

Birding Adventures

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Bird Classes — 2016-17

Mon. Labor Day, Sept. 5-Flamingo Gardens Native Bird Festival 9:30am to 4:30pm

Flamingo Gardens is for the birds this Labor Day, September 5th with the 7th Annual Native Bird Festival. Experience the birds that make Florida their home with live bird exhibits, birding classes, aviary tours and special live bird presentations. I will be conducting 2 workshops: 1. Attracting Birds and Butterflies-talk followed by a butterfly walk AND South Florida: A Birder's Paradise talk and a walk through the aviary. Best of all, Labor Day is **HALF PRICE ADMISSION!**

Tues. Sept. 6 Audubon of the Everglades Meeting Speaker Paddy Cunningham, Pine Jog Env. Center, Palm Beach Topic-Shorebirds & Warblers-difficult groups made easier ****New Program** 7 p.m.**

Sun., Sept. 11- Ascend to Better Birding-Part I-The Tools of the Trade- Flamingo Gardens-2:00-5:00 p.m. bird class Learn how to better use your binoculars, bird checklist and bird field guide book including field marks, glossary, and family organization. Learn about some of the latest birding apps such as e-bird, Audubon and Merlin to make identification easier using your smart phone. Find out about of the wonderful benefits of becoming a bird watcher, great local birding hot spots, and wonderful birding opportunities locally, in Florida and tropical adventures abroad. The workshop includes an informative power point presentation, numerous hand outs and a bird walk through the gardens. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). Also if you have bird apps on your phone bring them. COST- \$25 per session (\$10 for members) for adults and children over 8 years old. Pre-registration is required. Cost includes admission to Flamingo Gardens, so come early to enjoy gardens and wildlife sanctuary. Please meet at the meeting Room for the classes. Pre-register [online](#) or call the Education Department at (954) 473-2955 x115.

Sun. Sept. 18-Hawks Galore-Raptor bird class Bonnet House-2:00-5:00 p.m.

Search the skies for the flight of Raptors streaming down our coastline heading for winter destinations. Learn how to identify the main groups of raptors-Buteos, Accipiters, Falcons, Harriers, Osprey, Eagles, Kites and Vultures. Get into the details of the 18 species who can be found here in South Florida. The workshop includes an informative power point presentation, raptor hand outs and a bird walk through the gardens. Bring binoculars and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request) CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25.

Sun., Sept. 25- Ascend to Better Birding-Part II-A 10 step approach to better identification bird class.

Learn a 10 step approach to increase your ability to identify birds such as family groups, behavior, silhouette, habitat, field marks, commonality, seasonality, birding by ear, plumage, use of checklist and apps. The class will include an informative power point, numerous handouts, workshop activity and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). Also if you have bird apps on your phone bring them. COST-\$25 per session (\$10 for members) for adults and children over 8 years old. Pre-registration is required. Cost includes admission to Flamingo Gardens, so come early to enjoy gardens and wildlife sanctuary. Please meet at the meeting Room for the classes. Pre-register [online](#) or call the Education Department at (954) 473-2955 x115.

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 -7th Annual Bird Festival, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Coral Gables

Festival includes a variety of field trips, workshops, keynote speakers, and exhibits.

October 23-Ascend to Better Birding-Part I-The Tools of the Trade-bird class

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December 11-Bird Behavior-A Key to Better I.D. bird class

Learn how observing bird behavior can be essential to identifying a bird. Gain knowledge about flight and feeding behaviors that are unique to a variety of birds. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). Also if you have bird apps on your phone bring them. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25.

Sat. Dec. 17-Christmas Bird Count South Florida Audubon Society

Join a team of birders to count the birds of Broward County on this special day. Join amateur scientists all over the country for this important scientific annual bird count. Meet for dinner to find out the total number of bird species found and which group found them.

January 8-Birding by Habitat-bird class

I say birds are creatures of habitat. One of the best ways to find the birds you seek is know what habitat where they can be found. Some birds are very specific like Scrub Jays and some more general like Northern Mockingbirds. Learn what birds are likely to be found in the incredible variety of Florida's natural habitats. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds in various habitats. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25

January 27, 28, & 29-Space Coast Birding Festival, Titusville, Fl. Birding by Ear & Habitat workshops

February 12-Birding by Ear bird class-

Most advanced birders, bird by ear to identify the birds they seek. The good news is that each makes a unique sound to help identify them. That is the bad news too. Learn birding by ear with techniques such as repetition, use of human words, sound type, family groups, habitat and more. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25

March 19-Birding by Season-Right Bird, Right Time, Right Place-bird class

Discovery when and how to find the bird you seek, by learning to Bird by Season. Through the use of checklists, annual graphs, range maps and apps you will learn to find the target and life birds. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Bring binoculars, and a field guide (if possible can be provided upon request). Also if you have bird apps on your phone bring it. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25

April 8, Birding in the Field-Green Cay and Wakodahatchee Wetlands Field Trip. Celebrate!!

Talk a wonderful walk in the best two local birding hot spots in South Florida. Put all what you have learned to practice at these top birding destinations. See young birds in the nests of a variety of wading birds. A chance for some rare birds like Painted Bunting, Sora, Least and American Bittern. A focus of the walk will be how to find birds in the field and wetland birds. We "do" lunch together to celebrate a great year of birding and learning. Lunch on your own. 8 am-2:00 p.m. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 ext 137. Cost \$25