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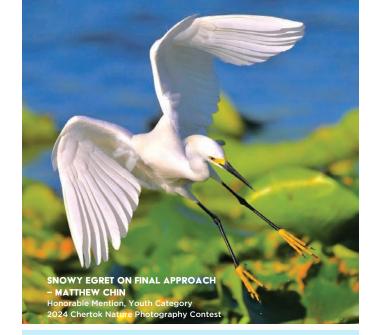
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Meetings / Volunteering

Orange Audubon Society (OAS) regular board meetings are held September through May at 5:45 PM immediately before each Guest Speaker 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 or email volunteer@orangeaudubonfl.org. OAS has many volunteer needs and welcomes your help.



ORANGE AUDUBON SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity.

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 OASis for a Bird Chats schedule. Programs are posted on OAS' YouTube channel (Search for Orange Audubon Society on YouTube).



PROGRAMS 2024-2025

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



Orange Audubon Nature Center at the Apopka Birding Park — OAS and Little Diversified Architectural Consulting OCT 17 Bats: Myth & Reality — Shari Blissett Clark NOV 21 Wildlife and Nature Photography Little things Mean a Lot — Wayne Bennett **DEC 19** The Urban Birder — David Lindo (On YouTube LIVE from the UK) IAN 16 Know Your Gulls and Terns — Michael Brothers FEB 20 The Uniqueness and Conservation of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System — Ashley Konon MAR 20 Plants for Birds: The Caterpillar Connection - Deborah Green APR 17 Rehabiliting Raptors — The Avian Reconditioning Center MAY 15 Saving Indigo Snakes: The "Orianne" Project — Dr. James Bogan JUN 19 37th Annual Chertok Nature Photography Contest Awards Program and Online Auction — Teresa Williams

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS!



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 approximately 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, your local chapter, to benefit its many conservation and nature education initiatives in Central Florida.

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

	It's easy to join or renew online. Just scan this QR code. Or print and mail this form to the address below. Enclosed is my check for (check one):	
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*REQUIRED INFORMATION. OAS does not share your information with other mailing lists. Please JOIN or RENEW online at OrangeAudubonfl.org or pay by check.

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Payable to Orange Audubon Society, and mailed with this form to:
Orange Audubon Society
P.O. Box 941142, Maitland, FL 32794-1142

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FIELD TRIPS 2024-2025

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/activities/field-trips

Sep 21	Merritt Island Hotspots, Brevard County
Oct 19	Mead Botanical Garden, Winter Park
Nov 17	Wekiwa Springs State Park (\$6 entrance fee)
Dec	Local Christmas Bird Counts (see OASis for dates)
Jan 18	PEAR Park Wildlife Conservation Area, Leesburg
Feb 22	Orlando Wetlands, Orlando
Mar 15	Leu Gardens, Orlando (\$15 entrance fee, accessible)
Apr 19	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 - \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Overnight - \$85 members, \$110 non-members

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Sat, Sep 14	Joe Overstreet Road and Landing, Osceola County	
Sun, Oct 13	Ferndale/Green Mountain, Lake County	
Sat, Nov 9	Birding by Bike, Green Mountain, Lake County	
Sat, Jan 4	Your Biggest Year, Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive	
Sat - Sun, Feb 1–2	Gainesville Birding Hotspots, Alachua County	
Sat, Mar 8	Clearwater Lake, Paisley, Marion County	
Mon - Tue, Apr 14-15	Fort De Soto Park, Pinellas County	
Sat, May 3	Emeralda Marsh, Lake County	
Sun, Jun 1	June Challenge Kickoff, Orlando Wetlands	

YOUNG BIRDERS FIELD TRIPS

Trip Leader: Kathy Rigling — (407) 488-9559
Locations: Various
Dates: Oct 5 and Nov 16, 2024; Mar 1 and Apr 12, 2025
Time: 8:30-11:30 AM | Cost: FREE

BUSCANDO PAJAROS

Trailer Ride Throughout Wetlands Narrated in Spanish

Trip Leader: Gilberto Sanchez-Perez

Location: Orlando Wetlands, Christmas

Fecha/Hora: TBA, Cost: FREE

Detalles y registración: (407) 637-2525

BOAT AND OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

Disappearing Island Boat Trip with Marine Discovery Center

Trip Leader: Michael Brothers

Location: 116 North Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Date/Time: T.B.A. (see OASis)

Cost: \$75 members: \$90 non-members

Registration/other details: Deborah Green — info@orangeaudubonfl.org

Northwest Florida Panhandle Birding

5-day-4 night trip to see migratory and southern breeding songbirds and shorebirds. Cost includes local expert guides, Wakulla Springs boat tour, some picnic meals.

Dates: April T.B.A. | Cost: \$300 members; \$350 non-members

Registration/lodging/other details: Teresa Williams — (407) 718-1977

ORANGE AUDUBON CLASSES

Registration for classes and workshops is online at orangeaudubonfl.org/activities/field-trips

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, Christmas

Date/Time: Sat, Sep 28, 2024, 9:00-12:00 NOON

Class Limit: 15 participants

Cost: \$20 members; \$25 non-members

BEGINNERS' BIRD WATCHING

Instructors: Kathy Rigling — riglingkathy@gmail.com and Susan Thome-Barrett

Locations: Orlando Wetlands, Mead Botanical Garden, Oakland Nature Preserve and Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive

3-part Class Dates/Times: Fall — Oct 19, 27 and Nov 2, 2024

Winter — Jan 5, 11 and 25, 2025; Times: 8:00-11:30 AM

Class Limit: 12 participants per 3-part class

Cost per 3-part Class: \$60 members; \$75 non-members; \$10 youth (12 & under) with registered adult

INTERMEDIATE BIRD IDENTIFICATION

Instructor: Bob Sanders — (407) 459-5617

Location: Orlando Wetlands, Christmas

2-part Class Dates/Time: Sat, Mar 22 and 29, 2025, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Class Limit: 12 participants

Cost: \$60 members; \$75 non-members (includes both parts)

BIRDS OF PREY IDENTIFICATION

Instructor: Bob Sanders — (407) 459-5617

Location: Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive, Apopka

Cost for each class: \$15 members; \$25 non-members

Dates/Time: Sun, Jan 12 and Feb 2, 2025, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM

PHOTO WORKSHOPS

Green PLACE Nature & Photography Hike

Co-leaders: Alicia Baxter, Orange County naturalist, and Lee Ann Posavad and Alex DeBear, wildlife photographers

Explore an Orange County Green PLACE property and learn photo tips, for youth, families, and others.

Fall Date/Time: Sun, Oct 13, 2025, 9:00–11:30 AM Cost: FREE Location: Crosby Island Marsh Preserve, east Orlando

Spring Date/Time: Sun, Mar 16, 2025, 9:00–11:30 AM Cost: FREE **Location**: Pine Lily Preserve, east Orlando

Registration: Alicia Baxter — (407) 836-1456

Youth Photo Workshop

Co-leaders: Wei-Shen Chin, Lauren Chin and Michael Chin

Date/Time: Sun, Feb 23, 2025

Cost: \$5. Youth (17 & under) must be with a registered adult

Location: Newton Park, Winter Garden

Registration details: Teresa Williams — (407) 718-1977

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nature Fest at Oakland Nature Preserve Sep 21, 2024 — (407) 637-2525

Mead Botanical Garden Fall Bird Walks, Winter Park Oct 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024, 8:00 AM—(941) 704-1189

Backyard Biodiversity Day, Mead Botanical Garden Oct 19, 2024 — (407) 637-2525

NORTH SHORE BIRDING FESTIVAL, Lake Apopka northshorebirdingfestival.com/

Dec 5-9, 2024 — (407) 637-2525

Orlando Wetlands Festival, Christmas Feb 22, 2025 — (407) 637-2525

Mead Botanical Garden Spring Bird Walks, Winter Park Apr 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025, 8:00 AM — (941) 704-1189

Chertok Nature Photography Contest

Deadline to submit all entries: Apr 30, 2025

Deadline to replace disqualified entries: May 27, 2025 Awards: Jun 19, 2025 — (407) 718-1977

Central Florida Earth Day, Lake Eola, Orlando Apr 19, 2025 — (321) 239-2436

Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, Apopka

Apr 26–27, 2025 — (407) 637-2525

Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 9th Anniversary May 4, 2025 — (407) 637-2525

Baby Owl Shower — Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Maitland May 10, 2025 — (407) 718-1977

OAS Online Auction

Jun 13, noon–Jun 23, 2025, 7 PM — (941) 704-1189 biddingowl.com/OrangeAudubonSociety

June Challenge Bird Walk and Top Birder Celebration Jul 27, 2025 — riglingkathy@gmail.com

CITIZEN/COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Bird Surveys — riglingkathy@gmail.com

Apopka Birding Park (monthly)

Wekiwa Springs State Park (monthly)

Lake Apopka North Shore (quarterly)

Oakland Nature Preserve (quarterly)

Rock Spring Run State Reserve (quarterly)

EagleWatch Training

Fall 2024 — cbop.audubon.org/get-involved/be-eaglewatcher

Christmas Bird Counts

Dec 14, 2024–Jan 5, 2025 — See OASis for details.

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14-17, 2025 — gbbc.birdcount.org/

Jay Watch Training

May 2025 — fl.audubon.org/get-involved/jay-watch

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