



The Crane

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FIELD TRIPS

At long last, the Alachua Audubon field trips are back! We look forward to birding together again with *some new safety precautions*. With the dangerous surge of the Delta variant, AAS had to make the difficult decision to either cancel the field trips again or offer them in a safe manner. Because we wish to reinstate our popular bird outings and not limit the number of participants, **we will require all participants to wear a mask and to maintain a safe distance while in the group.** We will have extra masks on hand if you forget to bring your own. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sunday, August 29, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Watermelon Pond North Trail, Goethe State Forest

For our first field trip of the season, we have a new angle on an old favorite. Watermelon Pond has a trailhead off SW 282 St (CR 337) which is west of the more familiar SW 250 St. It is managed by Goethe State Forest. Trip leaders Jason and Kelly O'Connor are knowledgeable birders and familiar with the site. The Blue Trail is quite long but they know a shortcut. Watermelon Pond has a unique combination of habitats including longleaf sandhill, sandhill wetlands, rosemary scrub, and hardwood hammocks. It's a good spot for birds like red-headed woodpeckers, Bachman's sparrows, loggerhead shrikes, eastern meadowlarks, and kestrels, as well as wading birds and migrant songbirds. In this underbirded area there is always the chance for a surprise sighting. Last year, towards the end of August, Kelly & Jason were entranced by large numbers of Black Terns feeding over the wetlands. If these birds return this August and are present on the 29th, we will be with leaders who can find them. There could also be chance sightings of local wildlife like gopher tortoises, gopher frogs, pine snakes, fox squirrels, and more. Meet at Watermelon Pond – North Trailhead/Goethe, 9514 SW 282nd St in Newberry,

which has a gravel entrance, parking area and even restrooms. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty: 2.

September 11, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Blues Creek Ravine Preserve

Meet Tim Hardin, trip leader and energetic top Alachua County eBirder for 2020 (and 2021 so far), at the parking area on NW 71st St (off Millhopper Rd). We will bird down 69th to the trailhead at 6710 NW 69th Ave. Managed by Alachua Conservation Trust, this recently opened 160-acre preserve is touted to have “an almost pristine example of a north Florida

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Trip Difficulty 1: Trip within easy access to the vehicle and/or level terrain one; mile or less. **2:** May involve uneven terrain; one to two miles. **3:** May involve elevation change, uneven terrain, and/or greater than two miles.

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upland habitat.” September has been the month of maximum mi-
grant diversity. We especially hope to see migrant warblers on the
wooded trail. The narrow and uneven unpaved trail may have ex-
posed roots or stumps. It can be muddy in times of frequent rain.
It is less than a mile and will take us back to a dramatic steep ravine
and Blues Creek. Please remember to bring and wear your mask.
Difficulty: 2.

September 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Powers Park and Palm Point

We'll meet trip leader Barbara Shea at Powers Park (5910 SE Haw-
thorne Rd) to look for migrant warblers, tanagers, and thrushes in
the trees along the boat channel and to scan the lake from the fish-
ing pier. Then we'll travel to nearby Palm Point Park (7401 Lake
Shore Dr) to search for more migrants in the live oak and cypress
trees. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty 1.

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Turkey Creek Preserve.

Officially opened in 2021, this 376-acre preserve with 5 miles of
trails gives us a chance to see many ecosystems. These include basin
swamp, depression marsh, bottomland forest, hydric hammock,
upland hardwood forest, black water streams and sinkholes. The
preserve buffers adjacent San Felasco Hammock Preserve State
Park and our drinking water. The preserve was bought in 2009
through the voter approved Wild Spaces Public Places 1/2 cent
sales tax and a grant from Florida Communities Trust. It took years
to clean up debris and replace exotic plant species with natives. The
trails, a bridge, and a large parking area have been added and the
preserve is managed by Alachua County. Fall migration should be
ramping up and bringing us a good variety. We will take a casual 2-3
mile walk guided by accomplished birders Adam and Gina Kent.
Trails are well marked, mostly wide and relatively flat. Meet at the
Main Trailhead parking lot at 6300 NW 93rd Ave at 8:00 a.m.
From SR 26/Newberry Road: take NW 43rd St north. Continue
almost to 441 but turn left on NW 93rd Ave. Follow 93rd Ave 1.3
miles to the trailhead parking area on the right (a little past 59th
Terr). From 441: head north out of Gainesville past Turkey Creek
Forest on the left. Turn left onto NW 93rd Ave and go 1.6 miles.
The Preserve will be on your right. Please remember to bring and
wear your mask. Difficulty: 2.

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Santa Fe River Preserve – South Trail: Meet at the parking corral on
State Road 121, 4.5 miles north of LaCrosse. This 910-acre property
is managed by Alachua Conservation Trust. Sam Ewing started bird-
ing at a young age and has many years of experience. A prior June
Challenge winner, he will lead this walk along the 1.5-mile trail
through hardwood forest and bottomland surrounding Santa Fe
Creek in search of migrants. Wear rubber boots or old shoes you
don't mind getting wet, as the trail can be soggy in places. Please
remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty: 2.

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Barr Hammock Woodlands Trail (CLEP*)

Meet trip leader Stephen Hofstetter at the trailhead on 300 SE 175th Ave (1.5 miles west of I-75; go west on County Road 234 and keep right at the fork). Barr Hammock is a forested land bridge between Ledwith and Levy Prairies, an environmental jewel that provides habitat for a wide diversity of upland and wetland species. We should see some migrant birds on this walk, but we'll be looking at everything – trees, wildflowers, insects, reptiles, whatever we find. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty: 3.

(*Conservation Lands Education Program (CLEP) trips highlight lands that protect plant and animal life and focus on their history and uniqueness.)

October 3, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Bolen Bluff Trail.

Meet trip leader Debbie Segal, Alachua Audubon president, at the trailhead on US-441 at the south rim of Paynes Prairie, almost to Micanopy. Bolen Bluff is one of Gainesville's perennial favorite birding locations, especially during increased songbird migration in the first part of October. We will be watching out for fall migrants like Bay-breasted, Tennessee and Magnolia Warblers. Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Wood, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes are all possible. Entry fee \$2 per vehicle. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty: 3.

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Newnans Lake State Forest – Pithlachocco Trail (East Trail)

Meet in the parking corral for the Pithlachocco Trails (921 NE 55th Blvd), directly across the road from the NFETC sign on State Road 26, three-quarters of a mile north of the junction with County Road 329B. Tim Hardin, will lead us along a 2.5-mile trail through a variety of habitats that include pinewoods, open oak woodlands, wetlands, and a bit of lakeshore. Plenty of migrant warblers and thrushes should be around. Flooding is a possibility this year, this trail could be muddy or wet especially nearer to Newnans Lake. Plan accordingly. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty 3.

Sunday, October 10, 2021 8:00 a.m. Bivens Rim Forest Conservation Area

This little gem is on the UF campus and often quite birdy. We will meet Caroline Poli at the trailhead to explore along the northern shoreline of Bivens Arm. Caroline is one of the top eBirders for this hotspot overall and is #1 for bird species sightings in the month of October. Come explore this small, easy to get to, 114-acre park and find some of the 139 birds reported here. There is a small floodplain marsh, bottomland hardwoods and a mesic mixed hardwood forest further upland. The trail is narrow in some spots, may be muddy or wet in places and does have some uneven ground. Weekend parking should be available in the UF Department of Animal Sciences lot. The trailhead main entrance is at the intersection of Shealy Drive and Richie Rd. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. Difficulty: 2.

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 8:00 a.m. San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park – Yellow Trail

Meet Sam Ewing at the trailhead parking lot on 11101 Millhopper Road to go through sandy hammocks, pinelands and sandhills. We hope to see late migrating warblers such as Black-throated Blue and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks among others, and possibly some arriving winter residents. The Eastern Wood-Pee-wee reliably nests along this trail in summer; maybe we will hear its distinct call before it leaves the area in early November. This is a long trail but with several cut offs, some rough ground and elevation change. It is mostly shady. Please remember to bring and wear your mask. \$4 per vehicle state park fee. Difficulty: 3.

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Hague Dairy (University of Florida Dairy Unit)

Meet our intrepid trip leader, Tim Hardin, at one of the county's best spots for sparrows, blackbirds, and raptors, not to mention western strays like Yellow-headed Blackbird and Bronzed Cowbird. No sign in required since Covid but park in the usual spot on the western side of the complex, recently labeled Classroom Parking. We will respect and defer to the workers and cows as this is a working dairy. The required masks may be easy on this one; it does smell, well, like a dairy. 13200 NW 59th Drive. Difficulty: 2.

Audubon Evening Programs

September Evening Program, Saturday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. The Dynamic Duo Shares Their Florida Big Year

Have you ever done a Big Day? A Big Year? Join us on Zoom on September 25 when the Dynamic Duo (Robert Gundy and Natasza Fontaine) share the adventures of their Florida Big Year. Some of you may have followed their postings as they drove around Florida searching to add another species to their list. Their entertaining talk covers highs and lows, wet nights and dry days and plenty of mileage on their vehicles. Final count: Robert 388 species, Natasza 386 species. Fascinating stories are promised! Please notice that this will be a SATURDAY evening presentation! The link for the September 25 program is [here](#), or find it on the AAS website under Events and Activities -> [Programs](#).



October Evening Program, Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Bees of the Long-Leaf Pine Ecosystem

Shiala Naranjo is a lab manager and field researcher at the Pollinator Ecology and Conservation Lab led by Dr. Rachel Mallinger at the University of Florida. Her past



experiences include evaluating how wildflowers support pollinator communities at Michigan State University, University of Central Florida, and the University of Minnesota. Shiala will discuss the biology, diversity and conservation of bees in long-leaf pine savannas. This ecosystem once covered much of the southeastern U.S. coastal plain, but currently occupies less than 3% of its historic range. Join us to learn what, when and how to spot bees in this threatened ecosystem.



Shiala Naranjo.

The link for the October 6 program is [here](#), or find it on the AAS website under Events and Activities -> [Programs](#).

Looking at a queen bee.

Would you like to be reminded when our programs are nearing? If so, send an email to programs@alachuaudubon.org and you will be sent an email reminder prior to each program.

Past AAS Programs Available Online

Miss one of the AAS evening programs? Watch them online at your leisure from the [Programs](#) page of our website at www.alachuaudubon.org/programs/. We hope to have more programs uploaded soon.

“Bird Bling: How Banding Birds Aids Conservation” presented by Adam DiNuovo

“Building Birding Skills” by Adam Kent

“A Fight Against Time” about the critically endangered Nordmann’s Greenshank by Philipp Maleko

“A New Wetland in Gainesville!” presented by Gainesville Regional Utilities.

“Conservation Ecology of Short-tailed Hawks, Swallow-tailed Kites, and Snail Kites” by Gina Kent.

*Date to be
announced!*

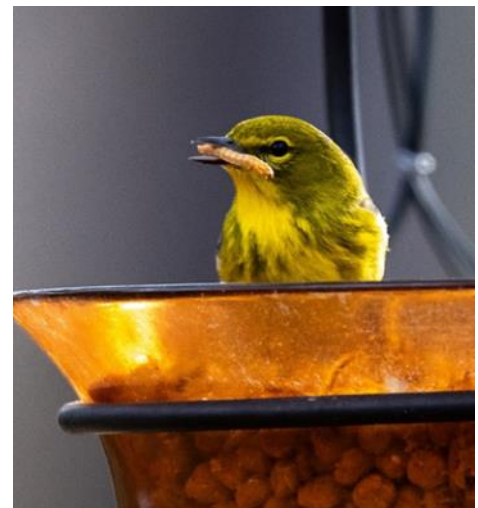
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*Date to be
announced!*

*Explore some of Gainesville's premier backyard birding habitat
on a one-day self-guided tour of 6 yards!
Learn how to attract birds to your own yard!*

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- ✓ Learn how to choose and present foods that attract a wide variety of birds and keep them healthy
- ✓ See how the masters attract birds to their backyard habitats
- ✓ Learn how to keep squirrels and other varmints off feeders
- ✓ Find out what vegetation to plant and where to plant it in your own yard to attract more species of birds
- ✓ See how to provide water so birds can quench their thirst and bathe in safety
- ✓ Educational displays and bird experts at each tour stop to answer your questions

Tickets will be available in December for \$15.00 per person at **Wild Birds Unlimited**, 4212 NW 16th Boulevard, Gainesville
Look for a February date at AlachuaAudubon.org!



BOOK REVIEW

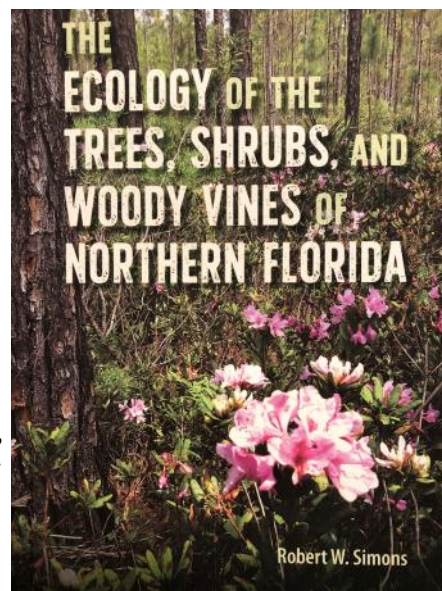
The Ecology of the Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of Northern Florida by Robert W. Simons

Bird and wildlife watchers, what a treat. This valuable new book, written by one of your very own, is a wealth of keen insight into the wildlife value of hundreds of trees, shrubs and woody vines from here through the Florida Panhandle. A favorite section of the book for bird lovers - grape vines! We have numerous native species whose grapes are essential to canopy-feeding migratory birds and other wildlife. Plus, who knew that tangles of grape vines are home to all kinds of birds and wildlife, from tree top to forest floor. Grape vines are good!

The author, Bob Simons, has worked for 50 years as a forester and ecologist in northern Florida. A resident of Gainesville for 72 years and a member of Alachua Audubon for 50 years, he was president of Alachua Audubon twice in the 1980s, is currently on the Conservation Committee, and runs the kestrel nest-box program. Bob has received many awards for environmental conservation, including Audubon Florida's Sustainable Forestry Award.

You can order online from University Press of Florida (upf.com).

By Carol Lippincott



Birding Backpacks Now at the Library!

To introduce birding to more county residents, Alachua Audubon has partnered with the Alachua County Library District to provide birding backpacks to the public. Modeled after a highly successful Audubon program in Palm Beach County, the backpacks will be available for checkout by patrons. Each backpack contains a pair of binoculars, a field guide, and a notebook with educational information about birds, birding, and conservation. Five backpacks were delivered to Mr. Paul Lightcap at the downtown branch by Emily Schwartz and Karen Brown. They should be available very soon—check them out!



**Sweetwater Wetlands Park &
Alachua Audubon Society**
Present
**Wednesday Bird
Walks at the Wetlands**



When: Every Wednesday @ 8:30 am
from September - May

Where: Sweetwater Wetlands Park -
Entrance Pavilion

Walks are free with park admission fee (\$5/vehicle)
Bring water, binoculars, sunscreen, and walking shoes



Would you like to partner with Alachua Audubon and support specific programs?

If so, here are some suggestions.

Donate a New or Used Pair of Binoculars to the GHS birding club and help us introduce more high school students to birding. Binoculars cost approximately \$125, however, your extra set of used binoculars will be gladly accepted. If you would like to help, please send an email to Contact@AlachuaAudubon.org.

Sponsor a College Intern – AAS provides valuable internship experiences to college students who learn and practice mist-netting, bird banding, nest box monitoring, and more. Interns receive a \$400 scholarship at the completion of their program. Consider contributing to the AAS college internship fund with any amount. Read about the positive impacts of this internship on the students in this recent [issue of The Crane](#).

Help purchase mist nets for the Bird Banding Lab – mist nets at the Prairie Creek Bird Banding Lab are being replaced after a year of heavy use and sun exposure. The full set of 20 mist nets and poles will cost \$2,500 but any donation to this important project is greatly appreciated. *Donors will be treated to a tour of the Bird Banding Lab this fall.*

To donate any amount, scroll down to the **Donate** button on our [Membership Page](#), choose or enter an amount, and add a note (the note option is available once you are logged in to PayPal) stating the program you are donating to. You may also send a check and a note to AAS at the address on the last page of this newsletter. Please send an email to AlachuaAudubonTreasurer@gmail.com if you would like assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.



Calling for Helpers!

Would you like to spend time outdoors in the fresh air with friendly people?

- * No special skills required!
- * The worst of summer will be behind us!
- * Bird sightings a distinct probability!
- * Prairie Creek nature trails nearby!

The recently installed native plant area next to the Prairie Creek Banding Lab needs weeding after the long, rainy summer. Efforts will begin in September and all interested helpers are encouraged to sign up. Send an email to contact@alachuaaudubon.org and you will be contacted when scheduling begins. Rest room on site. You will need to bring your own tools and gloves. It will be fun!

Alachua Audubon would like to gratefully acknowledge Mr. Gary S. Gossman for his gracious donation of \$1,000 towards the Prairie Creek Bird Banding Lab mist nets. We look forward to providing him with a tour of the banding lab this fall.

Thank you, Gary!

Monthly Birds and Brews

The AAS Birds and Brews event continues to be popular with both new and experienced birders. Meet the first Sunday of the month at [First Magnitude Brewery](#), 1220 SE Veitch St. Arrive early as parking can be scarce. There will be an Alachua Audubon table set up and loaner binoculars will be available. On **September 5th** we will meet up at **6:15** for a **6:30 p.m. departure** to Depot Park. On **October 3rd** we will meet at **5:45** for a **6:00 p.m. departure**. It's a lovely time of day for a leisurely stroll around the ponds to look for birds. Then we'll return to First Magnitude for an optional cold brew and conversation.

All birding skill levels are welcome!

Next event: Sunday, September 5th at 6:15 p.m.



City of Gainesville Uses Binoculars Donated by Alachua Audubon

Alachua Audubon donated 15 pairs of binoculars to the City of Gainesville. The binoculars were used all summer for the summer camp programs at Morningside Nature Center. They have now been transferred to Sweetwater Wetlands Park for the ranger-led programs for the remainder of the year.

Please contact AAS if you have a spare pair of binoculars that you would like to donate. We will coordinate donations to local groups in need. Send us an email at contact@alachuaudubon.org

Below: Earth Academy Day Campers, Junior Naturalists and Nature Operations staff members from the City of Gainesville at Morningside Park and during a visit to La Chua Trail. Photos by Danny Rohan, City of Gainesville.



COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS: ALACHUA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Fall/Spring 2021/2022 in Gainesville

Do you want to help dedicated conservationists **DO SOMETHING** for nature?

Seeking **real-world experiences** with nature **enthusiasts** of all ages?



Alachua Audubon Society (<http://www.alachuaaudubon.org/>) seeks individuals interested in conservation, education, NGO administration, fundraising and other functions of AAS. Interns must be currently matriculated college students in good academic standing and be able to contribute a minimum of 5 hours per week for at least 12 weeks during a regular academic term. Intern opportunities we anticipate 2021/22 include design of educational materials (graphic arts), helping with field trips and birding classes for the public/kids, organizing guest speakers, mist netting / bird banding training for educational functions, and strategic social media. Interns may accrue academic credit if arranged by their institution.

AAS is a volunteer organization (501.c.3 non-profit) driven by commitments to conservation, collaboration, outreach education and promoting nature's welfare. We invite you to join us!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate student, actively registered during the 2021/2 academic year
- Interested in conservation, knowledgeable or enthusiastic about birds
- Must have 5 hours per week (including weekends) for activities with AAS staff

APPLICATION: Electronic submission (PDF in email) should include:

- letter of intent,
- latest resume with contact information,
- list of 3 references who agree to be contacted (w/phone numbers)
 - at least one needs to be a college professor
- all in one single PDF file.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO: CHUCAO AT UFL DOT EDU

- by Sept 8th, 2021, 5 PM.
- Put AAS *INTERN* in the subject line.



The John Hintermister High School Scholarship Program

To encourage youth activities consistent with the Alachua Audubon Society mission, AAS is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships (\$250) to Alachua County high school seniors who demonstrate an interest in wildlife or conservation. The expenditure of scholarship funds is not limited to academics and may be used however the student wishes. The number of awards may vary annually.

The award will be based upon the following criteria:

- Keen interest in the environment, nature, and/or conservation
- Involvement in extracurricular environmental/nature activities
- Academic record
- Teacher/counselor recommendation.

To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Alachua County
2. Be a student at the 12th grade level
3. Be in good academic standing.

To learn more about the program and to apply online, go to www.alachuaaudubon.org/scholarship/. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2022.



A Quick Note: Mid-Atlantic Bird Disease

As of mid-July, scientists are still searching for answers to this mystery illness's cause. Symptoms include crusty eyes and neurological symptoms. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has been leading an interagency initiative to document, monitor, and report on the issue. After rigorous, nationwide testing, it is now known that the illness is not related to salmonella poisoning, avian influenza virus, West Nile virus, poxviruses, or a number of other known pathogens.

Birds that have been affected are those that tend to come to feeders. Thousands of sick birds have been reported in Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, Florida, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and nearby states. The USGS National Wildlife Health Center, in partnership with state regulatory agencies, has issued a call for feeder removal in several Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania counties.

Anyone finding a diseased bird in Florida should report it to the FWC Wild Bird Die-Off Surveillance website at legacy.myfwc.com/bird/default.asp. The correct response in the Cause of Death dropdown menu is "not sure".

People are cautioned to not touch a dead or diseased bird with bare hands.

Annual Lubee Bat Festival

Lubee Bat Conservancy is excited to welcome you to our 17th Annual Florida Bat Festival to be held Saturday, October 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come celebrate with us as we continue to spread bat conservation awareness and enjoy all the batty festivities! Our family-friendly festival promises to be another fun-filled event this year.

ADMISSION/DONATION:
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Lubee Bat Conservancy is an international non-profit organization dedicated to saving bats and their habitats through research, conservation, and education, with a focus on children and community engagement.



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Only YOU Can Prevent Window Collisions

Below are just some of the Gainesville birds reported as killed by window collisions to the UF Bird Window Collision Project:

Red-eyed Vireo	62
Cedar Waxwing	33
Common Yellowthroat	15
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10
American Robin	9



Ovenbird killed by a window collision.

It is tragic that so many migratory birds should come to the end of their challenging migration journeys in such a wasteful way. Birds constantly face threats to their survival, both in the air and on the ground. Windows in our homes should not be one of those threats. Ornithologists consider window collisions to be the second largest cause of bird mortality after habitat loss, causing *millions* of deaths yearly just in the United States. Most deaths from window collisions occur during spring and fall migration and fall migration is happening *now*.

Birds cannot distinguish a reflection of trees in a window from real trees. They try to fly through the seemingly open space, only to be stunned or killed when they collide with glass. Something can be done – one simply needs to break up the reflection every 2-4 inches. There are numerous options available. A simple and inexpensive one is on view at [Wild Birds Unlimited](#). The Acopian style bird savers are fairly simple do-it-yourself projects or they can be ordered online. Alachua Audubon offers personalized advice—send an email to contact@AlachuaAudubon.org.

Follow these links for views of solutions and suggestions on how to prevent bird collisions. They range from simple, inexpensive do it yourself projects to affordable and attractive window treatments you can purchase.

- [Acopian BirdSavers](#)
- [Stop Birds Hitting Windows](#)
- [Glass Collision Solutions](#)

Learn more on the AAS website [here](#).

By Karen Brown



The University of Florida Bird Window Collision Project is currently in the process of collecting bird strike data across campus and around Alachua County, determining factors such as how many birds are killed, what species are most affected, what buildings are most responsible, and more. The database has 35 species and more than 200 observations recorded so far. More data is needed to make the case for bird-safe windows wherever possible. Please join us in this effort by reporting any dead bird sightings to our iNaturalist [Bird Window Collision Project](#) (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/university-of-florida-bird-window-collision-project>)

After gathering the facts about campus bird collisions, the data will be made available to University of Florida and city/county officials who can make the changes that these buildings need to mitigate bird impacts. Also, UF's Natural History Museum needs certain species for their collections. Please contact Andrew Kratter (kratter@ufl.edu) if you find a bird killed by collision with a window.



Common Yellowthroat killed by a window.



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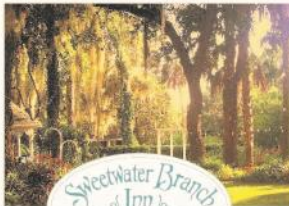
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Benefits of membership include expert-led field trips, programs for adults and youth, *The Crane* bi-monthly newsletter, conservation advocacy with local & state legislators, & more.

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Choosing a higher level provides additional support for our local chapter.

Student	\$10	Individual	\$15
Family	\$30	Limpkin	\$50
Purple Gallinule			\$100
Swallow-tailed Kite			\$250
Sandhill Crane			\$500
Whooping Crane*			\$1,000
(*bestows lifetime membership)			

Join online with PayPal

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or send your application and check payable to
Alachua Audubon Society
to: PO Box 140464, Gainesville, FL 32614-0464

Name: _____

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The Crane is distributed via email. Your email address will not be shared with other organizations.

Alachua Audubon (AAS) is an official chapter of **National Audubon** and **Audubon Florida**. If you belong to National Audubon and live in our area, you are automatically a member of AAS.

To join National Audubon, please go to AlachuaAudubon.org/Membership where you will be directed to their membership page.

Alachua Audubon is a 501(c)3 organization.

Audubon Membership Explained

To join Audubon at the local level, please visit the AAS website where you may use PayPal to pay by credit card. You may also complete the membership form to the left, or print a form at AlachuaAudubon.org/Membership. Choose the membership level that is appropriate for you. Mail the completed form with your check, payable to **Alachua Audubon Society**, to the address provided.

To join Audubon at the National level, go to AlachuaAudubon.org/Membership where you will be directed to the NAS membership page. Your introductory membership will be credited to our local chapter and you will become an annual member of the **National Audubon Society**, **Audubon Florida** and **Alachua Audubon**, with one-year subscriptions to **National Audubon** magazine, **Audubon Florida Naturalist** magazine, and Alachua Audubon's bi-monthly newsletter, *The Crane*.

Please send any questions to
AlachuaAudubonMembership@gmail.com