

# SEMINOLE AUDUBON SOCIETY



## 2024-2025 Calendar

*Seminole Audubon Society is a chapter of National Audubon Society and Audubon of Florida. The mission of the Seminole Audubon Society is to promote the awareness and protection of the plants and animals in the St. Johns River Basin to sustain the beneficial coexistence of nature and humans.*

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## Programs

Programs are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2:00-4:00 pm, except October.

IFAS Extension Education Building, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773

**Sept. 8 Florida Black Bears.** A representative from FWC will describe bear life cycle and how to coexist within our shared ecosystem.

**Oct. 13 The Big Sit!** Join us for this annual bird count. Lake Jesup Park, 5951 Sanford Ave., Sanford, 7:00 am – 12 noon.  
<https://gis.audubon.org/birdability/>

**Nov. 10 Bald Eagles.** Shawnlei Breeding, *Audubon EagleWatch* Program Manager will share information about this species that has come back from near extinction.

**Dec. 8 Raptor Feathers.** Dianna Flynt, recently retired from the *Birds of Prey Center*, will explain how critical healthy feathers are and how they indicate the health of the bird.

**Jan. 12, 2025 Wekiva Wild and Scenic River.** River Ambassador Ashley Konon will explain her role, how the river is managed and the dragonfly mercury research project.

**Feb. 9 Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at Hal Scott Regional Preserve**  
Graham Williams of SJRWMD will describe the 25 years of management and the road to recovery for these woodpeckers.

**Mar 9 Swallow-tailed Kites**  
Ken Meyer, *Avian Research and Conservation Institute*, will share the latest research and information about these incredible birds.

## Field Trips

Bring: water, hat, appropriate footwear, sunscreen, and insect repellent. No dogs, except service dogs. Liability release must be signed.

**Saturday Sept. 14 Bird Watching Cruise.** St. Johns River Eco Tour, 488 W. Highbanks Road, DeBary, FL. Meet at 9:30 am. **Limit 28 participants.** Reservations: contact Phyllis Hall [phylliscath814@gmail.com](mailto:phylliscath814@gmail.com)

**Saturday Oct. 19 Chuluota Wilderness Area.** Meet at the parking lot at 8:00 am, 3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota, FL 32766.

**Saturday, November 16 Spring Hammock Preserve.** Meet at the Environmental Center at 8:00 am. 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood, FL 32750.

**Saturday Dec. 14 Lighthouse Point Park at Ponce Inlet.** Meet at the main pavilion at 8:00 am, 5000 S. Atlantic Ave., Ponce Inlet. \$10/car entrance fee.

**Friday Jan. 17, 2025, Yankee Lake Treatment Facility.** Meet at 8:00 am, 501 Yankee Lake Rd, Sanford. **Limit 10 participants.** Contact Phyllis Hall [phylliscath814@gmail.com](mailto:phylliscath814@gmail.com)

**Saturday, January 18 Gemini Springs Bio-Bingo.** Meet at the park at 8:00 am. 37 Dirksen Dr, DeBary.

**Saturday Feb. 15 Hal Scott Regional Preserve.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. 4500 Dallas Boulevard, Orlando 32833. Eco-buggy tour. **Limit 20 participants.** Contact Leslie Martin at [woodstork.martin@gmail.com](mailto:woodstork.martin@gmail.com)

**Saturday Mar. 15 Deer Run Park.** Meeting place TBD at 8:00 am, 300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry 32707.

**Saturday, April 12 Mead Botanical Garden.** Meet at 8:00 am, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park 32789