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Flock to BIRD DAY

@TropicalAudubon!

Saturday, February 17, Noon-4pm

Who's invited? Kids, Parents, Scouts, Students, Naturalists & Neighbors!

Presenting Sponsor Leica STORE Miami

Hummingbird Sponsor National Parks Conservation Association

MIAMI, Fla. — The community is invited to Tropical Audubon Society's **10th Annual BIRD DAY**, February 17, for a free, engaging, educational afternoon chock-full of enriching outdoor experiences on the non-profit's wooded Steinberg Nature Center grounds. The nature festival, founded by late TAS Education & Grounds Chair Lewis "Brother" Milledge, features interactive activities and prizes and is designed for families with young children, students of every age, scouts, birders and naturalists. "Meet" rehabilitated wildlife rescued by the Pelican Harbor Seabird Station and Wildlife Rescue of Dade County. Take part in Owl Pellet dissection. Craft Piping Plover "chicks." Hone your binocular skills. Try your hand at Nature Journaling.

Chaired by TAS Education & Advocacy Director Dr. Stephanie Clements, BIRD DAY celebrates the annual northbound flight of nearly 350 species of migratory birds stopping in South Florida on their return to North America from the Caribbean, Central and South America and Mexico. The major role our region plays on the Atlantic Flyway will be illuminated by Cape Florida Banding Station. To help scientists track our winter avian visitors, attendees can also learn how to participate in the February 16-19 "Great Backyard Bird Count."

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BIRD DAY

Date/Time/Location: SAT, February 17, Noon-4pm; 5530 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143

12-4 p.m. Activity Stations, Wildlife Encounters, Conservation Partner Tables.

1 p.m. (tentative) Rehabilitated wildlife release with Wildlife Rescue of Dade County.

1:30 p.m. Great Backyard Bird Count Seminar and Bird Walk: TAS Board Member and Field Trip Coordinator Brian Rapoza will host a Great Backyard Bird Count Workshop and Bird Walk in collaboration with **Leica STORE Miami**. Birdwatchers of every level can learn how to participate and contribute to the national tally.

3 p.m. Tour the Historic Doc Thomas House with TAS Historian Dan Jones.

Bonus: Explore the trails that thread Tropical Hardwood Hammock and Pine Rockland demonstration habitats; tour the historic 1932 Doc Thomas House that serves as TAS headquarters.

Food: Enjoy delicious home-style tacos, quesadillas, and burritos for purchase at the Nacho Bizness Food Truck.

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Conservation Partners: Cape Florida Banding Station, Deering Estate, Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, Everglades National Park, Friends of the Everglades, Pelican Harbor Seabird Station, Phoebes Birding, and Wildlife Rescue of Dade County.

Media Partners: Community Newspapers, Coral Gables Magazine, edible South Florida, INYBN, SoMi Magazine *(cont. >)*

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Hospitality Partners: Riviera Presbyterian Church, Nacho Bizness

Parking: Limited free parking via 55th Avenue auto entry gate; free parking at Riviera Presbyterian Church; various meter, garage and valet options within 1-3 blocks; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

Social: #BIRDDAY2024

Registration Link: <https://support.tropicalaudubon.org/a/bird-day-2024-1>

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/270607499177572>

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To host a private event on our Steinberg Nature Center grounds or in our historic Doc Thomas House, contact events@tropicalaudubon.org

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TROPICAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MISSION:

**Conserve and restore South Florida ecosystems,
focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats.**