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Fall-Winter 2011 Newsletter

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## Annual Chesapeake Audubon Society Chili Dinner

By Kevin McCahill

The Annual Chili Dinner sounds like an event you do not want to miss! Besides a savory bowl of hot chili and the fixings, we have an intriguing speaker. Join us for an evening of wonderful pictures of Maryland birds taken by photographer George Jett, and listen to the story of how he was able to photograph more than 300 species in one year! During his quest, George depended on his own knowledge of hot birding spots in the state, and tips from his connections to local birding networks. Interestingly, his quest began with a rare hummingbird on January 1, 2008, and ended with another uncommon hummer (for Maryland) in December. In George's words, "In 2008 I decided to have a big photo year. My goal was to see if 300 species could be photographed in a single calendar year in Maryland. My friends said I was crazy. Was I? Come see and find out."



## What I'm Reading

"Refuge," by Terry Tempest Williams

Review by Bryan MacKay

Every so often, American letters produces a work of such transcendent power and insight that it immediately becomes a permanent part of the canon of nature writing. From Thoreau's "Walden," to Muir's "My First Summer in the Sierra," to Leopold's "A Sand County Almanac," each work offers a perspective on the natural world that fits the author's time and place, but resonates through the years to the present. Terry Tempest Williams' 1991 classic, "Refuge" is such a book, and it is one that holds special appeal to birders. On this twentieth anniversary of its original publication, "Refuge" is well worth reading or re-reading.

What makes "Refuge" a book unlike any other is the author's use of the flooding of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge as a metaphor for the illness and eventual death of her mother from cancer. Thus, this is not primarily a work of natural history; indeed, it is subtitled "An Unnatural History of Family and Place." Yet her observations about birds are careful, detailed and insightful. There is nothing overly sentimental in her description of how environmental change affected the birds and other wildlife of this hard-to-appreciate desert stopover site near Salt Lake City, Utah.

Each of the 36 chapters is subtitled for a bird species that makes an appearance within its pages. For example, Williams says of burrowing owls: "There are those birds you can gauge your life by. The burrowing owls... are mine. Sentries. Each year they alert me to the regularities of the land. In spring I find them nesting, in summer they forage with their young... they have a body the color of wheat, balanced on two long, spindly legs. They can burn grasses with their stare."

Over the course of a few years, unusually high snowmelt flooded the Great Salt Lake. In an effort to minimize damage to man-made structures, human intervention exacerbated the damage caused by this input of fresh water into a hypersaline ecosystem. The effects on birds were dramatic. In the end, however, the waters eventually receded, and Bear River began a slow return to the way it was, albeit with a few permanent changes. Not so with Williams' mother, whose long battle with breast cancer seems as slow and inevitable as the flooding, but results in death. Perhaps Williams might have used the recovery of the refuge as a metaphor for resurrection, but she does not. What she does is make us realize the value of family, with both its love and dysfunction, as mirroring the cycles of the natural world. It is a lesson we all can learn from.

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## Message from the President

Ruth Bergstrom

The summer ended on shaky ground as we endured both an earthquake and a hurricane in the same week. Unfortunately, many birds perish in hurricanes from their injuries or weakened conditions, or from being deposited in inhospitable areas. I noticed hummingbirds and songbirds furiously feeding until sundown at my home before "Hurricane Irene" arrived and was relieved to see two hummingbirds I could recognize the next morning. I hope all our members battled the storm successfully.

Have you ever noticed two or three fast-paced walkers wearing binoculars in Baltimore City in the wee hours of the morning? These souls are volunteers for "Lights out Baltimore." They are looking for injured or dead birds that crashed into buildings during the night. I have had the pleasure of walking with these caring individuals during spring migration, and now through fall migration. Ovenbirds and Common Yellowthroats seem to be the most common victims, but Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Juncos, Baltimore Orioles, Woodcocks, and many others are also found. Glass buildings and lights can be confusing to birds and are death traps as they migrate through less familiar areas. Please be mindful of birds and windows when placing your birdfeeders this season. Reduce your use of outdoor lighting, and keep your curtains closed when possible. To learn more about this organization, visit our Web site and click on links.

As we head into autumn, please join us for an upcoming bird walk, canoe trip, or nature hike. The calendar is updated on our Web site, Facebook page, and Meetup.com, or sign up for our e-mail alerts. You can help the insects and critters by planting native plants with Patterson Park Audubon on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and have fun with the family by visiting the Pickering Creek annual Harvest Hoedown on October 9<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss our annual Chili dinner on October 29<sup>th</sup>, which is usually a sell-out so reserve your spot early. Last but not least, remember our feathered friend and buy seed during our annual sale; order by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Birdseed Sale will provide kids with much needed environmental education. We can always use volunteers to help with all events; please email us with any comments or questions at [information@chesapeakeaudubon.org](mailto:information@chesapeakeaudubon.org). ■■

### Field Trips and Programs:

Some of the dates provide an opportunity to choose a trip or double up and participate in two. Beginner birders are welcome and encouraged to attend our walks!

**Sunday, October 2, 8 AM, Birding at Ladew Gardens;** Trip Leader: **Tim Houghton**

Tim will lead us in search of migrating songbirds through this beautiful Harford County location. Management at Ladew has waived the entrance fee for the bird walk as long as we remain on the nature trail; psst...that's where the birds are! Afterwards, you can eat at the little cafe on the grounds (opens at 11:00)

and/or pay the fee to visit the gardens on your own. Register with Tim by e-mail [thoughton@loyola.edu](mailto:thoughton@loyola.edu), or call 410-510-7504.

**Friday, October 7, 6 PM, Pickering Creek Autumn Family Canoe Trip Easton, MD**

Paddle up the Eastern Shore's Pickering Creek to wetland coves in search of herons, osprey, eagles, and much more. There will be canoes, paddles, and life jackets, but you may also bring your own. Afterwards, tell some tales by the campfire while roasting marshmallows. Call 410-822-4903 to register. Upon arrival, go to the Main Office; cost is \$10/adult; \$5/child.

**Saturday, October 8, 9 AM-noon, Hike Soldiers Delight;**

Trip Leader: **Bryan MacKay**

Hike Soldiers Delight in search of one of Maryland's rarest and most beautiful wildflowers—the fringed gentian. This is a two-mile hike over rocky, broken ground in Baltimore County. We'll stop to learn about the ecology of this unusual, winding, barren habitat, while identifying plants and birds. To register and get directions, e-mail Bryan at [mackay@umbc.edu](mailto:mackay@umbc.edu) or call 410-747-7132 (evenings 6-10 PM).



**Sunday, October 9, 11 AM to 4 PM, Pickering Creek Audubon Center's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Hoedown Easton, MD**

There will be artisans selling their wares, food, Boat Rides, Hay Rides, Bluegrass and Blues Music, Kids Activities, and other Family Fun at the Pickering Creek

Audubon Center on the Eastern Shore. Stay afterwards for a Fall Feast (described below). Entry fee: \$10 per car

**October 9, 4:30 PM, Fall Feast 2011 - Registration is required three days in advance - call 410-822-4903 Children are considered ages 15 and under unless otherwise noted.**

Join us at Locust Lane Farm following the Harvest Hoedown for a feast of seasonal and local favorites! We will serve local oysters, fresh fall vegetables and seasonal foods, such as apples, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin, all professionally prepared by a local chef. There will also be a selection of Maryland beers and wines to accompany the goodies. In addition to the feast, we will have pumpkin carving contests (with prizes!), apple bobbing, and marshmallow roasting. Plenty of fun for the kids plus a bountiful feast equals a great ending to the Harvest Hoedown. Hosted by Julien and Emily Larkin. Cost is \$50/adult, \$25/child under age 12



**Saturday, October 15, 8 AM, Cylburn Arboretum Trip;** Trip Leader: **Tim Houghton**

Please join us at one of Baltimore's premier birding hotspots to witness a fall migration. Enjoy the beautiful gardens of the arboretum. See an amazing variety of bird life while learning about them from one of our knowledgeable leaders. This will be a great walk! Register with Tim by e-mail at [thoughton@loyola.edu](mailto:thoughton@loyola.edu), or call 410-510-7504.

Join us on Meetup at Chesapeake Audubon Society for notification of field trips and events (<http://www.meetup.com>).



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### More Field Trips & Programs!

#### **Sunday, October 23, Noon-4 PM, Jug Bay Wetland Canoe Trip;** Trip Leader: **Ruth Bergstrom**

A Jug Bay naturalist will guide us through channels flowing through the Patuxent River wetlands to see amazing vegetation, birds, and other wildlife. There is an easy 1-mile hike to the canoes. All equipment will be provided. This trip is great for beginners or experienced paddlers, aged 7 and older. We are limited to 9 canoes; **sign up early with Ruth Bergstrom by phone 443-752-1967, or e-mail [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com). Cost \$10.**

#### **Saturday, October 29, 8 AM Patterson Park Fall Migration;** Trip Leader: **Dave Curson**

Come join us for a bird walk through Baltimore's Patterson Park, an urban oasis in Canton. Audubon's senior naturalist, Dr. Dave Curson, will lead the walk and answer any of your questions. We have plenty of binoculars to share, just contact us if you would like to borrow some (*410-558-2473 or [PPAudubon@gmail.com](mailto:PPAudubon@gmail.com)*.) Meet at the fountain in Patterson Park (just inside the Park close to where Lombard St. meets South Patterson Park Ave.). **Free! No need to RSVP.**

#### **October 29, 6 PM Chesapeake Audubon Annual Chili Dinner**

See information on reserving your seat elsewhere in the newsletter. This is a grrreat bowl of chili!

#### **Sunday, October 30, Day-trip, Hawk Mountain Trip;** Trip Leader: **Hugh Simmons**

Join us on our trip to one of the premier hawk-watching locations in the nation. In late October, it is possible to see a wide variety of raptors in good numbers. The park gets crowded quickly; to get a good spot at the hawk watch, we will leave the Hunt Valley Mall at the west end (Sears) parking lot at 6AM. It is at 2.5 hour drive to Hawk Mountain from there. We will try to carpool for those who are interested. **Trail admission is \$5/person. Contact Hugh Simmons at [lenonnature@gmail.com](mailto:lenonnature@gmail.com) or 410-628-4246 (before 9pm) to sign up and for trip instructions.**

#### **Saturday, November 5, 9 AM, Pickering Creek Audubon Center;** Trip Leader: **Ruth Bergstrom**

We will search for waterfowl and winter residents while hiking the trails through hardwood forests and along the shoreline, wetlands, and meadows. Bring a lunch and linger at this Eastern Shore 400-acre wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center (Easton, MD). **Please register with Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or call 443-752-1967.**

#### **Sunday, November 6, 1-3 PM, Pickering Creek Bird Walk n' Talk Series: Feeder Birds**

The Bird Walk n' Talk series introduces beginning birders of all ages to the birds found along the Delmarva Peninsula. Each month there will be an exploration of the habitat, identification, and calls of different bird groups. Naturalists will lead hikes and exploration activities or crafts for both adults and children. **Meet at the Main Office; Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/child**

#### **Saturday, November 19, 2 PM – dusk, Five Senses Stroll;** Trip Leader: **Bryan MacKay**

Join Bryan for a slow two-mile stroll in Patapsco Valley State Park to take a closer look at berries, stems, dried leaves, and other wild treasures. Expect to use all of your five senses to experience this river valley environment. The trail is paved, with a side visit to the [Swinging Bridge](#), and suitable for children, adults, and wheelchairs. Of course, we may happen to see a bird or two, so bring your binoculars. To register and get directions, email Bryan at [mackay@umbc.edu](mailto:mackay@umbc.edu) or call 410 747 7132 evenings 6-10 pm.

#### **Saturday, November 26, 8-9:30 AM, Patterson Park – Late Migrants;** Trip Leader: **Dave Curson**

Come join us for a bird walk through Baltimore City's Patterson Park with Dr. Dave Curson. See October 29th trip for details.

#### **Saturday, December 3, Day-trip, Bombay Hook Natl Wildlife Refuge;** Trip Leader: **Hugh Simmons**

Famous for millions of Snow Geese in the winter, this refuge is also reliable for a variety of other waterfowl and winter land birds. We will meet at the refuge headquarters at 9AM. **There is an entrance fee of \$4/car. Contact Hugh Simmons at [lenonnature@gmail.com](mailto:lenonnature@gmail.com) or 410-628-4246 (before 9pm) to sign up and for trip instructions.**

#### **Saturday, December 10, 8 AM, Eagle Watch at Conowingo Dam/Warm Up Social at the Argentino Residence**

Join us to count the many eagles visiting the Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River this winter. This time of year has experienced some amazing numbers in the past. There are usually many (like 50+) Great Blue Herons roosting on the island directly across from the park. We will also take a walk along the forest path to scope out winter residents and visiting birds. Afterwards, join us for hot soups, cider, and other assorted goodies at the Argentino's home before you head for yours. **Contact Marian or Harry at 410-734-4805, 410-852-9913 (Bal. #) or e-mail Marian at [MJD405@aol.com](mailto:MJD405@aol.com).**

#### **Saturday, December 17, Loch Raven Reservoir Trip,** Trip Leader: **Hugh Simmons**

A variety of waterfowl and usually a few Bald Eagles are likely to be seen on this trip, but there are often surprises. **Contact Hugh Simmons at [lenonnature@gmail.com](mailto:lenonnature@gmail.com) or 410-628-4246 (before 9pm) to sign up and for trip instructions.**

#### **December 17, 8-9:30 AM, Patterson Park – Winter Visitors;** Trip Leader: **Dave Curson**

Come join us for a bird walk through Baltimore City's Patterson Park with Dr. Dave Curson. See October 29th trip for details.

#### **Sunday, January 8, afternoon, Blackwater Natl Wildlife Refuge;** Trip Leader: **Ruth Bergstrom**

We will search for waterfowl and winter residents while hiking the trails through hardwood forests and driving the wildlife loop along the shoreline, wetlands, and meadows. **Entry fee to sanctuary applies. For information on meeting time, location and carpooling, please contact Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or call 443-752-1967.**

#### **Sunday, January 22, 1-3 PM, Pickering Creek Bird Walk n' Talk Series: Woodpeckers**

The Bird Walk n' Talk series introduces beginning birders of all ages to the birds found along the Delmarva Peninsula. Each month there will be an exploration of the habitat, identification, and calls of different bird groups. Naturalists will lead hikes and exploration activities or crafts for both adults and children. **Meet at the Main Office; Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/child**

## Give at the Office! EFM becomes EarthShare Mid-Atlantic



It's hard to believe, but fall is here and with it workplace-giving campaign season. If you have contributed to the Chesapeake Audubon Society in the past through a workplace giving campaign, thank you very much for your contribution.

We want to let everyone know about a change in the Environmental Fund for Maryland (EFM) and workplace-giving this year. Last year, members of EFM voted to become a new chapter of EarthShare Mid-Atlantic. EarthShare is a nationwide federation of the most respected environmental and conservation charities in the country. This means the Chesapeake Audubon Society will now be listed under the EarthShare banner.

Chesapeake Audubon Society was a founding member of EFM, and has been a proud participant since 1994. The EFM has served Chesapeake Audubon Society well over the years, providing a significant portion of contributions made to the Society.

You can continue to donate to the Chesapeake Audubon Society through this workplace-giving program by visiting EarthShare. Our Combined Federal Campaign number is still #57607.

Numerous private companies and other institutions are also participating in EarthShare's workplace-giving campaigns, increasing the opportunity for individuals to conveniently donate to the Chesapeake Audubon Society through their payroll deduction system.

If you have donated to the Chesapeake Audubon Society through your payroll deduction program, we hope you will continue to support us through this mechanism. If you have never considered workplace-giving, perhaps it is time to find out whether your employer provides employees with the opportunity to make charitable gifts through payroll contributions. If your employer does not participate in workplace-giving, or does not currently include EarthShare in its campaign, please let us know. We would be happy to introduce them to EarthShare!



## PATTERSON PARK Audubon CENTER

*To participate in programs, please RSVP at  
410-558-2473 or PPAudubon@gmail.com*

### FAMILY PROGRAMMING

#### **AUDUBON'S GARDEN TEAM**

**Meet at the Butterfly Garden, on the western shore of the Boat Lake**

The Patterson Park Audubon Center has three native plant gardens in the park, and we need volunteers to make sure they remain healthy and provide good habitat for the park's bird and insect species.

#### **Saturday, October 8, 8-10 AM, A Planting Party!**

October's Garden Team will be especially fun, since we will be planting lots of new flowers. Come earn the bragging right of having helped wildlife in the park!

#### **Saturday, November 5, 8-9:30 AM, Garden Team**

Flex your green thumbs with us! Practice gardening techniques and identification skills while learning which native animal, insect, and bird species like which plants.

### JUST FOR KIDS

#### **ACTIVE AUDUBON!**

**Meet on the northeast side of the Boat Lake in**

#### **Patterson Park Every Friday, 3-4 pm; Ages: 6-14**

**Cost: \$5, free with a Prescription for Nature**

Get outside, get active, and have fun with the Patterson Park Audubon Center! With Active Audubon, children learn about native animal and plant species in Patterson Park while working to help these animals and their homes stay healthy. Whether participants work in a garden, play educational games, or paint storm drains, each week has a different outdoor activity, designed to get children moving.

#### **TINY TOTS**

**Meet on the northeast side Of the Boat Lake @ 10-11 am; Ages: 2-5, with an adult Cost: \$5**

Held twice a month, Tiny Tots is an early childhood environmental education program where kids make a craft, play a game, and read a story, all about a nature theme.

#### **Friday, October 21 OR Saturday October 29, B is For Bat**

Just in time for Halloween! A bat is an animal just like a human – how are they like us and how are they different?

#### **Friday, November 18 OR Saturday, November 19, Fall Adventure**

The fall is a great time to explore the outdoors! Learn how animals and plants in the park are getting ready for the cold months ahead.

#### **Friday, December 16 OR Saturday, December 17, What Does It Mean To Be Wild?**

Would a squirrel make a good pet? Would a dog be happy living in the park? Together we will find out what wild really means in the animal world.



## Making Mushroom Spore Prints

Did you know that a mushroom is not a plant OR an animal?! A mushroom is a fungus. When you come across one in your lawn or in the forest floor, you are actually looking at the fruiting body. It looks like a fat button or cap sitting on a stand. Not all mushrooms look like the ones you see in the grocery store. Some mushrooms are orange or red, but don't pick them! Some mushrooms are poisonous, so don't eat any that you find growing outside in the wild.

You can make a mushroom spore picture by using the top of a mushroom and letting the spores (the things that mushrooms grow from) drop on to paper. To make a picture follow these steps:

1. With an adult, find a mature mushroom and cut it off at the stem. Underneath the cap (top) you will see "gills" that look like lines that go from the center to the edge of the mushroom. The spores are inside.
2. Place the mushroom cap face down on a piece of light-colored construction paper. Or you can put half of the cap on light colored paper and half on dark paper (because some spores are dark-colored, and some are light). Cover the mushroom with a bowl to prevent any wind or movement from moving the spores, and let it sit overnight. Be sure not to move the mushroom.
3. The next day, take off the cover and slowly remove the mushroom cap from the paper.



Look at the finished print! Some of the spores will be beautifully colored, and can help you figure out what kind of mushroom it is. To preserve the print, you can have an adult help you spray it very lightly with a fine varnish spray or hair spray - give it several coats. Try it with several mushrooms and compare the spore prints.

### Important Information

**Feed the birds; enjoy the view!** Chesapeake Audubon's Fall Birdseed Sale will be held on Saturday, November 12. Pickup will be at the Wildlife Authority's new location (3275 Bethany Lane, Suite B, Ellicott City, MD 21042) between 9 AM and 11:30 AM. Orders are due by November 4. Look for the order form in the mail or find it online at [chesapeakeaudubon.org](http://chesapeakeaudubon.org). All proceeds support summer programs for children at the Patterson Park Audubon Center.

**RESTORE Act** The RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunity, an Revived Economies of the Gulf States) Act of 2011 is a Senate bill that holds "the parties responsible for the Gulf oil disaster accountable for restoring the Gulf by investing fines owed by BP and the other parties responsible for the Gulf oil spill into the Gulf region." Under the current law, BP and other parties responsible for the oil spill in the Gulf must pay a Clean Water Act penalty for each barrel of oil spilled in the Gulf. The RESTORE Act would ensure the money from these penalties are spent on cleaning up and repairing the damage from the spill. Without this Act, the money will most likely to unrelated federal spending. Act now! Contact your Senators and prompt them to support Act. Learn more about this issue at <http://gulfoilspill.audubon.org/citizens-guide-restore-act>.

## Birding South Florida, Volume 2

By Bryan MacKay

This time last year, I wrote a piece for the Chesapeake Audubon newsletter about the best places to bird in Everglades National Park. This spring break, we visited some other wonderful places that you too might want to see should you find yourself in South Florida. All are part of the greater Everglades ecosystem.

Any discussion of birding in southwest Florida must include Corkscrew Audubon Sanctuary, a beautiful tract of land that encompasses a virgin cypress forest and is an important nesting site for wood storks. The nature center is a modern and superb one. The board-

walk is 2.3 miles long and staffed by volunteer naturalists who help the many naive visitors. It's a beautiful forest with lots of birds, many of which can be seen close up. Our best bird was a painted bunting, perhaps North America's most colorful bird.

Nearby is Fakahatchee Strand State Park, an undeveloped expanse of state-owned land. The best, and really only, access is a mile-long boardwalk deep into the forest. It's beautiful, with lots of birds, especially warblers. Recently, scientists found the greatest diversity of lichens here of any site in the U.S.

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# Chesapeake Audubon Society

Annual Chili Dinner

6:00 p.m., Saturday October 29, 2011

**George Jett**

*"My Big Photo Year: A Quest to Photograph 300 Maryland Bird Species in a Single Year"*

George is a retired Chemical Engineer who worked for the EPA for 30 years. He has always had a passion for nature, particularly birds. He started birding and taking photographs around 1972. In his words: "Beyond my yard, county, and MD state list, I don't keep bird lists. The lists won't help the birds, but the images will. I have photographed in many countries to help support conservation. To make up for the large carbon foot print I knew I would create during this project, I decided to undertake a fundraising effort to protect the critically endangered Blue-billed Curassow that lives in Colombia, South America. The program documents the trials and tribulations I faced to reach my goal of raising \$10,000 to protect the Curassow habitat. For more details on this fundraising effort see <http://www.mdbirds.org/publications/yellowthroat/pdf/yt2903.pdf> of the May/June 2009 Maryland Yellowthroat."



Blue-billed Curassow

**Dinner music by the Ten Directions Jazz Quartet**

**Where:** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 4713 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD

**Cost:** \$9.00/person for dinner and the program, \$12.00 if you would like a glass of wine or a beer with dinner.

**Reservations:** Please call 410-203-1819 and leave a message with your name, telephone number, and number of people you will be bringing, and whether you prefer vegetarian chili. Please send checks payable to The Chesapeake Audubon Society PO Box 3173, Baltimore, MD 21228. It is best to reserve your meal ticket in advance. While we welcome walk-ins, we can't guarantee there will be enough food if we don't have advance notice.

**Welcome New Members!** Welcome to the Chesapeake Audubon Society (CAS)! We are your local Chapter of the National Audubon Society. We are dedicated to carrying out the Audubon mission to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. As a member of Chesapeake Audubon, you are invited to participate in our numerous field trips and member events. EVERYONE, regardless of knowledge, skill level, or age is welcome and encouraged to come have some fun one of these field trips. We hope you'll join us at some of our events and meet like-minded people who all share an interest in, respect for, and awe of nature. Welcome!

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 Sandy S. Anthony  
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 Michael Barber  
 Clifford Barksdale  
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***Birding South Florida continued***

The best-known birding site in south Florida, outside Everglades National Park, is Ding Darling NWR on Sanibel Island just outside Fort Myers. A four mile road traverses the refuge; it can be driven or cycled. Roseate spoonbills are a specialty. It is a very diverse place, but most birds keep far enough away, requiring a significant telephoto lens for good photography. You can also rent a canoe to paddle through the mangroves, take a guided tram tour or attend a program. The beaches of Sanibel are legendary.

Perhaps the best, and likely newest, place to photograph birds up close is in West Palm Beach at Green Cay Wetlands and Nature Park and its very nearby sister, Wakodahatchee Wetlands. Both are created habitats, constructed only in the last decade, and are surrounded by gated communities. Yet they attract birds, in large numbers; many birds can be seen from less than 10 feet away. Wakodahatchee has several islands hosting nesting herons (although a telephoto lens is required).

Both these parks are used heavily by locals merely for exercise; most of them seem to have New York accents and are obsessed with alligators. I saw three soras here, up close and personal.

A new and increasingly popular way to experience the Everglades and its various habitats is a "swamp slog." Several parks and private individuals offer them. You put on a pair of old shoes, grab a sturdy hiking staff, and wade in, joining the snakes and gators. It's experiential ecology, not armchair birding.

Finally, don't miss Clyde Butcher's photographic gallery on the Tamiami Trail in the heart of the Glades. He prints gorgeous black and white photos of the Everglades, some of which are up to seven feet long. ■■



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