

Everglades Birding Festival



Jan. 17-21, 2013 Become one with the River of Grass

Journey through south Florida searching for an array of beautiful and rare birds in ancient moss-covered cypress swamps, everglades prairies that join the sky, and brilliant marshes that sparkle with flashes of roseate wings. Scan across the tips of sawgrass searching for hovering Snail kites and hear the squeal of the Limpkin

TARGET BIRDS-SNAIL KITE*LIMPKIN*WOOD STORK* *PAINTED BUNTING*ROSEATE SPOONBILL*SHORT-TAILED HAWK* *PURPLE

GALINULE*PEREGRINE FALCON *COMMON

MYNA*CRESTED CARACARA* *BURROWING OWL*RED-WHISKERED BULBUL*PRAIRIE WARBLERS* PARROTS*

FIELD WORKSHOPS- Advanced Birding Skills, Habitat, Bird by Ear, Behavior, Field Techniques

FLORIDA EXPERTS-DAVID SIMPSON, JIM

EAGER & PADDY CUNNINGHAM

KEYNOTE-JAMES CURRIE, T.V.'S BIRDING ADVENTURES-1/18-7:00pm



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FESTIVAL SITE-La Quinta Hotel 8101 Peters Rd. Plantation, Fl. 33324, (954) 476-6047

ALL FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES START AT LA QUINTA, 8101 Peters Rd. Plantation, Fl.

THURS-1/17 Registration-12-1:00 pm 6:30-7:00 pm FIELD TRIP-1:30-6:00 p.m. Happy Hour 6:30-7:00 pm Open Keynote-7:00-8:30	REGISTRATION-12:00-1:00 p.m. OR 6:30-7:00 pm-ON SITE open trips may be limited Pick up your name tag, field trip workshop materials and goody bags. BROWARD HOT SPOTS- Search Broward's Hot Spots for Common Myna, Burrowing Owl's, Great-Horned Owl, wintering waterfowl and possible Black-hooded Parrot. An incredible sunset over a marsh to look for Purple Swamphen.(\$40) Opening Reception-MEET & GREET-HAPPY HOUR, FUN, GAMES & PRIZES KEYNOTE SPEAKER-PADDY CUNNINGHAM-EVERGLADES, UNIQUE & PRECIOUS. This opening reception will set the stage for a weekend of learning and exciting birding. The ecology of the Everglades, an international biosphere will be explored. The field workshop process of developing advanced birding skills will be covered.A Meet & Greet Happy Hour will take place with Contests & Prizes! ATTENDENCE WILL GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE FOR THE FESTIVAL. COST-included in your registration fee(\$30).
FRI.-1/18 6:15-check in, 6:30 day orientation, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Happy Hour 6:30-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CORKSCREW & PRAIRIES Corkscrew Swamp is a "must" see in south Florida with 2-mile board walk and legendary beauty. There is a chance of Painted Bunting, Barred Owl, Limpkin, Night Herons and more. We'll visit the nature centers' exhibits and nature store. On Seminole Indian lands-Snake Road there is a chance for Crested Caracara, Wild Turkey, White-tailed Kite and Sandhill Cranes. (\$80) PALM BEACH WETLANDS, Wacodahachee, Green Cay & Okeehchee- At Okeehchee possible Painted Bunting & Sand-hill Crane. Green Cay wetlands' attracts Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, & Sora. Wacodahachee harbors Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, American Bittern and much more. Lunch (\$75) KEYNOTE SPEAKER JAMES CURRIE, BIRDING ADVENTURES, T.V. will thrill us with his adventures to far off destinations and golden birds. Join in the fun as he explores the wilds of the world for exotic birds and good times (\$10).
SAT.-1/19 6:15-check in, 6:30-day orientation, 7:00 a.m.-6:00-p.m.	STORM WATER TREATMENT AREA 5, Everglades Restoration at its best at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 targeting Snail, Kite, American Bittern, Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, Wood Stork, Crested Caracara, Peregrine Falcon, Sora, Purple Swamphen, Roseate Spoonbill up to 10 species of wintering ducks and 50,000 birds. At the famous historical Clewiston Inn we will have a yummy late lunch with all southern sides and charm. Two stops to see the second largest freshwater lake in the U.S-Lake Okeechobee. Cost-\$90 SOUTH DADE EXOTICS & WETLANDS South Dade is home to some of the most sought after birds Red-whiskered Bulbul, Spot-breasted Oriole, and Hill Myna. A stop at AD Barnes for wintering warblers, possible White-crowned Pigeon, and Bell's Vireo. Lunch at nature center. Old Cutler Wetlands and Dump Marsh can have some rare birds such as Short-tailed Hawk. . Cost:\$75. 8 Required min.
SUN.-1/20 6:15-check in, 6:30-day orientation, 7:00 a.m.- late return	EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK The ENP tour will start at Lucky Hammock for White-tailed Kite, Grasshopper Sparrow, up to 10 species of raptors and wintering warblers. A quick stop at the visitors center for a peek. Anhinga trail offers close views of wading birds, Purple Gallinules and Short-tailed Hawk. A picnic lunch at Long Pine Key can bring Eastern Bluebird, Brown-headed Nuthatch and Eastern Towhee. A few quick stop at Paurotis, Mrazek, and Eco-Ponds for Roseate Spoonbills and much more. At Flamingo look on the sandbar for Black Skimmer, Reddish Egret, White Pelican, Marbled Godwit and many shorebirds. The easiest place in the U.S. to see Crocodiles can be found at Flamingo. Schedule may vary on tide and rare bird alerts. Cost-(\$75)
MON-1/21 6:15-check in, 6:30-orient., 7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	UPPER KEYS NATURE ADVENTURE A drive across Card Sound to North Key Largo is our best chance for White-crowned Pigeon. The Florida Keys Wildlife Center is a great place to see a variety of birds up close for comparison and possible Great White Heron, Horned Grebe & others. John Pennekamp State Park will include a short hike in the one of the U.S.'s most endangered habitats-tropical hardwood forest and time to see the displays and aquarium of the U. S's only coral reef system. A late lunch at the world's famous Alabama Jack's waterfront restaurant for conch fritters & chowder to get the real atmosphere of the Keys. (\$90)

***New*Photo Workshop 1/17-8:30 a.m. Don Mullaney,**

Sam Fried-Owls of N.A.-1/19-7:00 p.m. (New field trip leader)

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Opportunity to add life and year birds by visiting a variety of habitats and unique natural areas. *Daily mini-workshops that are demonstrated in the field and include printed materials to reinforce newly learned skills.* *Gain birding skills that facilitate intermediate and beginning birders to learn in a non-intimidating environment.* *An intense excitement of finding new birds with a sense of shared joy with fellow birders* *Meet TOP BIRDING EXPERTS and birders from across the country and have lots of fun.

"It was a lot of fun and rewarding to see some of the life birds on my list" Susan Frank, CA.

"We want to thank you so much for the wonderful birding adventure this week. It couldn't of been better" Clair and Linda Haakensen, N.M. ***"Fantastic Adventure" Nancy Russo, Fl.***