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 Santa Fe Audubon Society - Florida

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Melrose, FL



SPEAKER SERIES PROGRAM

What have we learned about population trends from thirty years of research and conservation for
Florida Scrub-Jays
and
Southeastern American Kestrels?

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 12
speaker Dr. Karl Miller

6:45 PM at Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall
204 SR 26 downtown Melrose

You do not need to be a Santa Fe Audubon Society chapter member to attend our Speaker Series programs. All are welcome!



Come hear an overview of important research projects that have given us insight into the current status of two of our favorite threatened upland bird species.

Dr. Karl Miller is a Research Scientist at FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and a Courtesy Associate Professor in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Florida.

He has worked with Southeastern American Kestrels since 1994 and Florida Scrub-Jays since 2000.

The safety of our membership is of utmost importance, we encourage everyone to wear a mask.

The safety and well-being of our membership and board members is our top priority; therefore, our in-person Speaker Series may be postponed or canceled on short notice due to health related concerns. Cancellation notifications will be sent out via email, posted on our website and Facebook page.

FIELD TRIP **SWEETWATER** **WETLAND PARK**

Saturday, NOVEMBER 16

PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED TO
SWEETWATER WETLANDS PARK

Join us for a walk at this man-made wetland where the birds are accustomed to humans. There are often opportunities for close-up looks and great photographs.

Approx. 2 - 3 hours

DIFFICULTY LEVEL 2 - May involve uneven terrain; 1-2 miles

Parking is \$5.00 per vehicle

Meet at **8:30 AM** in the parking lot at
Sweetwater Wetlands Park
325 SW Williston Road, Gainesville

THERE ARE RESTROOMS AT THIS LOCATION

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS

to reserve your spot contact
Nancy Staples nlshootie@gmail.com

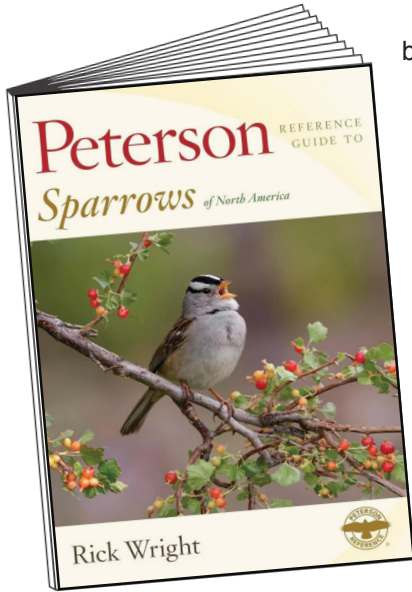
Reservations for each trip will be filled on a first-come first-served basis with waiting lists in case of participant cancellation. Please be sure to include the field trip name and date along with your name, phone number(s) and e-mail address, in case we need to notify you of any changes.

Field Trip Guidelines are on page 4.

We ask that all observe personal distancing and suggest bringing a mask for everyone's protection, in case it is needed.

RECOMMENDED READING
from Jacqueline Williamson

Peterson Reference Guide To Sparrows of North America



by Rick Wright

Sparrows are as complicated as they are common. This is an essential guide to identifying 76 kinds, along with a fascinating history of human interactions with them.

BIRDS OF THE MONTH

Welcome Winter Visitors



Swamp Sparrow
Melospiza georgiana
Band Code SWSP



Chipping Sparrow
Spizella passerina
Band Code CHSP



Savannah Sparrow
Passerculus sandwichensi
Band Code SAVS



Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
(aka Butter Butt)
Setophaga coronata
Band Code YRWA



Palm Warbler
Setophaga palmarum
Band Code PAWA

For more information about these and other species

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/>

SPECIAL EVENT!

BURNING FOR BIRDS LAND TOUR

We are pleased to invite you to an informative event to educate private landowners and the general public about the importance of prescribed fire, particularly growing season fire, and its positive effects on wildlife habitat, especially for bird species of concern like bobwhite quail. Hosted by the Putnam Land Conservancy and Alachua Conservation Trust in partnership with Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Burning for Birds initiative.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- A tour of the burn unit at Little Orange Creek Nature Preserve, offering you a firsthand look at the benefits of regular controlled burning.
- Expert presentations on the science of prescribed burning and its benefits for bird populations.
- Practical demonstrations and discussions led by experienced professionals in land management and conservation.
- Opportunities to network with fellow landowners and conservationists.
- A light breakfast will be provided

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate attire.
- Questions and enthusiasm about habitat management!

SPACE IS LIMITED! Please RSVP by November 6th for more information:



(386)336-5400



plc@PutnamLandConservancy.org



**BURNING
FOR BIRDS**



Conserving Land and Water
For People and Wildlife



**ALACHUA
CONSERVATION
T R U S T**

10AM-12PM

9TH

NOVEMBER

**LITTLE ORANGE CREEK
NATURE PRESERVE**

ACROSS THE STREET FROM
LITTLE ORANGE CREEK NATURE
PARK, 24115 SE HAWTHORNE RD.,
HAWTHORNE, FL 32640
LOOK FOR EVENT SIGNS!

ABOUT FIELD TRIPS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS

*Please see contact info on page 1
to make your reservation.*

When you make your reservation, please be sure to include your name, phone number and email and the number of participants.



- **BRING:** Water, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, rain gear and face covering.
- **WEAR STURDY WALKING SHOES.**
- **SFAS has sanitized binoculars to loan.**

We all must remember to maintain safe personal distancing. We suggest you bring your face mask just in case it is needed. It is easy to forget during the excitement of bird watching.

Stay hydrated, be safe and have FUN!



BIRDING ETHICS (including photography)

Practical guidelines that aim to mitigate the stress birds and their habitats face when humans intrude.

- Leave pets home
- Bring binoculars
- Mute cell phones
- Gently close vehicle doors
- Talk softly/whisper
- Keep bird call playback and pishing to a minimum.
- Walk quietly in woods (pick up feet)
- Avoid using a flash when taking photographs
- Keep your distance
- DO NOT flush or disturb birds (especially during spring nesting season)
- Stay on established trails
- Be alert for bird sounds/movements
- Coughing/sneezing? Stay away from group or, if possible, in vehicle
- Respect other birders
- Wear earth tone color clothing, when possible

SPEAKER SERIES PROGRAMS 2024 - 2025

December 10, 2024 --**PRESCRIBED FIRE**
AT MIKE ROESS GOLD
HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK
speakers Daniel Cook and
Dr. Ludie Bond

January 14, 2025 -----**BIRDS OF THE
EVERGLADES**
speaker Richard Rathe

February 11, 2025 ----**SALT MARSH &
CLIMATE RESILIENCE**
speaker Heather Nagy

March 11, 2025 -----**CONSERVATIONIST AWARD,
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
and PHOTO SHOW**

April 8, 2025-----To be announced

May 13, 2025 -----To be announced

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Program topics and speakers are subject to change at the last minute for various reasons.

FIELD TRIPS 2024 - 2025

Reservations will be required.

Saturday, January 10 & 11, 2025
Boat Trips on Santa Fe Lake Melrose, FL
For wintering waterfowl and gulls

Saturday, February 22, 2025
To be announced

Saturday, March 29, 2025
O'Leno State Park High Springs, FL
For spring migration

Friday, April 18, 2025
Sweetwater Wetlands Park Gainesville, FL
For Bobolinks and more

*Field trips are subject to date change
or cancellation due to weather, etc.*