

The mission of the Seminole Audubon Society, Inc. is to promote awareness and protection of the plants and animals of the St Johns River basin in order to sustain the beneficial coexistence of nature and humans.

March, April, May 2021

# Audubon Florida Central Florida Regional Conservation Committee Updates

#### Borrow pits relating to the Wekiva Parkway:

In December there was an editorial in the *Orlando Sentinel* about this issue of FDOT obtaining fill dirt from unpermitted borrow pits in Lake County and using it for the Ultimate I-4 and Wekiva Parkway projects. The parties weren't able to come to an agreement so Wekiva River Basin Commission Chairman and Seminole County Commissioner Lee Constantine sent a strongly-worded letter to Gov. DeSantis. Because of the lack of communication between FDOT and FL Dept. of Ag & Consumer Svc (FDACS), Lake County and SJRWMD have pursued litigation. FDOT suspended accepting fill from 1 of 2 companies under litigation, so the outcome is moving in the right direction. A number of transportation bills typically move in the legislature each year. There may be consideration of an effort to add an amendment which would require FDOT to accept only fill materials from companies with proof of valid permits from local government and state environmental agencies.

#### **Update on EPA issue:**

On December 17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the State of Florida's request to take over the federal program that issues permits for developers and others who want to fill sensitive wetlands. Florida developers have called the local delegation of **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as the "the Holy Grail."** This dramatic shift will imperil Florida marshes, cypress forests and wetlands including a large portion of the St. Johns River Headwaters.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) fast-tracked its request for delegation and as a result, its proposal to take over Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is incomplete, full of uncertainty, and will create loopholes in wetlands protection that is already failing to protect our waterways. This effort threatens the St. Johns as well as all waters of Florida. Wetlands are the kidneys of our waters providing bio-filtration, flood protection and wildlife habitat.

Audubon Florida and most other environmental organizations do not support this decision for these reasons:

- 1. The State of Florida doesn't have the capacity due to budget and personnel cuts made under the Scott administration.
- 2. The Corp of Engineers has been a check/balance for pressure on FL to allow bad permits. With sole responsibility, there is no oversight on State decisions.

Nikki Fried, FL Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, plans to ask the Biden administration to rescind this order. But the new administration may have items of greater importance to handle initially. Audubon Florida will continue to remind the Biden administration of this issue. Note: Section 404 is not universal. Permits for dredging and filling in and adjacent to navigable waters (bays, rivers, estuaries and major lakes) will remain under the control of the Corps of Engineers and EPA. Also, certain permit applicants with permits already under consideration may elect to complete permitting under the federal Corps of Engineers/EPA process rather than start all over again under the delegated state program. However, the potential for harm to non-navigable waterways under Section 404 could be huge.

St. Johns Riverkeeper has joined a suit with Earthjustice, which is representing the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation, Miami Waterkeeper, and St. Johns Riverkeeper to stop EPA's approval of this fast-tracked and developer-backed scheme to turn wetland permitting over to Florida, violating U.S. environmental laws.

For more detail, see the Audubon article:

https://www.audubon.org/news/in-floridas-plan-take-over-wetland-permits-critics-see-gift-developers

#### **Legislature Grapples with Future of M-CORES**

Two different approaches have emerged to sunset the ill-advised M-CORES program to push 330 miles of new turnpikes through Florida's rural areas.

One, SB 924 by Senator Hooper (R-Palm Harbor), would push the funding program for M-CORES out into the future, until 2023-2024, and would leave the good, binding recommendations of the Task Forces in effect. The three M-CORES Task Forces called on the Legislature to eliminate or delay the original, unrealistic construction start dates prescribed in the original M-CORES legislation.

The other approach, SB 1030, led by Senator Polsky (D-Boca Raton), would repeal the M-CORES legislation passed in 2019 in its entirety. While SB 1030 is in line with the advocacy of many groups including Audubon Florida. Audubon Florida believes that it would also erase all of the strong recommendations made by the Task Forces to direct possible roads away from environmentally sensitive lands, conservation lands, and important farmland. It also would erase the Task Force recommendation that any new roads in the three M-CORES study areas be primarily confined to upgrades of existing highways, rather than new "greenfield" routes.

It is early in the legislative process, and Audubon Florida will continue working for legislation that eliminates current funding for the M-CORES project studies, pushes back the arbitrary construction start date, and preserves the well-thought-out Task Force recommendations for use in the event new turnpikes are proposed in these areas at some time in the future.

#### East Central Florida Climate Cohort

Audubon Florida has launched a Climate Cohort in East Central Florida composed of 18 municipalities that will be conducting municipal operations greenhouse gas inventories. Those inventories assess the emissions produced by government operations like water and energy consumption in municipally-owned buildings, municipal fleet usage, or waste services, and lay the groundwork for resilience planning.

We have partnered with ICLEI -Local Governments for Sustainability and the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative (R2C), as well as University of Central Florida, Florida Institute of Technology, and Stetson University. Student fellows from the universities will receive training from ICLEI and work with a partner municipality to complete the inventories.

The initial kick off Zoom meeting was held on January 21 for participants to learn more about this partnership, the work that we are doing in central Florida, and the municipalities that have signed up.

## **Best Florida Native Plants for Birds**

Neta Villalobos-Bell

Food: Nuts Part 3 of a 5-part Series

In this series of articles to create an inviting habitat using suggested Florida native plants to attract birds, we cover their habitat needs, food, shelter and nesting. For resident birds, it's more than just providing a buffet for them to stop by and fly away. Hopefully, they will want to stay to reproduce. For migrants, providing a safe stopover to refresh and feed is increasingly important considering we are still losing ground to development in Florida. The plant choices you make are important for the survival of our bird populations.

Part 3 suggests Florida native trees available that produce nuts used mostly by woodpeckers, blue jays, and wood ducks. Although there are other nut trees, such as hickory, beech, and basswood, only the oaks are listed below. Many of the other nut trees are not in Central Florida or are used more by other animals, such as mammals. If possible, place your oaks away from patios, sidewalks, and driveways to avoid a mess of crunches and stains.

And, of course, choose the plant best suited for your yard based on the plant culture and behavior to best match your yard conditions. Differing conditions can affect the growth and behaviors described in books and online.

#### **NUTS - OAKS**

There are 19 Florida native oak species. They generally don't produce nuts until mature at 10-15 years old. Oak trees have an added bonus, that is, insects! Check out the forthcoming Series 4 on insects as food for birds.

#### Southern red oak/Spanish oak. Quercus falcata

Height: up to 90' Spread: 10-20', Soil: sandy, acid Light: Sun to part shade

Nut: rounded, 1/2" long, most September to October drop,

high in protein Deciduous

#### Shumard oak. Quercus shumardii

Height: 60-110' Spread: 40-60' Soil: Moist, well-drained

<u>Light</u>: Full sun

Nut: 1", shallow cup that covers less than 1/4 of the nut,



Shumard oak = Quercus shumardii





#### Post oak. Quercus stellata

Height: 45 to 55' Spread: 35-50' Soil: all soils Light: Full sun

Nut: 3/4", slight stripes run toward fuzzy tip, cup covers about 1/3 of nut, singly or pairs closely attached to

twigs, high in protein, autumn drop <u>Deciduous</u>







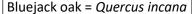
#### Bluejack oak. Quercus incana

Height: 15-40' Spread: 20' to 30' Soil: sandy Light: Full sun

Nut: about ½' long, reddish brown cap with soft hairs underneath covers top ¼ of nut, high in fat content, autumn drop Deciduous









Who ME? Nuts? What nuts?

Resources for additional research on these plants.

http://floridayards.org/fyplants/plantqueryfm.php?getformerror=yes&region=C&category=tree&native\_yes=yes www.fnps.org

www.plantrealflorida.org

The Trees of Florida,: A Reference and Field Guide. Gil Nelson

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Farming Solar

By Sam Kendall

By my last count, FPL now has 34 solar farms of various sizes scattered around the state. They claim that by 2030 between 25% and 30% of their electric generation will be coming from solar facilities. The other large utilities operating in the state (Tampa Electric, Duke Energy, Gulf Power) are also building solar plants. They are usually permitted in Agricultural zoned areas but because they are not a traditional use a waiver is required. Misinformation about such plants has circulated in some communities and zoning boards have rejected a few applications.



Solar farms bring both short-term and long-term employment to Florida communities. They can be built in a third of the time

necessary to build a gas plant. Land owners can receive lease payments. They are a source of tax revenue for state and local governments. Solar farms can be carbon banks, too. But most importantly, solar farms do not leave a trail of air and water pollution or carbon emissions. They bring urgently needed clean energy.

Jacqui Sulek is the Audubon Chapter Conservation Manager. She's worried about climate change. By her recollection, FPL approached Audubon several years ago seeking advice about best environmental practices for these installations. The result of that consultation has led to the FPL Solar Stewardship Program and the creation of a new management specialist position to oversee the program. Program goals include:

- 1) enhancing habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife.
- 2) design considerations to accommodate species of concern.
- 3) wetland avoidance, preservation and enhancement.

Jacqui monitors the program and views it as successful so far. She says the new program director is well qualified and motivated. He is using a holistic environmental approach which includes connectivity with the surrounding landscape. In some instances where the farms are constructed on brown fields, environmental enhancement is highly restorative. The 2020 FPL report says eight Stewardship programs have been completed and eight more should be soon.



Solar Farm Habitat

The farms are limited to around 400 acres. In California, some farms are thousands of acres. The large amount of space available on business and residential rooftops is being underutilized for solar collection. It's unfortunate that the industry is overlooking rooftop space and moving into green space. But with the right design and management these farms can provide habitat enhancement and visual harmony as they transform sunlight quietly, magically and peacefully into electricity.

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## Audubon Files Lawsuit to Protect Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)

The National Audubon Society, joined by several other conservation organizations, filed a federal lawsuit in the Southern District of New York challenging the Trump Administration's weakening of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This is not the first legal challenge to roll back the MBTA. In August of 2020, in response to a previous lawsuit filed by Audubon, other organizations and states, The Southern District ruled that the administration's 2017 Solicitor's Opinion did not align with the intent and language of the 100 year-old-law, and overturned the policy.

The MBTA was passed in 1918 with the support of Audubon advocates and other early conservationists. It protects nearly all of our country's native birds. The law carries out treaties with Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Russia in order to protect our nations shared bird species. The MBTA is credited with saving numerous species from extinction such as the Snowy Egret, Wood Duck and Sandhill Crane. The penalties under the law are critical incentives for companies to take common sense precautions to help reduce bird kills such as covering oil pits with nets and marking transmission lines so they are more visible to migrating birds.

# Seminole County BCC Uphold Wekiva Protection Area

In October 2020, the Seminole County Board of Adjustments, with the recommendation of the County Planning Staff, approved a Special Exception to the County Zoning Regulations and Land Development Code to allow 15 gas pumps at a proposed convenience store within the Wekiva Protection Area. Local residents sounded the alarm. They did not believe the decision was just. Friends of the Wekiva River (FOWR) and Seminole Audubon Society (SAS) were alerted to the situation. FOWR took the lead and filed an appeal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). SAS supported the appeal with an impressive letter to the BCC.

The site in questions is on the Southwest corner of the intersection of SR 46 and Orange Blvd., the gateway to the Wekiva Protection Area. There was a Public Hearing held before the BCC on January 26th. It was Item #60 on the BCC Agenda that day, and it lasted three hours.

There are five criteria that must be met before a Special Exception should be allowed. The attorneys for and executives of WaWa, the applicant, presented first. They went through all the reasons they believed the Special Exception was justified. This was followed by Brian Spain, Esq., the attorney hired by FOWR, who

Full Commercial Site Plan

Orange Blvd.

Proposed 91,000+/- square feet of commercial/retail buildings – including a grocery store, gas/service station, fast food restaurant with drive-thru, daycare facility, dentist office, and vacant buildings for future retail space.

clearly showed that the proposed gas tanks at this location met none of the five criteria required for approval of a Special Exception. Seminole residents representing Lake Forest, Heathrow, Geneva Citizens Assoc., and themselves spoke in a professional manner stating their reasons for objecting to this Special Exception.

After some rebuttal, and discussion, the BCC voted unanimously to deny the Special Exception.

Several days after the Hearing, Commissioner Lee Constantine told the FOWR Board, this was huge victory for the long-term protection of the Wekiva. The 5-0 BCC vote should send the message to the development community, "Don't mess with Wekiva". He thanked everyone involved with the appeal.

# **Program Notes**

January 10, 2021

# Why It's Important to Free the Ocklawaha by Margaret

Spontak, Chair of the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition, representing 34 organizations throughout the state.

January 2021 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the halting of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. The Ocklawaha River, the largest tributary of



the St. Johns River, has been impounded since 1968 by a dam built before the Canal was stopped. Audubon was active in the early years trying to stop the construction of the dam. Construction of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam destroyed 7,500 acres of floodplain forest. It has impeded 16 miles of river flow with subsequent buildup of aquatic weeds as well as impeding the movement of manatee and fish. It has also submerged over 20 freshwater springs which reduces flow to the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. The Rodman Dam sits in the middle of the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor. Adding forest wetlands would help the Florida panther, black bear, birds such as snail kites, wood storks, roseate spoonbills, songbirds and wading birds and other wildlife. In the past anglers have opposed this, but they are supporting this effort now with data showing that with deterioration of the river and fish, they are losing 3,627 visitor parties per year, fishing ramp conditions are often unusable and unsuitable and trophy fishing increases dramatically during the drawn years which occur every 3-4 years. Support is building to breach a portion of the dam. The Dam is past its life expectancy and in need of over \$4 million for repairs. In 2020 the Ocklawaha River was named one of ten of American's Most Endangered Rivers. This is a sad acknowledgement but has given the cause a lot of media support.

#### What you can do to help:

Like "Free the Ocklawaha" on Facebook. The number of "likes" helps their cause.

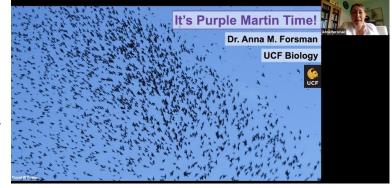
Sign an action alert on <a href="https://greatfloridariverway.com/">https://greatfloridariverway.com/</a> When you sign an action alert through a link there as 1000 Friends of Florida, you can sign a letter to Governor Ron DeSantis.

FL Senator Jason Brodeur, District 9, Lake Mary, has an interest in the Ocklawaha. He is on the Natural Resources Committee this year. Send him an email asking for his support to restore the Great Florida Riverway by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. <a href="https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/S9">https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/S9</a> Learn more at <a href="https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/">https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/</a> and take a driving tour, paddle or boat tour on the Ocklawaha River

#### February 14, 2021

# It's Purple Martin Time!

Dr. Anna Forsman is a research scientist in the Department of Biology and the Genomics and Bioinformatics Cluster at UCF. She is particularly interested in how bacterial communities in the environment interact with the avian immune system and how these interactions influence immune system development and function and overall



bird health. At UCF, Dr. Forsman teaches courses in ornithology and genomics. She has established the UCF Purple Martin Project, which has over 140 nesting gourds on campus. Dr. Forsman and her students are researching health and disease, foraging ecology, genetics and genomics, behavior, migration, and conservation of Purple Martins (PUMA). PUMA's are in the family of swallows with PUMA being the largest. There are 3 species of PUMA: eastern which we see in FL, western and desert. They are colonial cavity nesters meaning they like to nest together. Because of habitat loss, they are almost exclusively dependent on artificial houses. They are sexually dimorphic (males and

#### It's Purple Martin Time! (Continued from previous page)

females look different) and aerial insectivores meaning they hunt in the air for flying insects. Their diet consists primarily of flies, butterflies & moths, and dragonflies & damselflies. They also eat beetles, midges, aphids, ants, and in Florida – ticks. Their predators are primarily owls and hawks. They come to the eastern US and into Canada for breeding season and arrive in FL in late December to early January. They have 3-6 eggs which are incubated by the female for about 2 weeks. Babies are in the nest for about 30 days until they fledge.

Research Dr. Forsman has planned for the upcoming year includes installing a tracking tower to monitor migration and movement using geo trackers on the birds. One of the last places where natural cavity use has been documented is at Orlando Wetlands Park. In spring, 2021, the UCF Purple Martin Project is teaming up with Dr. Jason Fischer and the Purple Martin Conservation Association to conduct regular surveys of potential nesting areas at Orlando Wetlands for Purple Martin activity. They need volunteers to help with this community-based science project. Go to the project website to learn more and to complete the volunteer survey:

https://sciences.ucf.edu/biology/annaforsman/wetlands/

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# Purple Martin nests were installed on Lake Monroe on January 12, 2021

In photo left to right: Richard Hagen, Phyllis Hall, John Carey, Cecilia Carey, Jim Peters

# **Trip Notes**



**Great Egret** 

January 16, 2021

## Circle B Bar Preserve, Lakeland

Cowboys once roamed this land when it was a functioning cattle ranch. Now Circle B Bar Reserve is home to many species of wildlife. The preserve includes a hardwood swamp, freshwater marsh, and lake shore. The preserve has been recognized by *USA Today Travel* as one of the "51 Great Places to See Wildlife". We documented 40 species of birds found during our morning trip. Highlights were four Painted Buntings, 16 Wood Storks, and two Northern Harriers.

February 20, 2021

# Little Big Econ, Oviedo

There was a good turnout of humans and birds for this SAS trip. It was perfect weather for Seminole

Audubon's birding hike to Little Big Econ State Forest on Saturday. We hiked for approximately 3 miles on the Kolokee Loop Trail along the bank of the Econlockhatchee River. Over 20 species of birds were observed including the Bald Eagle, Northern Parula, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Phoebe, Black-and-white Warbler, Downy Woodpecker, Tricolored Heron, Great Blue Heron, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and the rare Bassett Hound. American White Pelicans were also spotted flying in the distance.



## Lake Jesup Park Clean Up

#### January 30

Thanks to SAS members and friends who helped clean up Lake Jesup Park in Sanford. In addition to picking up trash, we enjoyed watching a flock of American Robins eating berries in Sabal Palms. Four Limpkins, Boat-tailed Grackles, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, various warblers, and wetland birds made for fun birding as a discarded tire, fishing rod, boat seat and several large bags of trash were collected.

# **Upcoming Activities**

# Program

March 14, 2021 2:00 p.m. via Zoom



Photo by Cecilia Carey. L to R: John Carey, Chuck Honaker,

Marguerite Terwilleger, Craig Light, Marty Shepherd, Phyllis

Hall, Leslie Martin.

# Grow a Better Bird Feeder by Neta Villalobos-Bell

Want to increase the number and variety of birds that visit your yard? Provide more than seeds by growing a better bird feeder. Neta Villalobos-Bell is a National Association Certified Interpretive Guide, Florida Certified Horticulture Professional, Certified Florida Master Naturalist, Former Master Gardener, Life Member Florida Native Plant Society, and 2018 Central Florida COX Conserves Heroes recipient. Neta has a passion for sharing her expertise and knowledge about the importance and benefits of Florida Native Plants in our environment.

Join Zoom Meeting

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April 11, 2021

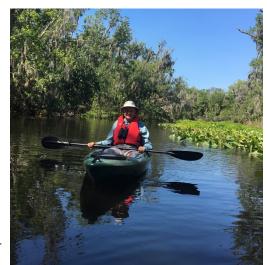
# Kayak on Wekiva River and Lunch

This is our last meeting of the season. We will offer kayaking and bird watching on the Wekiva River at the Russell homestead on Wekiva Park Drive near Katie's Landing off SR 46 in Sanford. Kayaks are available or bring your own non-motorized watercraft. The first group of paddlers will leave at 8 am and the second group will leave after lunch, which will start around noon. Bring or wear appropriate riverwear; you could get wet. Weather is changeable this time of year, so dress accordingly.

GPS Address: 164 Wekiva Park Drive, Sanford, FL 32771.

Catered lunch will be provided. Reservations required.

Bring your own drink and chair. Contact Sarah Donlan 407-687-6087 or email <u>sarahdonlan42@gmail.com</u>





#### **BIRD Academy offers FREE course**

The course, entitled eBird Essentials, includes 14 topics in 15 Lessons, and nine videos. The course includes bird identification and technical skills. Completion time is estimated to be three hours. Aimed at beginning users, but as eBird continually adds new features, experienced users will likely learn new skills. https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/

# **Upcoming Field Trips**

March 20, 2021—Saturday, 8:30 am

## Lake Harney Wilderness Area, Geneva

The Lake Harney Wilderness Area (LHWA) is approximately 300 acres, located on the St. Johns River and the northwest shore of Lake Harney. This site is home to an historic crossing of the Flagler Railroad, Native American shell middens, oak hammocks and mixed hardwood swamps. This site also



contains extensive floodplain marshes associated with Lake Harney, which serve as important feeding grounds for wading birds and as a natural filter improving water quality. There are several bald eagles' nests and we hope to see eaglets. This walk will end at the new observation tower, which is wheelchair-

accessible. Meet at the parking lot of the property at 8:30 am.



**Directions:** 2187 Osceola Fish Camp Rd, Geneva, FL 32732. From the intersection of SR 46 and SR 415 east of Sanford, drive east on SR 46 towards Geneva for 2.8 miles. Turn left on West Osceola Road. The road becomes Osceola Fish Camp Road after 7.6 miles. The large parking area is on the right after another 0.7 mile. Easy to moderate hiking. No restroom.

Contact Sarah Donlan 407-687-6087 or email sarahdonlan42@gmail.com

April 17, 2021 – Saturday, 9:00 am

# Crystal Lake Preserve (CLP), Lake Mary

This property of 40 acres was originally owned by Darrell and Bettye Leidigh. They preserved it from residential development by designating the property to be held in perpetuity as undeveloped property for the benefit of wildlife, native plants and water conservation. The preserve has all native plants. Bird and butterfly surveys are done on the property periodically. In addition to birds, we



hope to see gopher tortoises. CLP is managed by a board, which includes several SAS members.

Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 9:00 am, <u>550 Timacuan Blvd</u>, <u>Lake Mary</u>, <u>FL 32746</u>. <u>We will carpool to CLP from there</u>. <u>Limited to 20 people</u>. <u>Reservations required</u>. <u>Contact Jim Denslow@cfl.rr.com</u>

## Marine Discovery Center (MDC) Winter Birding Tours

If you wish to observe migratory birds passing through Central Florida en route to Arctic nesting grounds, MDC offers trips out to an active spoil island during the winter migratory season. MDC's Winter Birding Tours give guests opportunities to learn more about these species from naturalists and local Audubon chapter members. The tours also offer avid birders transportation to Disappearing Island onboard MDC's Discovery boat.

Guests on these trips walk the shoreline to explore and view such species as red knots, black skimmers a variety of plovers and sandpipers seen only in this area during the winter months. The Thursday morning tours will be offered March 11 and April 15. Cost per person is \$40 for adults; \$37 for seniors (62+) and students; \$22 for children under 12.

Trips will leave MDC's dock on the North Causeway at 9 am, and return at noon. Guests are encouraged to bring binoculars, viewing scopes and to wear comfortable, water-tolerant shoes to walk along the shoreline. Masks and social distancing required while on the boat.

**Reservations:** Call the Marine Discovery Center at 386-428-4828 or visit www.marinediscoverycenter.org

# Premiums Available for Donations to SAS

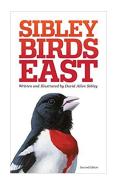
Seminole Audubon Society usually provides good quality bird seed at our monthly meetings for a small donation. Since we are currently meeting on Zoom, Chuck Honaker is offering to deliver these to you.



Black oil sunflower seed is available for suggested donations of \$3 per 1-quart bag or 2 bags for \$5. Added this season is a new size: a 1-gallon bag for a suggested donation of \$9.

The popular Sibley field guide *Birds* of *Eastern North America* is available for a suggested donation of \$15.

Contact Chuck Honaker to schedule a place and time to meet. cwh.jr@hotmail.com





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#### **Board of Director Terms**

Thanks to these people who have agreed to serve on the upcoming board term of 2021-2023: Sarah Donlan, Jan Peters, Lewis Gray, Leslie Martin, Nat Harrison (CLI student). Terms will begin July 1. The approval vote will be done by poll at the March 14 monthly meeting on Zoom.

These board members are continuing their 2019-2022 terms: Phyllis Hall, Shirley Reilly, Jim Denslow, and Peggy Stickney (filling the remainder of the term for Mindy Hellman who has moved to south Florida).

# 2020-2021 Board of Directors & Committee Chairs (eff. 7/1/20) SeminoleAudubon@gmail.com

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