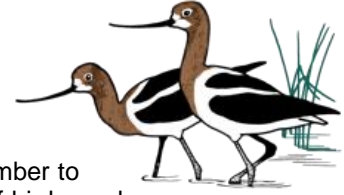


Tampa Audubon Society Field Trips

September 2010 – August 2011



All trips are open to the public and most are free. You do not have to be a member to come along on our field trips. We hope that you will have a good time, see plenty of birds, and enjoy the company of fellow birders and the expertise of our leaders.

Basic Guidelines: There are no pets allowed and smoking is prohibited when you are with the group. Preregistration is not necessary unless otherwise noted. That being said, we like to know if you plan to come along. We make every effort to leave on time however we will wait a few extra minutes if we know that you are coming. Please call or e-mail the contact person for any questions regarding the trip. We usually meet at a local spot where car-pools can be arranged. Please keep in mind that if you ride with someone it is courteous to share in the cost of gas and/or tolls.

Our Leaders:

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Scheduled Trips

Sunday, Nov. 7 - Blackwater Creek. [Dave Goodwin](mailto:dgood389@aol.com) - Meet at 7:30 am at McDonalds on I-4 and Macintosh Rd. Blackwater Creek is an ELAPP area north of Plant City with a large expanse of woodlands, wetlands and old Florida terrain. Flat walking for several hours. Bring water and repellent.

Saturday, Nov 13 - Lettuce Lake Park for beginning birders. Mary Keith. Meet at 9 am at the visitor's center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for water birds, local residents and migrants. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday November 21 - Honeymoon Island Park. Bill Lamoureux. Meet at 8 am at the McDonalds on Rte 19 and Curlew Rd. (northwest corner.) After a short stop for shorebirds on the causeway, we will walk the trail in the park looking for shorebirds and wintering landbirds. About 2 hours walking. Bring water, repellent and lunch if you want to picnic at the park.

Holiday Birding in Costa Rica ~ November 26 - 30, 2010 Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, Santa Elena Reserve and Palo Verde National Park \$895 pp double occupancy, \$100 SS, plus air and lunch and dinner, Daily breakfast buffet included, try local cuisine for lunch and dinner at Hotel Arco Iris Lodge. Check out their website and print out the bird list: Hotel Arco Iris Lodge Reservations: call Mary Keith at 935-6115 or keithma1@juno.com.

Saturday, Dec 4 - Al Lopez Park - Bill Lamoureux - Meet at 8 am at Pavilion 302 just inside the entrance on the right. We will walk around the lake looking for water birds, rails and wintering landbirds. About one mile of easy walking. After birding those who wish will gather at the Village Inn for brunch.

Saturday, Dec 11 - Lettuce Lake for Beginning birders. Meet at 9 am at the visitor's center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for waterbirds and winter residents. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday, Dec 19 - Alafia Christmas Count - [Dave Bowman](#) (813-948-8576 dsbowman@earthlink.net) Call Dave to arrange to be part of this event to count all of our south county birds. Any amount of time you can spend will be great.

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Sunday, Jan 2 - Tampa Christmas Count - [Dave Bowman](#) (813-948-8576 dsbowman@earthlink.net) Call Dave to arrange to be part of our team in counting all the birds of Tampa. Any amount of time you can spend will be great.

Saturday, Jan 8 - Lettuce Lake Park for beginning birders. [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 9 am at the visitor's center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for waterbirds, ducks and wintering residents. Finished by 11:30.

Saturday, Jan 15 - USF area duck ponds and Cypress Point. [Mary Keith](#). Meet at 8 am at the Burger King on the southeast corner of Fowler and Nebraska Ave. We will travel to several local ponds looking for ducks, waterbirds and wintering residents. Then we will head to Cypress Point near the airport to scope the bay for more waterbirds. Very little walking. Finished by noon.

Saturday, Jan 22 - Mosaic Phosphate Mines - [Bill Lamoureux](#) - Meet at McDonalds on Rte 60 near I 75 at 8 am. This is 100 species day! We will be led to the best spots on mine lands in Polk Co. for winter birds, shorebirds and ducks. Lunch, snacks and drinks are provided by Mosaic. Rough driving on dirt roads. Very little walking.

Sunday, Jan 30 - Myakka River and Oscar Scherer State Parks. [Mary Keith](#) - Meet at the McDonalds on Rte 60 near I - 75 at 7am. We will look for ducks and wintering residents at Myakka and for the Florida Scrub Jay at Oscar Scherer. Bring lunch. Some walking on park trails.

Saturday, Feb 12 - Lettuce Lake Park for beginning birders. [Pat Lewis](#) - Meet at 9 am at the visitor's center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for wintering waterbirds, waterfowl and landbirds. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday, Feb 13 - Merritt Island and Vieira Wetlands. [Mary Keith](#). Meet at 7 am at the IHOP on Fowler near I - 75. Very little walking. Bring lunch and drinks. This is a 100 species day! All the winter water and shorebirds, plus lots more. Call Mary if you are interested in making it an overnight trip.

Sunday, Feb 27 - Manatee Viewing Center, Apollo Beach and Simmons Park -[Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet 8 am at McDonalds on Rte 60 near I-75. We will look for shorebirds and waterfowl at Apollo Beach and then proceed to the viewing center. Then we will go to Simmons Park for more birding and for a picnic if you want to bring your lunch.

Saturday, March 5 - Circle B Bar Reserve. [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 8 am at the McDonalds at Rte 60 near I-75. We will walk the trails at the ranch looking for wading birds, rails and waterfowl quite a bit of walking on paved roads. Bring water.

Saturday, March 12 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Mary Keith](#). Meet at 9 am at the visitor's center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for waterbirds and wintering residents. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday, March 20 - Weedon Island and Sawgrass Lake. Meet at 7:30 at Borders Books, Dale Mabry or 8 am at the visitor center on Weedon Island. Easy but extensive walking on boardwalk and trails on Weedon Island, then on to Sawgrass Lake for more easy walking. Bring water and repellent.

Saturday, March 26 - Lake Kissimmee Air Boat Ride and Joe Overstreet Rd. [Bill Lamoureux](#). Please let me know if you intend to go on the air boat ride which costs \$30.00 plus tax. It is an exciting event where you will get close up views of Snail Kites, Purple Gallinules and many more species. Joe Overstreet road birding is done along a dirt road mostly from the cars with very little walking. There is a snack bar and picnic area at the end where we will stop for lunch.

Saturday, Apr 2 - Flatwoods Park - [Mary Miller \(limpkin1945@verizon.net\)](#) - Meet at 8 am at the visitor center at the park off Morris Bridge Rd. Easy walking to see bluebird boxes and spring bird activities.

Saturday, Apr 9 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Roger Sheets](#). Meet at 9 am at the visitor center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for wintering waterbirds and landbirds. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday, Apr 10 - Fort De Soto Park. [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 8 am at the visitor center. We will visit various sites looking for spring migrant warblers, tanagers, orioles, buntings, etc. Quite a bit of easy walking with one possible wet spot. Bring water, repellent and lunch for a picnic at Arrowhead.

Saturday, Apr 17 - Chinsegutt Park and USDA research farm. [JoAnn Hartzler \(usarealty@msn.com\)](#) we will enjoy a birding festival with wildlife presentations and we will walk around the lake looking for resident land and water birds. We might also see borrowing owls, Sandhill cranes, cuckoos, red-headed woodpeckers etc. Bring repellent and lunch, or buy lunch at the festival.

Saturday, Apr 23 - Honeymoon Island - [Jason Guerard \(jay-bird519@yahoo.com\)](#) Meet at 8 am at the McDonalds near the North West corner of Rte 19 and Curlew Rd. After a short stop for shorebirds on the causeway, we will go on the park to walk the trails and beaches looking for spring migrants and resident species. Quite a bit of walking on easy trails. Bring water, repellent and lunch for a picnic if you wish.

Saturday, May 7 - Babcock Ranch and Venice Rookery, [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 8 am at McDonalds on Rte 60 near I-75. We will take a [swamp buggy ride](#) around a working ranch looking for wildlife such as wild pigs, Florida Cracker Cattle, panthers and Sandhill cranes. The ride costs \$19.95 for adults and \$12.95 for Kids (plus sales tax). The price is less if we have a group of 20 or more, so bring your family and friends. This is a great trip for kids. We will also make a short visit to [the famous Venice Rookery](#) for a close up look at nesting colonial birds. We hope to have lunch at the restaurant at the ranch, or you could bring a picnic. Very little walking on this exciting day. Please let me know how many will be coming for the buggy ride so I can reserve your seats.

Saturday, May 14 - Orlando Wetlands - [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 7am at the IHOP on Fowler Ave near I-75. You must preregister for this trip. The first 8 persons will have a tram ride around the area. Those who wish can do the trip on foot - [a two mile walk in the hot sun](#) (click for more info on the park.) The birds are great - purple gallinules, sandhill cranes, least bitterns, black-neck stilts, whistling ducks, purple martins and many more. Bring sunscreen, water and lunch. Don't forget your floppy hat!

Sunday, May 15 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Roger Sheets](#). Meet at 9 am at the visitor center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for waterbirds and spring migrants. Finished by 11:30.

Sunday, May 22 - Fort De Soto. [Mary Keith](#). Meet at the visitor center at 8 am. We will visit various sites looking for spring migrants, warblers, tanagers, buntings etc. We will also check the beaches for waterbirds and shorebirds. Quite a bit of easy walking. Bring water, sunscreen, repellent and lunch for a picnic at Arrowhead.

Sunday, June 4 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Bill Lamoureux](#). Meet at 9 am at the visitor center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for spring migrants, waterbirds and residents. Finished by 11:30.

Saturday, June 11 - Dragonflies and damselflies. - [JoAnn Hartzler](#) (usa [realty@msn.com](#)) Details coming.

Saturday, July 9 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Pat Lewis](#). Meet at 8 am at the visitor center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for resident waterbirds and landbirds. Finished by 11.

Sunday, July 17 - Coquina Beach - [Mary Keith](#), Meet at 7 am at the McDonalds on Rte 60 and I-75. We will visit various sites looking for shorebirds and waterbirds. Bring sunscreen, water and repellent. Don' forget your hat.

Saturday, Aug 13, 2011 - Lettuce Lake for beginning birders. [Roger Sheets](#) - Meet at 8 am at the visitor center. We will walk the boardwalk and trails looking for resident waterbirds and landbirds. Finished by 11,