

September 2021



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September in the Field

Fall migration shifts into high gear this month as more and more songbirds seek stopover habitat in the Miami area to rest and refuel during their perilous journey south to their wintering grounds. Birders should keep a close eye on the weather, because a combination of overnight rains and westerly winds sometimes create fallout conditions, whereby dozens, or even hundreds, of migrant birds can suddenly appear in every tree and shrub. Join one of our September field trips listed below. You can view our entire Fall 2021 - 2022 trip schedule on our [website calendar](#). Please note that **REGISTRATION** is required for ALL field trips. Meanwhile, visit our website [Bird Board](#) and [Facebook Bird Board](#) to see what other birders are posting.

RSVP for a September Field Trip

[Islamorada Area Birding](#) | Saturday, September 4, 7am-4pm

[Crandon Park Bird Walk](#) | Saturday, September 11, 7:30-11am

[Phoebes Birding Meetup @A.D. Barnes Park](#) | Sunday, September 12, 7:30-10:30am

[Matheson Hammock Park Bird Walk](#) | Saturday, September 18, 7:30-11am

[Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Bird Walk](#) | Saturday, September 25, 7:30-11am

[Highland Oaks Park Bird Walk](#) | Sunday, September 26, 8:30-11am

Photo: Painted Bunting courtesy of Canva Images

Chirping About

Fall Migration Season Takes Flight
at Cape Florida Banding Station



The Fall Migration season is off to a busy start at the Cape Florida Banding Station!

Volunteers, under the direction of master banders, have banded 118 birds representing 17 species since August 15. The first documented visitor was a male American Redstart, a colorful wood warbler and early Fall migrant. The station also recently received a rare visitor — a Canada Warbler! Keep up with what's happening at the station all season on the [CFBS Blog](#). To learn more about the basics of bird banding, watch our [webinar](#) featuring Station Director Michelle Davis. Support the station's crucial research by participating in "Adopt-A-Net" campaign. Your gift benefits migrating birds, field research and community outreach. [Adopt-A-Net Today!](#)

Photo: Canada Warbler by Michelle Davis

Join us — we're hiring!



Have a passion for conservation? Want to help support our Mission to "Conserve and restore South Florida's ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats"? Then Tropical Audubon Society is the place for you! We presently have two open positions: Senior Conservation Director and Stewardship Manager. [Learn More](#)

Photo: Cedar Waxwings by Ron Gard

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Photo: Snowy Egret by Ed Mattis

Urge Congress to Support the Migratory Bird Protection Act

Three billion birds have disappeared in North America since 1970. Two out of three birds are threatened by climate change. In the midst of this emergency, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), our most important bird protection law, is under attack. Urge your Representative to support the new Migratory Bird Protection Act, which would restore the MBTA's protections and safeguard it for the future.

[Take Action](#)



Photo: Brown Pelicans by Linda Conroy.

MDC should Deny Application that would Harm Biscayne Bay

Tropical Audubon Society and our partners urge Miami-Dade County Commissioners to "deny and do not transmit" an application that would allow for a 794-acre industrial development on farmland beyond the county's Urban Development Boundary. Read our letters from the [Hold the Line Coalition](#) and [Everglades Coalition](#). [The Miami Herald Editorial Board](#) agrees with us. Check your inbox for our pending action alert.

Green Things to Do



Visit Florida Keys Hawkwatch Thru November 30

Florida Keys Hawkwatch is dedicated to promoting the appreciation and conservation of birds by committing to the long-term study of their migration through the Florida Keys. Visitors are welcome 9am to 4pm daily through November 7; 8am to 3pm through November 30. [Learn More](#)



Dig In! Bird-Friendly Gardening Day

Saturday, September 18, 8:30-11:30am

Join us in maintaining our Bird-Friendly Demonstration Garden and near-native Steinberg Nature Center grounds. Get hands-on experience creating wildlife habitat under the guidance of our resident Master Gardeners. Learn how to establish a bird-friendly garden in your own yard, patio or balcony. [Sign Up!](#)



Register for Audubon Florida Assembly

October 21, 23, 28, 30 | November 4, 6, 9

Join Audubon chapters from across the state for Audubon Florida's 2021 Annual Assembly. To spotlight Natural Climate Solution protection and restoration, this year's Assembly will journey across the state to experience Florida's unique ecosystems with three in-person events, linked together with virtual presentations on past successes and the path forward. [Learn More](#)



Bird the Ruins of Mexico's Yucatán

January 20-30, 2022 — One Spot Left!

Embark on an intense, 11-day, 10-night birding adventure to the environmentally diverse Yucatán Peninsula, led by TAS Field Trip Coordinator Brian Rapoza and a local guide. You'll witness native birds soar above the breathtaking Hochob, Becán, Chacchoben and Uxmal ruins, as well as visiting other archaeological sites of interest on this extraordinary journey through the Mayan world. [Learn More](#)

Photos "Green Things to Do" from top: Atala Butterfly in native Coontie by Colin Knight; Pelican by Jean Hall; Mexican Shearwater by Alexander Dzib

The Birds Thank ...



... our kind neighbor and community partner [Whisk Gourmet](#). The endless generosity shown to TAS and, by extension, the birds, by the *Whisk Gourmet* team, year in and year out, are humbling. Indeed, 2021 marked our 10-year "Dine Out at Whisk Summer Series" anniversary, a symbiotic partnership in which 10% of dinner revenues from 3 designated Tuesdays are tithed to TAS. The recently reimagined *Whisk* menu was authored by new Executive Chef Michelle Minotti (pictured). [Learn More](#)

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