




**WELCOME to the
2023 Audubon Assembly**

Julie Wraithmell, Executive Director

Thank you, Tampa Audubon Society!



Lettuce Lake Conservation Park

 Hiking Trail  Bird Watching  Boardwalk  Canoe Rentals  Paved trail

**LETTUCE
LAKE PARK**
A HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PARK

Conservation Leadership Initiative

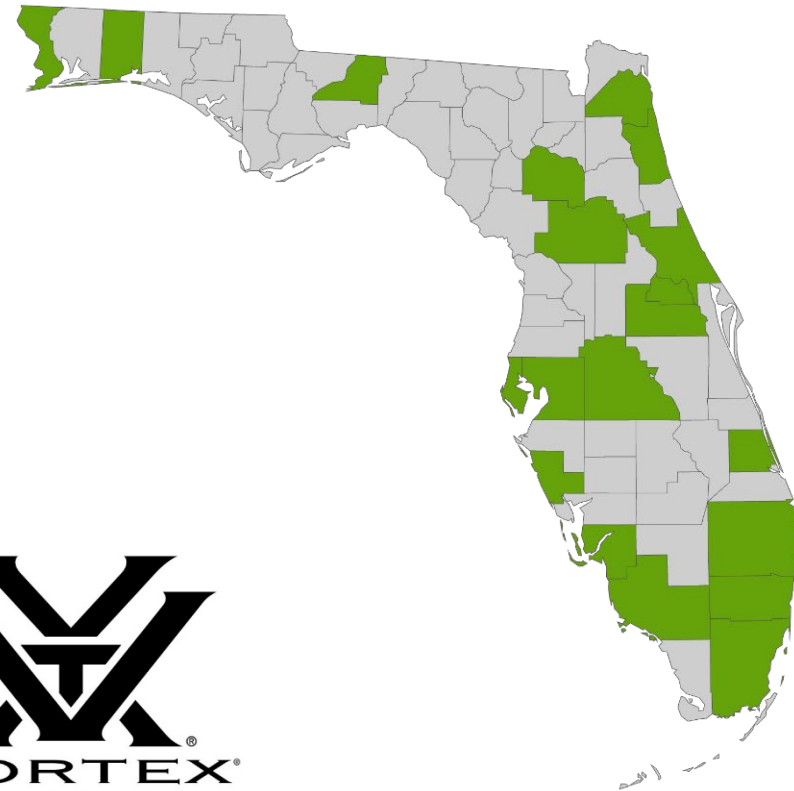


Photo: Luke Franke/Audubon

Thank you, Mosaic!



We are grateful to Port Tampa Bay and Mosaic for their ongoing partnership, and especially to Mosaic who is also a sponsor of this Assembly.

[Click here for a few words from Mosaic about their own commitments to addressing the threat of climate change.](#)



Roseate Spoonbill.
Photo: Nicole Neely/Audubon Photography Awards

NEXT UP:

LUNCH

Celebrating Staff Milestones

5 YEARS

Alex Blochel
Senior Biologist
Everglades Science Center



5 YEARS

Gio d'Achiardi
Facilities Manager
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



5 YEARS

Beth Alvi
Sr. Director of Policy
Audubon Florida



5 YEARS

JP Haydocy
Research Associate
Everglades Science Center



Celebrating Staff Milestones

20 YEARS

Victoria Johnston
Development Manager
Audubon Florida



25 YEARS

Mary Ann Summeralls
Sales Associate
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



Celebrating Staff Milestones

34 YEARS

Jerry Lorenz, PhD
State Research Director
Everglades Science Center



Photo: Mac Stone

51 YEARS

Charles Lee
Director of Advocacy



Photo: Betsy Hansen/Florida Trend



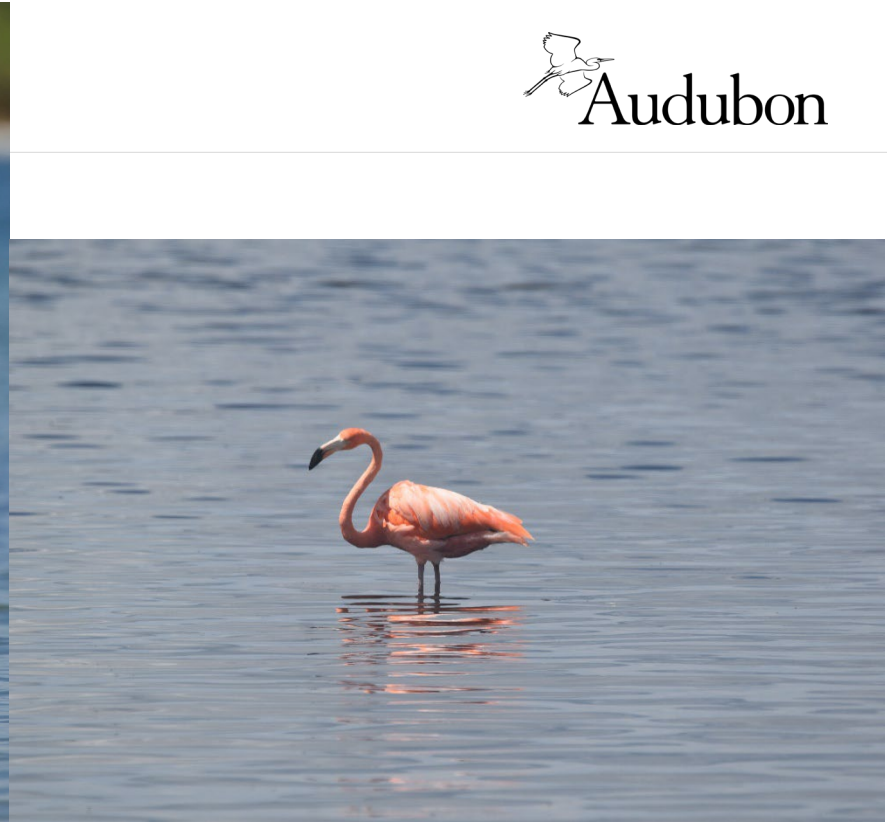
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CELEBRATING CONSERVATION WINS

Julie Wraithmell, Executive Director

Photo: Holley Short

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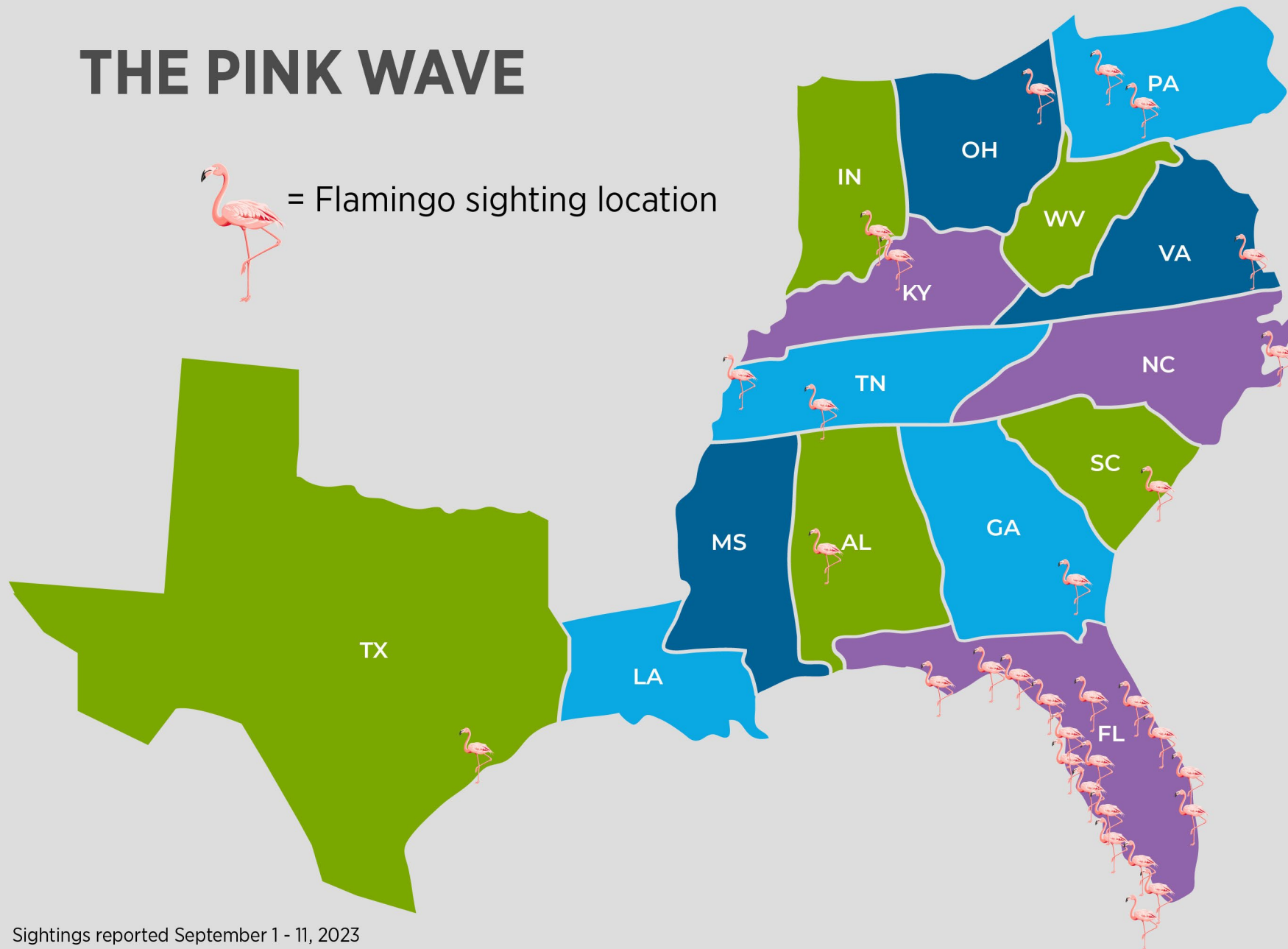


**Hurricane Idalia Brought More Than
100 Flamingo Sightings Across
Florida and the Eastern United States!**

THE PINK WAVE



= Flamingo sighting location



Sightings reported September 1 - 11, 2023

Snowy Plover. Photo: Jamey Binneveld

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Coastal Program



Protection for Wilson's Plovers



Photos: Jean Hall



Enhancing Watershed Restoration Statewide: Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



Florida DEP



South Florida WMD
Governing Board



St. Johns WMD



Historic Funding for the Everglades, Land Conservation, and More



Photo: Ian Shive

Everglades Restoration Races Ahead

Center for Birds of Prey



700th Bald Eagle
Released!



Center for Birds of Prey

EagleWatch

- 148 nests lost to Hurricane Ian
- 100 chicks fledged from rebuilt nests



Protecting Brown Pelicans at Sunshine Skyway Bridge



HOW TO UNHOOK A SEABIRD

- Prepare by gathering pliers, wire cutters and gloves, plus a knife, towel and eye protection. Recruit other people to help.
- Reel in the bird slowly.
- Grab the bird quickly and decisively. Hold its beak firmly and slightly open, forcing its wings against its body and covering its head with a towel.
- Locate and remove the hook by exposing and cutting the barb and then backing the hook out of the wound.
- If the bird swallowed the hook or is seriously injured, do NOT cut the line. Contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), 888-404-3222, or R/Hotline, 850-613-3854.
- Before releasing, examine the bird for remaining hooks or fishing line and remove them.
- Release the bird by pointing its head towards the water and away from you. Step back as you let it go.



Local Habitat Protection Wins

Seminole Forever Funding



Seminole Audubon

Volusia Forever Funding



West Volusia, Halifax River,
and Southeast Volusia
Audubon Societies

St. Johns County Land Acquisition and Management Program



St. Johns Regional Audubon



Staff Award of Distinction

Presented by
Beth Alvi
Sr. Director of Policy

American Flamingos.
Photo: Holley Short





Congratulations to Kelly Cox

Director of Everglades Policy





Staff Award of Distinction

Presented by
Alex Blochel
Senior Biologist, Everglades Science
Center

Roseate Spoonbill.

Photo: Jack Rogers/Audubon Photography Awards





Congratulations to Emily Johnson

Research Associate, Everglades Science
Center



Sponsor Message:



**Congratulations,
Stephen Kintner,
West Volusia Audubon!**

Winner of the
2023 National Audubon Society
Callison Volunteer Award





Photo: Jean Hall

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Thank You, Sponsors!

Thank you, Duke Energy!



We would especially like to thank Duke Energy. Their Florida headquarters are located just across the Bay from here in St. Petersburg and we're grateful for their support of this Assembly.

[Click here for a few words about Duke's brighter energy future.](#)



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**LEARNING
SESSIONS**

2 to 3:30 p.m.
and
3:45 to 5:15 p.m.

Coffee break at 3:30



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NEXT UP:

LEARNING SESSIONS

- Creating Habitat in Unconventional Ways: Cypress Room
- Perspectives from the Next Generation: Park Room
- From Birding to Conservation: Sabal Room
- Conservation Leadership Initiative: Palm Room
(CLI students and mentors only)



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NEXT UP:

**Don't forget to
visit our
exhibitors!**



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Corkscrew Swamp
Sanctuary



**Looking for
bird-friendly
gifts and
souvenirs?**



**Don't miss the Audubon table!
Friday 11 a.m. to Saturday at noon**