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John Lampkin

1000 Species and Counting: Life on the SCC Nature Trails

SPEAKER John Lampkin

WHEN Monday, January 18, 2027 — Doors 1:00 PM, program begins ~1:40 PM

WHERE Fellowship Room, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1239 West Del Webb Blvd, Sun City Center

About the Program

Since SCC Audubon assumed stewardship of the Nature Trails in 2015, John Lampkin has been photographing and documenting its remarkable biodiversity. More than 1,000 species have now been recorded by John and others in the Sun City Center Nature Trails project on iNaturalist.

Many of these species are familiar to all of us, while others are rare or even threatened. Some, like the Osprey, are impossible to overlook. Others, such as springtails, measure barely a millimeter. But this program isn't about reaching a number — every species has a story. Blending engaging storytelling with his acclaimed macro photography, John reveals the hidden lives, surprising behaviors, and remarkable adaptations of the Nature Trails' inhabitants. The result is a program that is educational, entertaining, and a feast for the eyes.

- View the Sun City Center Nature Trails project on iNaturalist: [inaturalist.org/projects/sun-city-center-nature-trails](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/sun-city-center-nature-trails)



Our recent drought turned the Nature Trails canal into an oasis for waders like this Roseate Spoonbill. — Photo by John Lampkin

About the Speaker

John Lampkin is a retired musician and composer turned naturalist, photographer, and speaker whose presentations blend scientific insight with unique wit. His macro photography graces numerous field guides, books, journals, websites, and blogs. He won the 2020 American Butterflies magazine photo contest, and his acclaimed woodwind quintet, Insects: A Musical Entomology in Six Legs, took Grand Prize in a Composers Guild international competition. John has also constructed over a hundred crossword puzzles for The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, and other outlets—many with nature-inspired themes. He is a steward of our Nature Trails and continues to capture the brilliance of birds, bugs and bloomers with his lens and a grin.

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