



**WELCOME to the
2023 Audubon Assembly**

Chapter Celebration



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Congratulations to Our Plants for Birds Grant Winners!

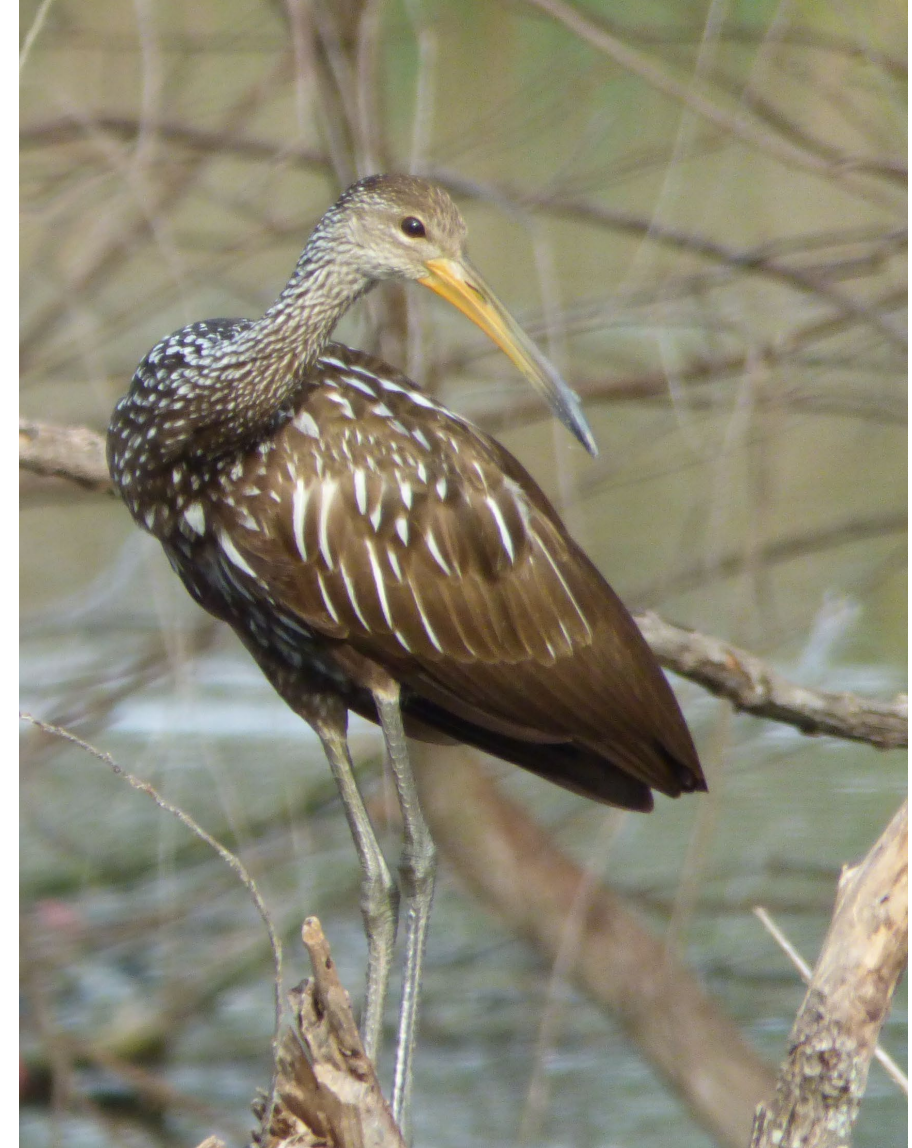


- **Audubon of SW Florida**
- **Audubon Everglades**
- **Four Rivers Audubon**
- **Halifax River Audubon**
- **Hendry-Glades Audubon**
- **Lake Region Audubon**
- **Manatee County Audubon**
- **Sarasota Audubon**
- **South Florida Audubon**
- **Southeast Volusia Audubon**
- **Tropical Audubon**
- **West Volusia Audubon**



MEREDITH ROLLO
Sustainability & Outreach Manager,
Environmental Services

Thank you to Mary Keith for field trips!
And to Publix for the boat trip and buses.





Welcome to the 2023
Florida Chapters
Celebration!



Best Education Award
Chapter < 500 members
NOMINEES:

- **Peace River Audubon –
Beginning Birding for “Kids”**

- **Seminole Audubon –
Landscaping a Church with
Native Plants**

- **Venice Area Audubon –
Introducing Pre-schoolers to
Nature**





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And the winner is...
Venice Area Audubon!

 VENICE AREA
Audubon Society



Best Education Award Chapter > 500 Members NOMINEES:

- **Orange Audubon – Diversity in Education**
- **Pelican Island Audubon – Growing Advocates for the IRL**
- **Tropical Audubon – Ambassadors Program**



And the winner is...

Wait! There's a tie between Pelican
Island Audubon and Tropical
Audubon!





Here is the story about the Tropical Audubon Ambassadors Program, TAAP!



Pelican Island Audubon

“There are no apps for this! We believe that nature makes kids healthier, happier, and smarter.”



Best Conservation Project Award

Chapters < 500 members

NOMINEES:

- **Audubon of Southwest Florida – Strike Team**
- **Peace River Audubon – Building a Native Nursery**
- **Hendry-Glades Audubon – Plants for Birds for Everyone!**





And the winner is...
Hendry-Glades Audubon

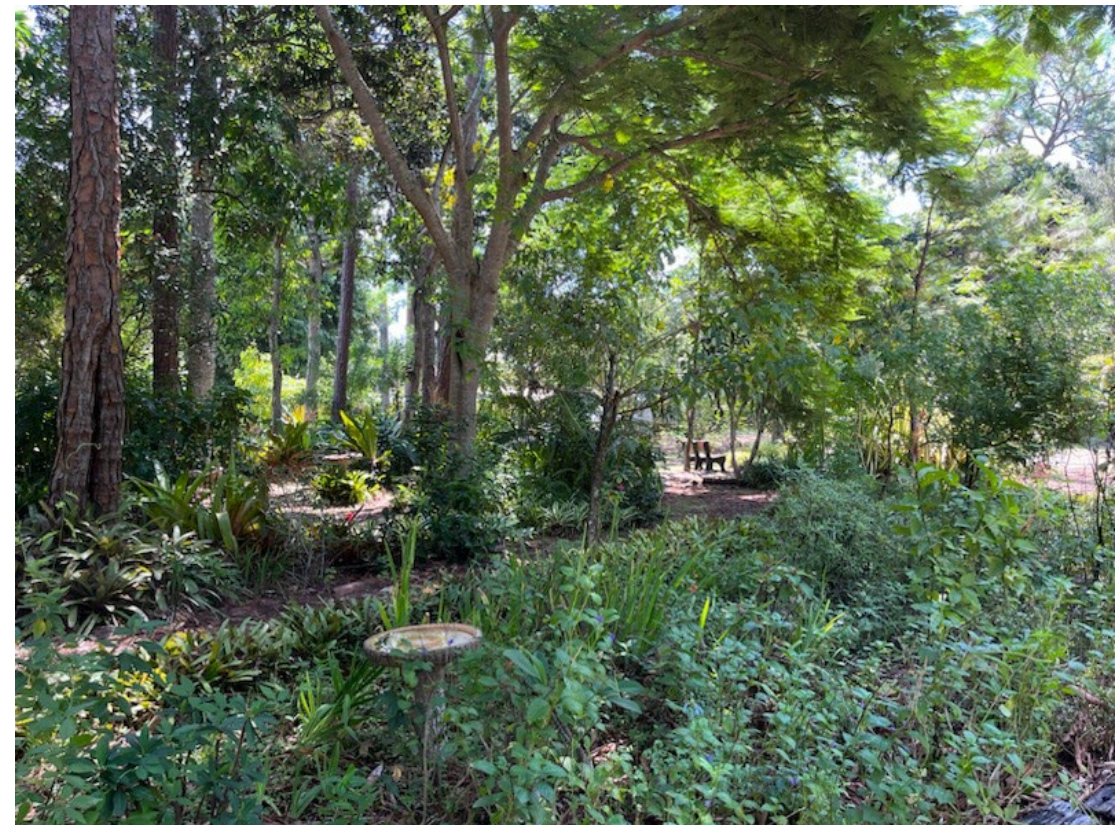


Best Conservation Project Award for Chapters >500 members goes to Tropical Audubon



Chapter of the Year <500 members NOMINEES:

- **Audubon of Martin County**
- **Southeast Volusia Audubon**



The winner is...

Southeast
Volusia
Audubon



Chapter of the Year Award for a Chapter >500 members goes to Pelican Island Audubon!





This Year's Theme: Conservation in a Changing Landscape





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Audubon chapters come in all shapes, sizes, and habits, just like the birds.

But they are united in their cause—to protect birds and the places they need.



Seminole Audubon
installed a garden
for birds!

Chapters and
churches have a
history of
collaboration.



West Volusia Audubon is working within their community create bird- and people-friendly spaces.





The Audubon of Southwest Florida
“Strike Team” is bringing awareness to the
businesses of Downtown Ft. Myers!

Audubon of Southwest Florida
also supports education on the
beaches.



Audubon
of Southwest Florida

Protecting Nature... For People Too.

Duval Audubon has become a leader for LIGHTS OUT in Northeast Florida, joining forces with St. Johns Regional Audubon, Audubon of Southwest Florida, Tropical Audubon, and others!





Eagle Audubon convinced homeowners to plant native plants around six of their 60 ponds and it is making a difference for the birds!



Apalachee Audubon hosted the Northwest Florida RCC meeting at Lake Elberta with neighbors from Bay County and Pensacola's Francis M. Weston Audubon.





VIP line-up! Sarasota Audubon's Jeanne Dubi hosted National Audubon Society's CEO Elizabeth Gray, CFO Ingrid Milne, our own Julie Wraithmell at their LEED Certified Nature Center!

Audubon of Martin County teaches journaling to the budding little naturalists!



Orange Audubon
hired their first
Educator, Kathy
Rigling, to engage
children of all ages.

“...the Osprey is over
there!”



Orange Audubon also started a “Young Birders Club.”

Other Young Birders Clubs are supported by:

- Tampa, St. Pete, Clearwater
- Sarasota
- St. Johns Regional
- Alachua



A Volusia County
Audubon
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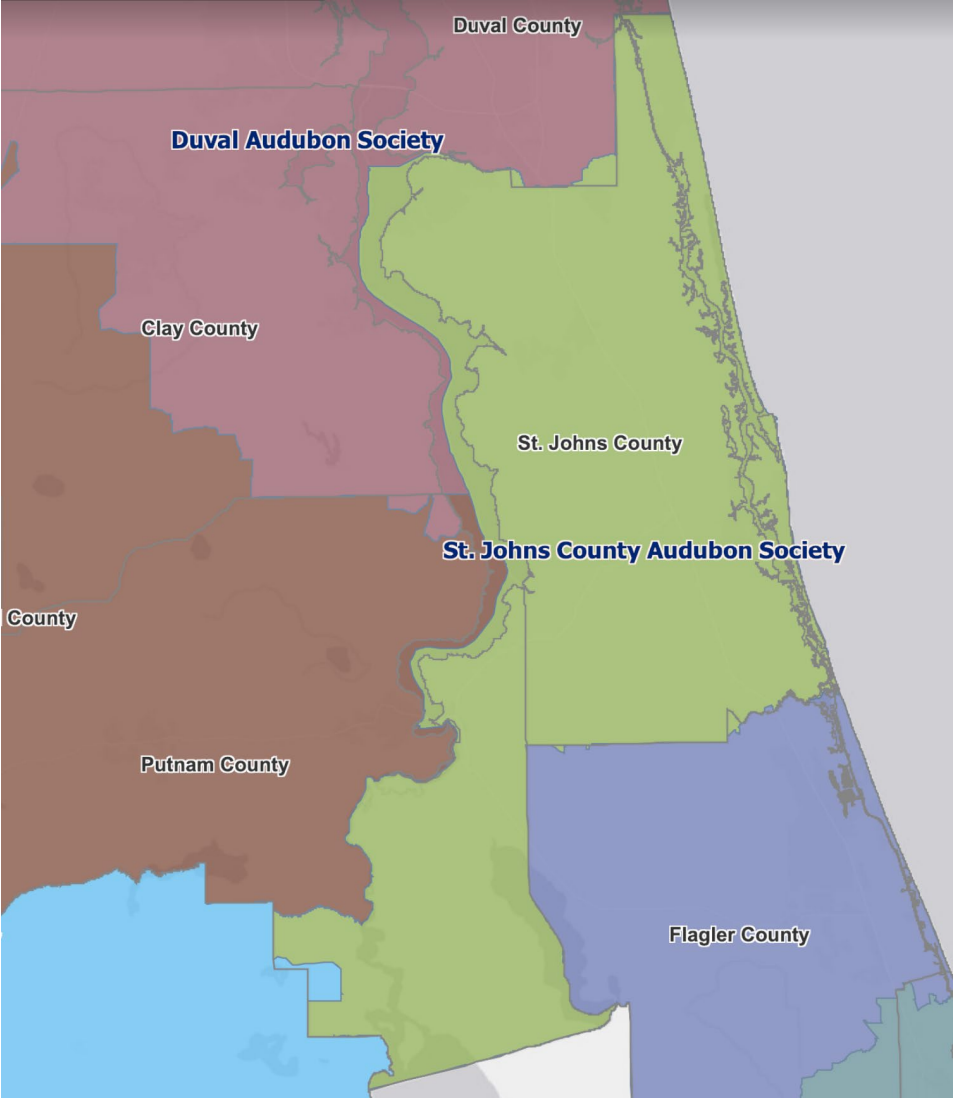
SE Volusia and
West Volusia
joined Halifax
River at their 75th
Anniversary gala!



St. Johns County Regional Audubon spread their wings to include more territory!



John A. Middleton Jr.
www.FrogmoreFocus.com



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AUDUBON**
Celebrating & protecting birds
from the river to the sea

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Audubon dropped
the “west” and
picked up more than
territory.

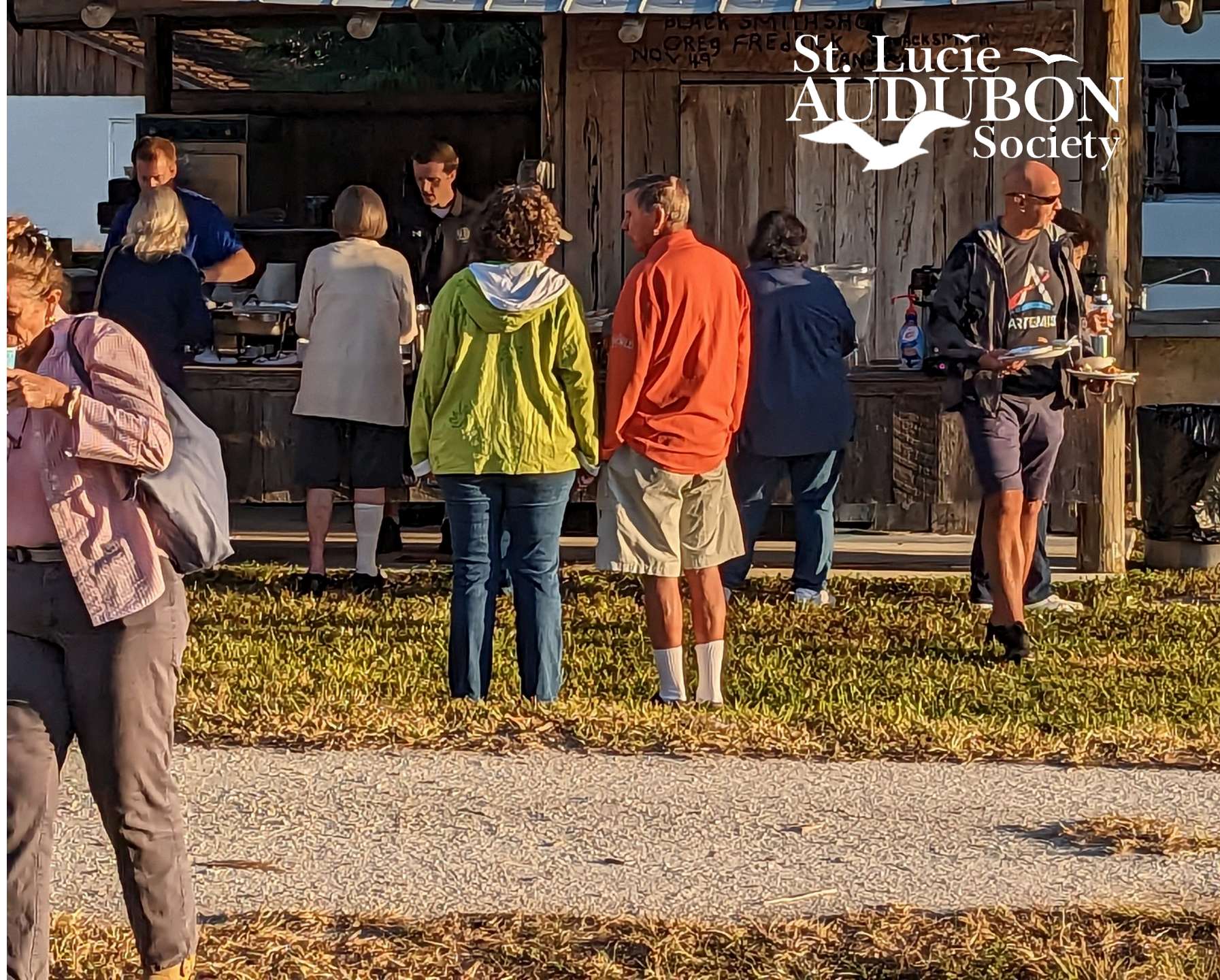


Robert B. Hayling Freedom Park (celebrating this Civil Rights Leader) was added to the Great Florida Birding Trail with support from St. Johns Regional Audubon.

Nine sparrow species have been seen at this small, 10-acre hotspot!



St. Lucie Audubon features a SOLD-OUT fundraiser/ barbeque at the historic Adams Ranch!





Tropical Audubon features a huge annual native-plants sale on their 2.5 acres in Coconut Grove. What a showcase!



Venice Area Audubon is one of the 10 Audubon Chapters to install Purple Martin houses with tremendous success!





SE Volusia Audubon shared their expertise and enthusiasm for native plants with these youngsters!





This Plants for Birds project energized Hendry-Glades Audubon and their partners!



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Four Rivers Audubon graduated the first class of “native plant AMBASSADORS!”





Peace River Audubon
built a native plant
nursery at Charlotte
Harbor Environmental
Center!



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Pelican Island installed a native plant garden at the “UP from Poverty” Center in Vero Beach.



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South Florida Audubon's gardens continue to flourish and provide green spaces in this heavily urbanized community!



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Apalachee Audubon: “We really did plant a native passion vine there.”



Alachua
Audubon
helped design
(and install) a
“Plants for Birds”
component for
the Gainesville
High School
science
curriculum!



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This landscape became a teaching lab about native plants at the Venice Area Audubon Rookery.






NATIVE PLANTS FOR BIRDS

Landscapes that Help Birds Survive



Sabal Palm
Sabal palmetto



Southern Live Oak
Quercus virginiana



Sea Grape
Coccoloba uvifera

Birds are experiencing steep population declines, and we can help by providing a “convenience store” in our parks and yards – a place where resident and migratory birds can refuel and provide food for their young. Birds have co-evolved with native plants and insects and need them to successfully reproduce and increase their populations. Native plants provide nectar, pollen, and seeds, attract insects, serve as “larval host plants” for insect eggs and caterpillars, and provide cover. Support birds by installing plants native to your area and sharing your yard with wildlife.

For more information please visit:
audubon.org/plantsforbirds





Firebush
Hamelia patens



Beautyberry
Callicarpa americana



Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



Passion Flower
Passiflora incarnata



Tropical Sage
Salvia coccinea



Wild Coffee
Psychotria nervosa





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West Volusia and Halifax River Audubon Chapters collaborated on a “Win a Garden” contest and gave away nine \$500 prizes.



WIN A GARDEN!

**Native Florida Plants
for Birds, Butterflies
& You!**

Enter Audubon's
*Plant Real Florida for Birds,
Butterflies
& You*

contest for the opportunity to
win \$500 for Florida Native
Plants for your yard.

Birds and pollinators
need native plants to survive.
For more information, go to
westvolusiaaudubon.org/P4Bcontest

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West Volusia Audubon



Here are the results submitted by one of the winners!





Hernando Audubon partnered with the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens to re-create their native plant area!



While many things in the future are uncertain, we can always count on you to protect the birds and the places they need.





Special thanks to all
the chapter
photographers and to
John A. Middleton, Jr.
for the lovely bird
photos!

We briefly borrowed music by
Jesse Winchester
Nothing But a Breeze

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Not the end... just another beginning!



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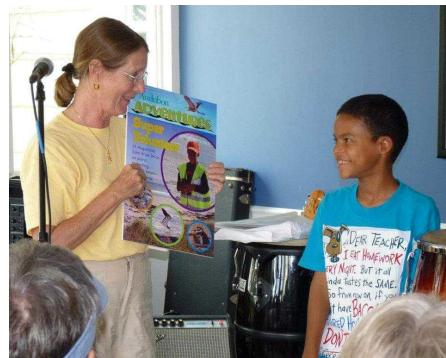


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Special Recognition

Happy Retirement!

Jacqui Sulek, Chapter
Conservation Manager





Roseate Spoonbill.
Photo: Niccole Neely/Audubon Photography Awards

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NEXT UP: PLENARY
10:15 A.M.

Meeting the Challenge:
Bird Conservation in a Changing
Landscape