 19<sup>th</sup>, before 8pm. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Freedom Park , Naples

**Sunday, January 22, 2017, - 8am-12 noon**

Amenities include a 5-acre lake with approximately 3500 feet of boardwalk constructed throughout the park. Existing on site wetlands, have been restored via removal of exotic vegetation and planting of native species. Other amenities include six lookout pavilions, water fountains, and walking trails.

**Directions:** Northeast corner of Goodlette Frank Rd. and Golden Gate Parkway. Meet in the parking lot off Golden Gate Parkway. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

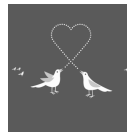
#### Bunche Beach, Ft. Myers

**Saturday, January 28, 2017-6:45am-noon**

Bunche Beach sand/mud flats offer great views of multiple species of shorebirds. Charlie Ewell leads this Lee Bird Patrol trip and is a great teacher. Wear shoes to wade in: **NOT flip-flops**. Usually only an inch+ water in places.

**Directions:** Meet at Publix parking lot, Immokalee Rd and US 41N. **To meet at Bunche Beach** call Roberta, 239-775-4160, by Thursday. **Parking fees at beach. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## FEBRUARY 2017



#### Harns Marsh Preserve, Lehigh Acres Tentative Date

**Saturday, February 4, 2017, 6:45am-2:00pm**

Fresh water marsh with grassy areas along the road. Usually waders, Limpkins and Eagles as well as sparrows, ducks. Bring lunch and beverages. Check website to see if we will be able to drive or walk.

**Directions:** Meet at the Super Wal-Mart coffee shop INSIDE. Location is Immokalee Rd just west of I-75. Use the Juliet Ave entrance., use 2nd entrance to parking lot. **If meeting at Harns Marsh call Roberta 239-775-4160 by Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## FEBRUARY 2017 (cont'd)



### PLEASE MEET AT THE DESIGNATED TIME LISTED

#### Florida Panther Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip

**Thursday, February 9, 2017, 8:00am-12:00pm**

Trip is limited to 13 participants. Please call the Audubon Office, (239) 643-7822 to register. Join us for a morning swamp buggy trip through the varied habitats of the Refuge, including cypress swamp, pine flat woods and wet prairies. We will learn about panther biology and conservation while traveling through one of Florida's wildest and most beautiful landscapes. The Refuge is home to many imperiled and native species, including the Florida Panther, Black Bear, Wood Stork, Deer, Bobcat, Orchids and Bromeliads. This is **not** a birding trip although many species of birds can be seen. AWE's Brad Cornell is the Trip Leader. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### CREW Marsh Trail, Estero

**Saturday, February 11, 2017, 7:45am-12noon Donation to CREW suggested.**

This 60,000 acres preserve, 18+ miles east of I-75 on Corkscrew Rd has a varied eco-system and we will be led by volunteer naturalist David Cooper. He will be pointing out the flowers, animals and natural vegetation that thrive along this mile long trail. This is not a birding trip, but birds will also be observed. **If meeting at CREW call Roberta by Thursday, 9th.**

**Directions:** Meet at the Super Wal-Mart coffee shop **INSIDE**. Location is Immokalee Rd just west of I-75. Use the Juliet Ave. entrance; use 2nd entrance to parking lot. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### STA 5 (Storm Water Treatment Area), Clewiston, FL

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 - 6:30 am- 1:30 pm \$5.00 Donation to Hendry/Glades Audubon**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FEB. 15TH. NO LATER THAN 8PM- 8 car limit**

STA 5 is south of Clewiston. Some people make hotel arrangements at the Clewiston Inn and then drive to STA 5. We have counted over 100,000 birds there at some Christmas counts. We drive on the berms, bird next to our vehicles. We eat lunch out on the impoundment so **bring your own food and water**. None available. Hats, sun protection and a scope are useful. Binoculars are necessary. Carpooling required around the impoundments. Signed liability release required.

**Directions:** Meet at the Cracker Barrel restaurant at I-75 and Collier Blvd, 951. You can also meet us at STA 5 at 7:45 am. If meeting at STA 5 please call Roberta 239-775-4160, by Wednesday, Feb. 15th: no later than 8:00pm. The new entrance is at the microwave tower at Deerfence Road on SR835. It only takes about 1.5 hours from Cracker Barrel. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Tigertail Lagoon, Marco Island

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 - 7:30 AM - 12:00 noon**

Tigertail Beach Lagoon is usually full of shore birds feeding on the mud flats. We will walk along the edge of the lagoon. Sometimes it's very wet, so wear appropriate shoes, hats and sun protection. Bring water. We will view shorebirds at low tide feeding along the lagoon. **Long pants helpful when we need to walk through tall grasses**. Adam Di Nuovo, Collier Shorebird Stewardship Manager will be our very knowledgeable guide.

**Directions:** Meet at Tigertail Beach Parking lot. Take Collier Blvd (951), south over Jolly Bridge in Marco, to Kendall Dr., turn right. Turn left on Hernando Dr. Park is in front of you. Fees apply if no Collier County Beach parking permit. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## MARCH 2017



#### Bird Rookery Swamp, Naples

**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 7:45am-noon**

This trip has a wetland boardwalk and logging trails, plus open fields and a lake. Conservation Collier acquisition. Bathrooms on site. Trip led by Dr. Bernie Master, life list of over 8000 birds.

**Directions:** Meet at the parking lot of the Rookery. Shady Hollow Rd is off Immokalee Rd. just east of Oil Well Rd. past the Orange Tree development, as the divided highway ends. Turn left and follow road north onto dirt road. Gate and parking lot on right side. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Wakodahatchee Wetlands & Green Cay Wetlands, Delray Beach RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**Saturday, March 11, 2017- 7:30am to 1pm Call Roberta 775-4160 by Thursday, March 9, 2017**

Meet at Wakodahatchee at 7:30 am. We are the guests of Tropical Audubon. This is a great place to see nesting birds up close and see how a city cleans its water supply in filter marshes. You may wish to spend the night as it is a 3+hour drive. Intriguing, Morikami Japanese Gardens is very close by as well.

**Directions:** Take I-75 east to Sawgrass Expressway(869), north to FL Turnpike. Turn, go north to Atlantic Ave West, Delray Beach. Go east on Atlantic Ave. a few blocks to Jogg Rd. Turn left (north) go about 1.5miles. Large brown sign on right past power station. On to Green Cay a short distance away. **Bring food and water**. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## MARCH 2017 (cont'd)

### PLEASE MEET AT THE DESIGNATED TIME LISTED



#### Nancy Payton Preserve, Naples *NEW*

**SUNDAY, March 19, 2017- 7:30am-11am**

This is a newer preserve and it has most species of woodpeckers. 2 mile trail with benches and observation areas.

#### Directions:

Nancy Payton Preserve is located at 1540 Blue Sage Drive. From CR 951 (Collier Blvd.) take white Blvd. east to its end where it turns right and becomes 23rd Ave SW. Follow that to Brantley Blvd. Continue past Hideout Golf Course to the end of Brantley, where you will come to the Golden Gate Canal. Turn right onto Blue Sage Drive and follow the road about 1/2 mile. The trailhead and 5 parking spaces will be on your right. The preserve is open from dawn to dusk 7 days/week. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Red Cockaded Woodpeckers (RCW), Naples

**Saturday, March 25, 2017, 7:00am-11:00am**

Monica Folk, RCW Specialist, will lead us to 2 nesting areas, not far from I75 and 951 Collier Blvd. The nest site is approximately 1/2 mile walk on sugar sand roads.

Directions: Meet at the rear, south side parking lot of Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Turn on Beck Blvd. just south of Collier Blvd.(951) I75 exit, east past the gas station, and then turn left. Cracker Barrel is on the left. **We must carpool from Cracker Barrel to the site. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Colliers Reserve Golf Course *RESERVATIONS REQUIRED \$5.00 each for cart*

Trip is limited to 23 people

**THURSDAY, March 30, 2017, 6:30am-9:30am**

We usually see 25-35 species of birds including, water birds, nesting Osprey, buntings and many more. Colliers Reserve is the first Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary designated golf course in Collier County. They use practices that are more environmentally friendly than other courses. Golf carts will be provided by Colliers Reserve. Trip leader, Pete Thayer, life list 5000+, owner of Thayer Birding Software.

**Call Audubon office at 239-643-7822 by MARCH 23RD for reservations.**

Directions: The golf course is located on the north side of Immokalee Rd. about **1/2 mile east** of US 41. The light is at Creekside and the new Naples Daily News building. Proceed to the gate and they will have a list of pre-registered participants. Assemble at the cart building. Bathrooms are available at the cart drop and along the route. **If you are a Non-Chapter Member an additional \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## APRIL 2017

#### Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, Kirby Storter Park, Eastern Collier County

**Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 7:15-12noon - \$3.00 donation for Fakahatchee suggested**

Spring migration may still be in swing with warblers and hawks, Eagles and waders. Beautiful boardwalk through ancient old growth Cypress. Some stops along the way are possible.

Directions: Meet at Publix parking lot at US41 east and Collier Blvd, 951. We park at the SW corner away from the store entrance. Bring water. 30+ minute drive to the boardwalk, if no stops are made. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### American Flamingos, Palm Beach County, STA-1 *RESERVATIONS REQUIRED*

**Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 8am-3pm Call Roberta 239-775-4160 \$5.00 donation**

**We are allowed 4 cars with 16 people.**

We hope to see a flock of Flamingos as has been seen in many of the other trips. Of course, no guarantees, but THINK PINK! Sponsored by Audubon Society of the Everglades. \$5.00 donation. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Florida Panther Refuge Swamp Buggy Trip

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

(See description on February 9th date) **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Eagle Lakes Park, Naples *REGISTRATION REQUIRED for Cart Only*

**Saturday, April 15, 2017, 7:30am-10:30am**

There are 3 retention ponds and an easy walkway around the ponds. Trees along the edges for warblers and the ponds attract waders of all sorts. Benches to view from. Some shore birds as well. A 6 person cart will be provided to birders that can't walk the loop. Please let us know if you need assistance. Reservations for cart required.

Directions: Meet at the parking lot on the left, by soccer field. Park is off US41 East, just west of Lely Resort entrance, entrance with sculpted horses. About 1.25 miles west of Collier Blvd.(951) **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## APRIL 2017 (Cont'd)

### PLEASE MEET AT THE DESIGNATED TIME LISTED

#### Freedom Park, Naples

**Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7:45 am – 11am**

Amenities include a 5-acre lake with approximately 3500 feet of boardwalk constructed throughout the park. Existing on site wetlands, have been restored via removal of exotic vegetation and planting of native species. Six pavilions, water fountains, and walking trails.

**Directions:** Northeast corner of Goodlette Frank Rd. and Golden Gate Parkway. **Meet in the parking lot off Golden Gate Parkway. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**



#### Naples Lakes Country Club, Naples

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 7:15 am-9:30am REGISTRATION REQUIRED \$5.00 Cart Fee**

This is a golf cart trip to the natural and mitigation areas throughout the community. Multiple species of woodpeckers may be seen. Usually lots of wading birds on this Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program Golf Course.

**Directions:** Naples Lakes is located just north of Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. on the west side of Collier Blvd. (951), Meet at clubhouse. **Register with Audubon office: 643-7822 by April 18, 2017 by 2:30 pm. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 fee will apply.**

## MAY 2017



#### North Collier Regional Park, Naples

**Saturday, May 6, 2017, 7:45am-11am**

Red headed woodpeckers, bluebirds and nuthatches are often seen here. Boardwalks and paved paths through woods and around small ponds.

**Directions:** The park is north of Vanderbilt Rd. on the east side of Livingston Rd, south of Immokalee Rd. Meet at the rear of the park. Follow the driveway around past the water slide and behind the administration building. Park near the pond. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

#### Sugden Park, East Naples

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 7:45am-11:00am**

One of Naples best kept secrets for birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's hawks, buntings, wading birds, warblers, Eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches on paved paths and higher grass paths.

**Directions:** Park is located on US 41 East (Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr/Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. **Bathroom facilities at entrance to the park and half way through walk. Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## JUNE 2017

#### Tigertail Beach Nesting Shore Birds, Marco Island

**Saturday, June 24, 2017, 7:30am-11am** **RESERVATION REQUIRED Call Roberta 239-775-4160**

We have an opportunity to potentially see shore birds nesting on Tigertail Beach, gulf side. It is a walk from the parking lot over the sand to the gulf side of the peninsula. The short route is to wade the lagoon knee to waist high water.

**Directions:** Meet at the parking lot at Tigertail Beach on Marco Island. Take 951 Collier Blvd. over the Jolly Bridge to a right on Tigertail Court, then left on Hernando Dr. to the park entrance. Pay entrance fee or use your Collier County Beach Parking sticker. Trip leader is a Adam DiNuovo, Collier Shorebird Stewardship Manager. **Shorebird Stewardship VOLUNTEERS NEEDED April- September.** Call Audubon office at 643-7822 if you are interested. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## AUGUST 2017



#### Agricultural Fields Broward and Palm Beach County

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Saturday August 26, 2017 5:30am- all day TENTATIVE DATE.**

**Check with Roberta by Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017 at 239-775-4160**

Spend the day with Tropical Audubon scouring the fields for migrating shorebirds and other migrants. Bring lunch, water and snacks, or they MAY stop at a fast food restaurant. Field water levels are the key to this trip.

**Directions:** Meet at the Waffle House Restaurant, south side of I75 and Davis Blvd. / Beck Blvd. Turn east on Beck. Trip leaders are Tropical Audubon. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### North Collier Regional Park, Naples

**Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 7:45am-11am**

Red headed woodpeckers, bluebirds and nuthatches are often seen here. Boardwalks and paved paths through woods and around small ponds.

**Directions:** The park is north of Vanderbilt Rd. on the east side of Livingston Rd, south of Immokalee Rd. Meet at the rear of the park. Follow the driveway around past the water slide and behind the administration building. Park near the pond.

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**Saturday, September 23, 2017, - 7:45am-11am**

One of Naples best kept secrets for birding. Join us on this wonderful outing where we may see Wood storks, Cooper's Hawks, buntings, wading birds, warblers, Eagles and more. 1 mile walk with benches on paved paths with optional grass paths.

**Directions:** Park is located on US 41East (Tamiami Trail) at Avalon Dr/Lakewood Blvd. From the city of Naples turn right on Avalon Dr. and go straight into the gate and bare right around the lake. Meet at the back of the park past the bleachers on the lake. **Bathroom facilities at entrance** to the park and **half way through walk.**

**Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

## OCTOBER 2017

### Shell Island, Frigate Birds, Migrants and Owls, Marco Island

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 2pm-sunset**

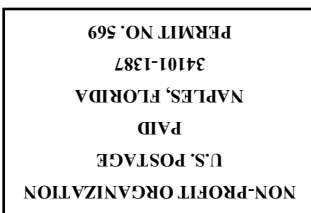
We will visit Shell Island Rd., Otter Mound, mud flats, Burrowing Owls and migrants, and then stop at the ABC Islands to watch the amazing herons, egrets, Pelicans and Frigate Birds in their aerial displays as they come in for their evening roost.

**Directions:** Meet at the Publix parking lot at Collier Blvd. (951) and US41 east. Shopping center is on the NW corner of the intersection. Please park away from the front doors close to 951. **Non-Chapter Member(s) a \$20.00 per person fee will apply.**

**Field Trip Guide is available electronically online.**

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