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NEWSLETTER

FACEBOOK EVENT

TOMORROW!!!!

THURSDAY (2-11-2021) 7PM



Nature Cinematography: Kestrels in the Hood

by Najada Davis

Hosted by Orange Audubon, filmmaker Najada Davis, documented the story of how a nesting pair of kestrels held up construction in Cleveland.

Here is the link to the Facebook event that is easily shareable.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/686100188741740>

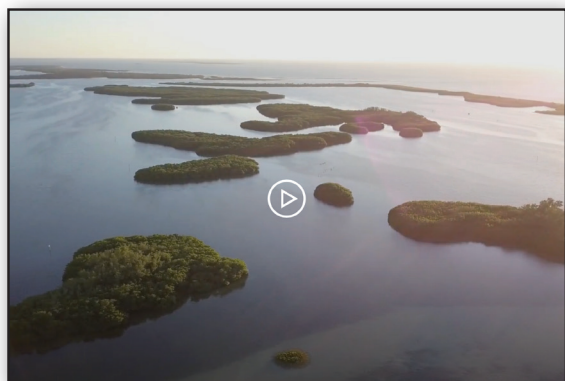
• • **MUST WATCH** • •

Please find the time to watch this (6 minute) video

"Indestructible in Nature"

here is the link to the video

<https://projects.wuft.org/foreverinflorida/watch-indestructible-in-nature/>



**THE NATIVE
PLANT CONNECTION**

FACEBOOK EVENT

THURSDAY (2-18-2021) 7PM

Creating A Homegrown National Park

by Doug Tallamy

<https://www.facebook.com/events/222323266178721/>

If you are a native plant gardener put your "patch" on the map. You might be the first in your county!

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/the-map>

Doug Tallamy is being hosted by Orange Audubon, Seminole Audubon and the Tarflower Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society.



The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

Florida Native Plant Society website:

<https://www.fnps.org/>

For additional information on native plants for birds:

<https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>

"OFF THE MAIN TRAIL"

Suggested places for creating your own field trip.

REMINDER

GBBC
February 12 - 15, 2021

The Cornell Lab



Audubon



The Great Backyard
Bird Count



A new website was designed to make understanding and recording your 4-day count easier than ever. Santa Fe Audubon encourages everyone to participate. The minimum time requirement is only fifteen minutes, and you can do it in your own backyard or any other favorite birdwatching spot.

For further details and rules for participation, see the website:
<https://www.birdcount.org>

Need help with e-Bird???? Click on the link below and learn how to participate in the 2021 Great Backyard Bird Count, and get tips on birding at Central Park, in Ormond Beach, with Master Naturalist and Halifax River Audubon member, Joan Tague who walks you step by step through the count details, the most basic of e-bird for submitting your list and Merlin for help with ID for beginners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3RekBI2Z1c&feature=youtu.be>



FLORIDA WILDLIFE EXTENSION Wildlife Happenings

Click on the link below to check out the
"Wildlife Happenings" in our area.

https://wec.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/happenings/



Maintenance on all 25 of our Kestrel boxes has been completed. During maintenance, Bill & Betty discovered signs that Kestrels have been using several of the boxes to roost, including the new placements.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*)

band code "COYE"



male Common Yellowthroat



A broad black mask lends a touch of highwayman's mystique to the male Common Yellowthroat. Look for these furtive, yellow-and-olive warblers skulking through tangled vegetation, often at the edges of marshes and wetlands. Females lack the mask and are much browner, though they usually show a hint of warm yellow at the throat. Yellowthroats are vocal birds, and both their witchety-witchety-witchety songs and distinctive call notes help reveal the presence of this, one of our most numerous warblers.

COOL FACTS:

Each male normally has only one mate in his territory during a breeding season. However, a female's mating calls often attract other males, and she may mate with them behind her mate's back.

The oldest Common Yellowthroat on record was at least 11 years, 6 months old.

BACKYARD TIPS:

Your yard could attract Common Yellowthroats if it is fairly large (yellowthroat territories are sometimes as small as 0.5 acre) and features dense or tangled, low-growing grasses and other vegetation.



female Common Yellowthroat

For more information about Common Yellowthroat visit:

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Yellowthroat/id

Fun Fact:

A group of warblers are collectively known as a "bouquet", "confusion", "fall", and "wrench" of warblers