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ORANGE AUDUBON SOCIETY

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose and dedication of Orange Audubon Society is to promote public understanding of, and an interest in, wildlife and the environment that supports it.

MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) Guest Speaker Programs, listed in the adjacent column, are free and open to the public. They take place on the third Thursday each month, September through June at 7:00 PM. Brief announcements precede a 45-minute guest speaker presentation. There are no planned programs in July or August.

BIRD CHATS WITH OAS

Bird Chats with OAS, online (Zoom) conversations about bird sightings with guest presentations, are held September through June on the first, second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Register on OAS' website to receive weekly notice of upcoming chats with Zoom login links, and check the OAS's for a Bird Chats schedule. OAS' YouTube channel. (Simply search for Orange Audubon Society on YouTube).

MEETINGS / VOLUNTEERING

OAS' regular board meetings are held September through May at 5:45 PM immediately before each program. A summer board planning meeting is usually held in July. Current OAS members may attend and are encouraged to participate on OAS committees. Contact the committee chairs, listed on the left column, or email volunteer@orangeaudubonfl.org. OAS has many volunteer needs and welcomes your help.

PROGRAMS 2023-2024

Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) Guest Speaker Programs are free, open to the public and held on the third Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando (leugardens.org/directions/) in the Camellia Room.

The October and December programs are remote, aired LIVE on OAS' YouTube channel. (Simply search for Orange Audubon Society on YouTube). For program details and updates, please consult the OAS's or OAS' website or Facebook page (links on cover).

- Sep 21 Freshwater Turtles of Central Florida — Wayne Osborne
- Oct 19 Bats, Birds and Bugs — Lee Bloomcamp (Online on YouTube LIVE)
- Nov 16 Restoration of the Kissimmee River — Amber Moore
- Dec 21 TBA, see the OAS's (Online on YouTube LIVE)
- Jan 18 Tips to Create Amazing Nature Photos — Reg Garner
- Feb 15 Creating Bird Habitat Through Restored Wetlands: Sweetwater and More — Debra Segal
- Mar 21 The Comeback of Lake Apopka — Erich Marzolf
- Apr 18 Getting to Know Our Fabulous Raptors — Daisy Fiore
- May 16 Climate Travels: How Ecotourism Changes Mindsets and Motivates Action — Mike Gunter
- Jun 20 36th Annual Chertok Nature Photography Contest Awards Program and Online Auction — Teresa Williams

Please join us for these entertaining and informative programs!



Burrowing Owllet—Marina Scarr
 Honorable Mention – Advanced Category
 2023 Chertok Nature Photography Contest



Anhinga Nestlings—Lauren Chin
 Honorable Mention – Youth Category
 2023 Chertok Nature Photography Contest



Yellow-throated Warbler—Heather Earl
 Honorable Mention – Novice Category
 2023 Chertok Nature Photography Contest

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**PROGRAMS, MEMBERSHIP,
FIELD TRIPS, SPECIAL EVENTS**



Reddish Egret—Jeanne Polarolo
 First Place—Novice Category
 2023 Chertok Nature Photography Contest

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orangeaudubonfl.org
facebook.com/orangeaudubon/
youtube.com/@orangeaudubonsociety7734

MEMBERSHIP

Orange Audubon Society (OAS) is a Florida nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)], a chapter of National Audubon Society (NAS) and Florida Audubon Society, with ~2000 households as members. New membership dues that originate through OAS—your local chapter—stay with OAS supporting efforts to protect Florida’s natural environment.

Members receive three publications: NAS’ quarterly magazine, *Audubon*; Audubon Florida’s triannual publication, *Audubon Florida Naturalist*, and OAS’ September–June OASis, an illustrated newsletter accessible via links emailed to subscribers.

Please JOIN or RENEW through OAS by completing the form below. After joining, NAS will send renewal notices and OAS will send reminders. New member and renewal dues paid directly to NAS stay with NAS, not your chapter. When you JOIN or RENEW with this form or on OAS’ website, unless you designate otherwise, any amount above the \$20 base dues will remain with OAS.

Contact membership@orangeaudubonfl.org for your renewal date and to update your email address for timely notice of OAS’ activities.

I want to **JOIN** Audubon OR **RENEW** my Audubon membership (check one*). Enclosed is my check for (check one): \$20–Egret/\$15–students (minimum required by National Audubon Society) ; \$35–Wren ; \$50–Hawk ; \$100–Jay ; OR More—\$_____–Owl .

Dues above \$20 will stay with OAS, your local chapter, to benefit its many conservation and nature education initiatives in Central Florida, unless you specify a different allocation here: NAS \$_____ and OAS \$_____.

Name* _____ Phone* _____
 Email* _____
 Address* _____
 City/State/ZIP + 4* _____

***REQUIRED INFORMATION.** OAS does not share your information with other mailing lists. Please JOIN or RENEW online at orangeaudubonfl.org OR pay by check made payable to **Orange Audubon Society**, and mailed with this form to:
Orange Audubon Society
P.O. Box 941142, Maitland, FL 32794-1142

Distribution code: **WEB**

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FIELD TRIPS 2023–2024

REGULAR FIELD TRIPS

Regular field trips showcase Florida’s wildlife in natural conditions and most involve leisurely walks. FREE. Before each trip check the OASis for details and register online at orangeaudubonfl.org/.

- Sep 16 Trimble Park, Mount Dora
- Oct 21 Mead Botanical Garden, Winter Park
- Nov 18 Wekiwa Springs State Park (\$6 entrance fee)
- Dec Local Christmas Bird Counts (see OASis for dates)
- Jan 20 Pear Park Wildlife Conservation Area, Leesburg
- Feb 17 Circle B Bar Reserve, Lakeland
- Mar 16 Marl Bed Flats, Sanford
- Apr 20 Mead Botanical Garden, Winter Park

LIMITED EDITION FIELD TRIPS

Limited Edition Field Trips are restricted to 12 people per trip. Costs per person per trip are: half day – \$12 members, \$17 non-members; overnight – \$85 members, \$110 non-members. Reservations required. Email Kathy Rigling —riglingkathy@gmail.com.

- Sat, Sep 9 Joe Overstreet Road and Landing, Osceola County
- Sat, Oct 7 Oak Hammock and Weather Tower Road, Merritt Is.
- Sat, Nov 4 Bird & Bike, Lake Apopka Loop Trail
- Sat, Dec 16 St. Augustine Sparrow Quest, St. Johns County
- Sun, Jan 7 Your Biggest Year, Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive
- Sat-Sun, Feb 3–4 Gainesville Birding Hotspots, Alachua County
- Sat, Mar 9 Pine Meadows Conservation Area, Eustis
- Mon-Tue, Apr 22-23 Fort De Soto Park, Pinellas County
- Sat, May 4 Ocala Wetlands, Marion County
- Sat, Jun 1 June Challenge Kickoff, Orlando Wetlands Park

AWAY FIELD TRIPS

Belize Tropical Birding with Wildside Nature Tours

Choice of two trips with leader Glenn Crawford
Dates: November 12–20, 2023
 February 3–11, 2024

Registration/other details: info@orangeaudubonfl.org
 wildsidenaturetours.com/orange-audubon-society/

Kissimmee River Boat Trip and Kissimmee Prairie Preserve Visit

Includes 4 hrs at Riverwoods Field Station, near SR 70, with boat trip on Kissimmee River. Afterwards visit to Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park.
 Location: 100 Riverwoods Circle, Lorida, FL 33857
Date/Time: Saturday, March 2, 2024, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Cost: \$60 members; \$85 non-members
 Registration/other details: Deborah Green—info@orangeaudubonfl.org

Northwest Florida Panhandle Birding

4-day trip to see migratory and southern breeding songbirds and shorebirds.
 Cost includes local expert guides, Wakulla Springs boat tour, some picnic meals.
Dates: April 10–14, 2024
Cost: \$300 members; \$350 non-members;
Registration/lodging/other details: Teresa Williams—(407) 718-1977

Ohio Warbler Migration: Magee Marsh & More with Wildside Nature Tours

Leader: Gabriel Lugo
Cost: May 13–18, 2024
Registration/other details: info@orangeaudubonfl.org
 wildsidenaturetours.com/orange-audubon-society/

ORANGE AUDUBON CLASSES*

Registration for classes and workshops is online at orangeaudubonfl.org/. Contact Teresa Williams if you have any questions—(407) 718-1977.

DRAGONFLY IDENTIFICATION

Instructors: Randy Snyder and Mary Keim—rssmhk@gmail.com
Location: Orlando Wetlands Park, Christmas
Date/Time: Sat, Sep 23, 2023, 9:00–12:00 NOON
Class Limit: 15 participants
Cost: \$12 members; \$17 non-members

BEGINNERS’ BIRD WATCHING

Instructors: Kathy Rigling—riglingkathy@gmail.com and Susan Thome-Barrett
Locations: Orlando Wetlands Park, Mead Botanical Garden, Oakland Nature Preserve and Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive
3-part Class Dates/Times: Fall—Oct 15, 22 and 29, 2023
 Winter—Jan 6, 21 and 27, 2024; Times: 8:00–11:30 AM
Class Limit: 12 participants per 3-part class
Cost per 3-part Class: \$50 members; \$65 non-members; \$10 youth (12 & under) with registered adult

INTERMEDIATE BIRD IDENTIFICATION

Instructor: Bob Sanders—(407) 459-5617
Location: Orlando Wetlands Park, Christmas
2-part Class Dates/Time: Mar 23 and 30, 2024, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Class Limit: 12 participants
Cost: \$50 members; \$65 non-members

BIRDS OF PREY IDENTIFICATION

Instructor: Bob Sanders—(407) 459-5617
Location: Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive, Apopka
Cost for each class: \$12 members; \$17 non-members
Dates/Time: Sun, Jan 14 and Feb 4, 2024, 7:30 AM–1:00 PM

PHOTO WORKSHOPS

Green PLACE Nature & Photography Hike
Co-leaders: Beth Jackson, Orange County naturalist, and Lee Ann Posavad, wildlife photographer
 Explore one or both Orange County Green PLACE properties and learn photo tips, for youth, families, and others.
Date/Time: Sat, Nov 4, 2023, 9:00–11:30 AM Cost: FREE
Location: Isle of Pine Preserve, east Orlando
Date/Time: Sat, Feb 24, 2024, 9:00–11:30 AM Cost: FREE
Location: Johns Lake Conservation Area, Winter Garden
 Registration: Beth Jackson—(407) 836-1481

YOUNG BIRDERS FIELD TRIPS

Trip Leader: Kathy Rigling—(407) 488-9559
Locations: Various
Dates: Sep 30 and Nov 5, 2023; Mar 3 and Apr 28, 2024
Time: 8:30–11:30 AM Cost: FREE

BUSCANDO PAJAROS

Trailer Ride Throughout Park Narrated in Spanish
Trip Leader: Gilberto Sanchez-Perez
Location: Orlando Wetlands Park, Christmas
Fecha/Hora: Mar 9, 2024, 9:00–11:30 AM Cost: FREE
Detalles y registraci3n: (407) 637-2525

SPECIAL EVENTS*

Nature Fest at Oakland Nature Preserve

Sep 23, 2023—(407) 637-2525

Mead Botanical Garden Fall Bird Walks, Winter Park

Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023, 8:00 AM—(941) 704-1189

Backyard Biodiversity Day, Mead Botanical Garden

Oct 21, 2023—(407) 637-2525

Lake Eola Fall Fiesta in the Park, Orlando

Nov 4–5, 2023—(407) 718-1977

NORTH SHORE BIRDING FESTIVAL, Lake Apopka

northshorebirdingfestival.com/
 Nov 30–Dec 4, 2023—(407) 637-2525

Mead Botanical Garden Spring Bird Walks, Winter Park

Apr 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024, 8:00 AM—(941) 704-1189

Chertok Nature Photography Contest

Deadline to submit all entries: Apr 18, 2024
 Deadline to replace disqualified entries: May 16, 2024
 Awards: Jun 20, 2024—(407) 718-1977

Central Florida Earth Day, Lake Eola, Orlando

Apr 20, 2024—(407) 637-2525

Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, Apopka

Apr 27–28, 2024—(407) 637-2525

Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 9th Anniversary

May 5, 2024—(407) 637-2525

Baby Owl Shower, Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Maitland

May 11, 2024—fl.audubon.org/chapters-centers/baby-owl-shower

OAS Online Auction

Jun 13, noon–Jun 24, 2024, 7 PM—(941) 704-1189
 biddingowl.com/OrangeAudubonSociety

June Challenge Bird Walk and Top Birder Celebration

Jul 28, 2024—riglingkathy@gmail.com

CITIZEN/COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Bird Surveys—riglingkathy@gmail.com

- Oakland Nature Preserve (quarterly)
- Rock Spring Run State Reserve (quarterly)
- Wekiwa Springs State Park (monthly)

EagleWatch

Fall 2023—cbop.audubon.org/get-involved/be-eaglewatcher

Christmas Bird Counts

Dec 14, 2023–Jan 5, 2024—See OASis for details.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Feb 16–19, 2024—gbbc.birdcount.org/

Jay Watch Training

May 2024—fl.audubon.org/get-involved/jay-watch

*During these activities, OAS leaders and participants must follow prevailing health safety and other guidelines. Activities may be added, canceled or modified during the season. Every effort is made to assure content accuracy, but OAS cannot be responsible for unforeseen changes. Check the OASis or OAS’ website or Facebook page for the latest updates (see links on front cover).