

EAGLE AUDUBON SOCIETY

2026 – 2027



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BIRDING • CONSERVATION • COMMUNITY

Serving South Hillsborough County

As a chapter of the National Audubon Society, we strive to increase knowledge and involvement in our environment through interest in birds and bird habitat, ecosystems preservation, and habitat restoration.

Programs • Field Trips • Tuesday Birding • Conservation Projects • Volunteer Opportunities



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Welcome to Eagle Audubon Society

A friendly local community for people who enjoy birds, nature, and conservation.

Come bird with us

Eagle Audubon Society is the South Hillsborough County chapter of the National Audubon Society. We help people deepen their knowledge of birds and bird habitat while supporting ecosystem preservation and habitat restoration.

Our meetings run from October through April, with monthly programs, field trips, beginning-birder outings, conservation activities, and community projects running all year long.

Visitors are welcome at our monthly programs. Whether you are an experienced birder or just getting started, there is a place for you at EAS.

Join or Renew

\$20 per person / \$40 per couple

Membership year: May 1 – April 30



[Or Click Here](#)

Monthly Meetings

Third Monday of each month, October through April • Fellowship Room, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1239 West Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center • Doors open at 1:00 PM • Program begins about 1:40 PM

Ways to Participate

Programs

Hear engaging speakers on birds, habitats, science, and conservation.

Field Trips

Explore some of the best birding locations in west-central Florida.

Tuesday Birding

Relaxed local outings especially welcoming to beginning birders.

Conservation

Stay informed and take part in local environmental stewardship.

Community Projects

Help with Window in the Woods and the Camp Bayou Butterfly Habitat.

Volunteer

Lead, organize, host, photograph, communicate; or simply lend a hand.

2026–2027 Monthly Programs

OCT 19

Mike Rounds

Birding the Black Swamp

Explore spring migration along Lake Erie’s southern shore during the Biggest Week in American Birding. Mike’s photos highlight birds of the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and surrounding areas.

NOV 16

Nick Muzia

Environmental restoration specialist Nick Muzia explores how Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)—from freshwater plants to seagrasses—can improve water quality and biodiversity. See how SAV is being incorporated into wetlands, coastal systems, and waterfront restoration projects.

DEC 21

Hilary Flower, PhD

The Bird That Saved Itself: The Everglade Snail Kite Story

Author and scientist Hilary Flower tells the surprising story of the Everglade Snail Kite and its adaptation to changing conditions.

JAN 18

John Lampkin

1000 Species and Counting: Life on the SCC Nature Trails

Since EAS assumed stewardship of the Nature Trails in 2015, John Lampkin and others have documented remarkable biodiversity there. More than 1,000 species are now recorded on iNaturalist.

FEB 15

Barbara Walker

Meet Charley the osprey, Joe the barn owl, and Aster the peregrine falcon—three globally distributed raptors. Barbara will compare these fascinating species, with time for questions and photographs.

MAR 15

Scott Heckler

Shorebirds Know No Borders

Travel from the Americas to Asia through stories of efforts to save rare shorebirds. Scott highlights the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper and the remarkable recovery of the Atlantic Coast Piping Plover.

APR 19

Kim Jones

The Wilds of Antarctica: A Journey To The End Of The Earth

Journey from Ushuaia to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. Kim shares penguins, skuas, albatross, seals, whales, spectacular landscapes, Shackleton’s final resting place—and perhaps a polar plunge.

2026–2027 Field Trips

Before You Go

Most trips are free; a \$5 EAS donation is suggested. Park/admission fees may apply • Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen, and appropriate footwear • No dogs • Sign up at a meeting or contact the leader within 2 months of the trip • Check email/website for updates.

OCT 10

Leader: Jan Burkholder
206-786-4208

Hawk Watch

3:00 PM •
Seasonal hawk watch.

OCT 31

Leader: Julie Stocksdale
727-418-5119

Oscar Scherer State Park

9:30 AM • Open to non-members • Park entry fee
Hike the sandy Yellow Trail for Florida Scrub-Jays. Optional lunch afterward.

NOV 14

Leader: Julie Stocksdale
727-418-5119

Little Manatee River State Park

9:00 AM • Open to non-members • Park entry fee
Meet at the Green Trail equestrian lot for fall migrants and late-season wildflowers.

NOV 21

Leader: Mike Rounds
419-704-1188

Window in the Woods

9:00 Meet at Tillers & Toilers Garden Club
Visit Window in the Woods and learn how EAS maintains the site and feeders. Please carpool; parking is limited.

DEC 16

Leader: Kim Jones
941-587-2037

Felts Preserve

9:00 AM at preserve • Open to non-members
Bird the preserve and productive bunting blind. Carpool from Sun City Center at 8:00 AM.

DEC TBA

Leader: Chris Bouton
630-476-3500

Circle B Bar Reserve

11:00 AM picnic • Limit 20 • Registration required
Ride the tram to view birds and alligators, then walk a trail. Bring lunch for a picnic afterward. Registration required by the end of November.

DEC TBA

Leaders:
Mike Rounds • Apollo Beach
419-704-1188
Steve Burkholder • Sun City Ctr
206-786-7618

Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

Join the nation's longest-running citizen-science bird count. No experience required.

JAN 1

Leader: Julie Stocksdale
727-418-5119

First Day Hike — Little Manatee River State Park

9:00 AM • Open to non-members • Park entry fee
Easy hike to Dude Lake. Note: January 1, 2027 is a Friday.

JAN 15

Leader: Jan Burkholder
206-786-7618

Lake Apopka North Shore

7:00 AM to Carpool at North Clubhouse Kings Point or 9:00 AM at Entrance
Bird the 11-mile wildlife drive through Lake Apopka's restored wetlands. Allow two to three hours; carpooling recommended. Optional lunch afterward.

More Field Trips + Tuesday Birding

FEB 16

Leader: John Stocksdale
813-841-7227

Birds & Brew — Bahia Beach Nature Preserve

3:00 PM • Open to non-members

Easy hike along fresh and brackish ponds; the trail may be wet. Optional dining afterward at Ybor Grille in Ruskin.

FEB 26

Leader: Paula Reed
970-691-2607

Weedon Island Preserve

9:00 AM carpool from Sun City Center or 10:00 AM at Weedon Island pavilion

Explore accessible boardwalks through tidal flats and mangroves. Optional lunch and natural history center visit.

MAR 10

Leader: Chris Bouton
630-476-3500

Colt Creek State Park

10:00 AM meet at the Little Lake parking lot. We will hike around the 3 lakes and some wetlands. Allow around 2.5 hours.

MAR 23

Leader: Mike Rounds
419-704-1188

Alderman's Ford Conservation Park

9:30 AM at park • 8:30 AM carpool • \$2 parking • Open to non-members

Look for resident wildlife and spring migrants along the boardwalk; alligators and turtles are also possible.

MAR 31

Leader: Dennis Morris
570-814-2803

Edward Medard Conservation Park

9:00 AM at park entry or 7:45 at SSC to carpool • \$2 per car

Bird the reservoir, observation tower, boardwalk, and shaded trail. Optional lunch afterward.

APR 10

Leader: Julie Stocksdale
727-418-5119

Little Manatee River State Park

9:00 AM • Open to non-members • Park entry fee

Meet at the picnic area for a 1.5-mile Oxbow Trail hike in search of spring migrants and wildflowers.

APR 14

Leaders: Steve Burkholder
Jan Burkholder
206-786-7618

Fort De Soto Park

9:00 AM–noon • Open to non-members

Join us at this world-renowned birding site during the height of spring migration. Park fee and tolls apply.

MAY – SEP

Birds and Breakfast

We'll do one Birds and Breakfast trip each month, meeting early (heavens) and finishing up with breakfast at a nearby café. More details as we get closer

NEW TO BIRDING? START HERE.

Tuesday Birding with Jan & Steve

Tuesdays, November–February (except the 2nd Tuesday) • 9:00–11:00 AM • Weather permitting. Meet in Kings Point North Clubhouse Parking lot.

Easy local outings for beginning bird identification. Free and open to non-members. Email steve@steveandjan.com to join the list.

Conservation in Action

Window in the Woods



A local bird blind maintained by EAS in the Freedom Plaza area of Sun City Center. Feeders and nest boxes attract a variety of birds, while identification information inside the building helps visitors learn what they are seeing.

Volunteers are needed to fill feeders and help keep the building tidy. Coordinator: Mike Rounds. Please contact Mike at miker_43449@msn.com or 419-704-1188.

EAS Conservation Committee

Habitat loss in central Florida has reached a level that challenges sustainability. Broken food webs, degraded water systems, and fractured hydrology threaten our natural systems and our human lifestyles. “Flight Plan,” the strategic plan of National Audubon, encourages Chapters to implement actions consistent with membership and available resources. Guided by Audubon Florida, the EAS Conservation Committee furthers the mission of our Chapter by maintaining awareness of environmental issues for our members.

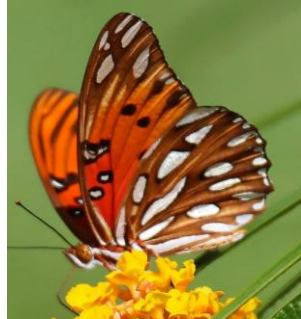
With such information, our members may choose to discuss those efforts among themselves or with non-members. They also may choose to take part in on-the-ground activities, contribute time and/or funding, and write to comment on those efforts. We realize that an informed public can help guide the development and implementation of environmental legislation and rules. In the months to come, please look for ways you can help the EAS Conservation Committee fulfill our conservation mission.

Habitat, Education & Community

Butterfly Habitat at Camp Bayou

EAS has sponsored and maintained the Butterfly Habitat at Camp Bayou Nature Preserve in Ruskin since 1999 in partnership with Hillsborough County. The garden uses Florida native plants as a teaching tool for school groups and the public while providing host and nectar plants for butterflies and other pollinators.

EAS volunteers work in the garden on Friday mornings. No special plant or butterfly knowledge is required—new volunteers learn as they go.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail • Gulf Fritillary • Zebra Longwing • Cloudless Sulfur

Opportunities for Scouting America EAS Conservation

Opportunities for Scouts at Eagle Audubon Society: EAS diverse and focused expertise relevant to Florida aquatic, marine and terrestrial ecology offers opportunities for Scouting America. Earn your Bird Study, Environmental Science, or Oceanography Merit Badge. (<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/bird-study/>) with help from EAS.



Want to Help?

Get Involved

Volunteer or learn more: conservation@eagleaudubon.org • Conservation Chair: Dan Roberts

Current volunteer opportunities

Field trip coordination • Program/speaker support • Hospitality • Window in the Woods • Conservation • Historian • General board support

You do not need previous board or committee experience. EAS volunteers will help you get started.

Join Us for the 2026 – 2027 Season

Membership:

\$20 per person / \$40 per couple

Membership year: May 1 – April 30

Join or renew online at eagleaudubonflorida.org. Cash and checks are also welcome at meetings.



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2026 – 2027 Board of Directors

President	Steve Burkholder
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Secretary	Jan Burkholder
Members-at-Large	Kim Jones • Mike Rounds • Paula Reed • John Stocksdales • Julie Stocksdales • Dan Roberts

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Mission

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Friends of Eagle Audubon Society

Thank you to the members and friends whose gifts help support our programs, conservation work, and community projects.

2026 – 2027 Donor Recognition

Giving levels

White Ibis \$25 • Anhinga \$50 • Brown Pelican \$100 • Northern Parula \$250 • Florida Scrub-Jay \$500 • Bald Eagle \$1,000

Uncategorized David Breen • Lauralei Collier • Mary Dahl • Larry & Rosanne Francis • Michael McInerney • Paula Reed • Don Rhodes • Anna Simandl • Ann Simmons • Larry Weber • Kris Wells	
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Brown Pelican • \$100 Barbara Arens • Chris Bouton • Don & Liz Grozis	Northern Parula • \$250 Julie & John Stocksedale
Florida Scrub-Jay • \$500 Jan & Steve Burkholder	Bald Eagle • \$1,000 *Your name here*
Your support matters Additional gifts of any amount are welcome and may be designated for a specific EAS program or project. Eagle Audubon Society is a 501(c)(3) organization • Federal Tax ID #59-2234564	<u>Scan QR code or click here to donate.</u> 

Membership Renewal Form

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YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

Membership year: May 1 – April 30

\$20 PER PERSON / \$40 PER COUPLE

Cash/check renewal form

Member Information

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Areas of interest

Conservation ____ Trip coordination/leading ____ Speaker ____ Window in the Woods ____ Butterfly Habitat ____

Meeting snacks ____ Christmas Bird Count ____ Fundraising/grant writing ____ Membership ____ Publicity & Promotion ____

Mail completed form and check for \$20 per person or \$40 per couple, payable to Eagle Audubon Society, to:

Julie Stocksdales • 256 Silver Falls Dr • Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Optional Contribution

Additional contributions are greatly appreciated. Gifts may be left undesignated for general operating expenses or designated for a program such as Window in the Woods or the Butterfly Habitat.

Suggested levels: White Ibis \$25 • Anhinga \$50 • Brown Pelican \$100 • Northern Parula \$250 • Florida Scrub-Jay \$500 • Bald Eagle \$1,000

Contribution amount \$ _____ Designation (optional) _____ Public acknowledgement? Yes ____ No ____

Liability & Photo Release

By this agreement, I, the undersigned, have voluntarily applied to participate on field trips sponsored by the Eagle Audubon Society. I expressly assume the risk of any harm that might occur directly or indirectly from travel to and from the field trip site and from any harm that might occur directly or indirectly from any forces of nature or wildlife that I may be exposed to that causes me injury.

In addition, on behalf of myself and my assignees, heirs, personal representative, and legal representative, in consideration of the opportunity to participate and attend the field trips organized by the Eagle Audubon Society and being eighteen (18) years of age or older, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the Eagle Audubon Society, and the National Audubon Society.

I grant the Eagle Audubon Society, its representatives, and members the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with field trips or other activities of the Eagle Audubon Society. I authorize the use of same in print and/or electronically.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

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