



The Crane

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alachua Audubon-sponsored weekend field trips have started back with outings in August to the Hague Dairy and Cones Dike. The field trip committee is currently planning more outings for September and October to locations where fall migrants can be found. Check the Alachua Audubon Society's website [calendar](#) or [Facebook page](#) for upcoming field trips.

The Wednesday bird walks at Sweetwater Wetlands Park start back on September 6th and will occur every Wednesday morning at 8:30 from September through May. Join an Audubon volunteer for a stroll around Sweetwater where we typically see over 50 species of birds each week.

The monthly Birds and Brews bird walk continues on the first Sunday of each month. Meet at First Magnitude Brewery (at 5:45 pm on September 3rd and October 1st) and stroll to nearby Depot Park in search of birds. Then head back to First Magnitude for an optional cold brew and conversation. In appreciation of Audubon's Birds and Brews program, First Magnitude is now offering a punch card. Purchase a beer at Birds and Brew outings for three months in a row and receive the fourth one free. Thank you, First Mag, for supporting our Birds and Brews program.

Registration for our popular birding class is now open at the Santa Fe College Community Education website. Fall Term A begins September 16 so be sure to sign up to learn about birding, improve your skills, or to just have fun. More information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Don't wait for an Audubon field trip to check out the newly completed Tusawilla observation tower at Tusawilla Preserve in Micanopy. Alachua Audubon provided a 50% match to Alachua Conservation Trust to build this tower.

Happy fall migration!

By Debbie Segal



*A recent field trip to Camps Canal led by Ben Fick (with scope).
Photo by Pratibha Singh.*

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Birding Class Offered

Want to learn to be a birder? Want to improve your skills? Santa Fe College in partnership with Alachua Audubon is offering two bird watching courses this fall. Courses consist of 4 field trips, guided by experienced birders, to local natural environments. Field trips will last 2-2.5 hours with classes held on the following dates:

Fall Term A

September 16

September 23

September 30

October 7

Fall Term B

October 28

November 4

November 11

November 18

Register online at the Santa Fe College Community Education [website](#). Enter “bird” into the search box (upper left) to locate the class, or call 352-395-5193 to register by phone. Openings are limited so register right away. If you cannot attend a fall class, winter and spring courses are offered.

REGISTER
NOW



Bird Watching Course

with Alachua Audubon
and Santa Fe College

BIRD WATCH
WITH EXPERTS!

Bird Rambles

Alachua Audubon offers occasional weekday birding trips for people wanting easier, more leisurely outings than our more energetic weekend fare. We typically walk one mile or less (or farther but with options to turn around) and stay on wide paths and even terrain.

Our next scheduled ramble is 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26th, at Tusawilla Preserve, 1.2 miles south of the Micanopy traffic light on US-441, then right (west) on SE 165th Ave/SE Tusawilla Rd; then 0.3 miles. Parking is available on the right at the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve (directly across the street from the Tusawilla Preserve). GPS coordinates: 29°30'08.4"N 82°16'11.2"W ([Google Map](#)) Park and meet there by 8:30 a.m. There is a 1.5 mile trail and a new observation platform. You can read all about it (& watch a 3 minute video) here: [Alachua Conservation Trust — Tusawilla Preserve](#).



If you would like to be added to the email contact list for these weekday “bird rambles,” please send an email to AlachuaAudubonMembership@gmail.com. Membership is not required to attend (but is always appreciated).

The Cornell Lab Young Birders Event: Helping High Schoolers to Spread Their Wings

In Ithaca, New York, there stands a two-story building with state-of-the-art technology and a lifetime's supply of birding guides and binoculars. It perches amongst a tall forest that, being filled with myriad woodpeckers of the yellow-bellied variety, is unsurprisingly known as Sapsucker Woods. Perhaps you've noticed its logo — also a yellow-bellied sapsucker — when opening eBird, to log your latest lifer, or Merlin Bird ID, to record a sound. You've probably seen a few photos from its vast Macaulay Library online. Maybe you've even watched a live stream of its pond or birdfeeders before. No matter how avid an avian watcher you are, you've undoubtedly stumbled across the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in some way or another. The Cornell Lab connects all of us bird-lovers. It even attracts high school birders, who've realized their affinity for our feathered friends so early in life.

Last year, I had the privilege of attending the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Young Birders Event, a four-day summer program held for sixteen juniors and seniors from across the world. To apply, an interested high schooler needs only a passion for birding, and a willingness to expand their mind.

The experience was highly immersive, allowing us to not only observe, but absorb what Ithaca and Cornell have to offer. We stayed in dorms on the university's campus but, in reality, spent very little time sleeping. We'd wake at the break of dawn, birding for the next six to twelve hours each day in various locations throughout rural New York. In total, we saw nearly 130 species over the course of three days. The astounding skill of the Lab's ornithologists even helped us see some rarities, such as the worm-eating warbler.

However, our time spent birding accounts for only a fraction of all the opportunities we were given to spread



David standing with Jonah Perelman (middle) and Braydon Luikart, two other Young Birders, inside the Lab's specimen library.

Becoming involved with the club as a high schooler allowed me to discover how I love the simple, wonderful moments of nature, such as the miniscule rhythm that can be found in the movements of a pine warbler as it routinely feeds, bouncing from twig to twig. The Young Birders Event taught me to expand this love, and explore how my passion for ornithology has the potential to branch out to so many different aspects of my life. Once I started

our wings and explore the field of ornithology at large. The event serves to fuel bird-related passions of *all* types, and that it did. We explored the Lab's collection of over 42,000 bird specimens, experimented with sound recording gear and analysis software, learned about the art of science communication, and were taught about the studies of migration and fire ecology, as well as a multitude of ornithology-related career paths. We were given a chance to meet the Lab's director and see brand-new, unpublished data generated by eBird. Each new activity was conducted by a leading expert in their respective field, and we were encouraged to ask any and all questions we had.

At the time of the event, I was an incoming senior in Gainesville High School's Birdwatching Club*. I had been a member of the club since freshman year, inspired to join at first by a love of biology and nature, but was soon entranced by all it had to offer.

to pay enough attention, I began to notice how all of the little, minute details that seem so insignificant to an environment are really the pillars that support its growth. I fell in love with the precariously balanced nature of Florida's environments, and how their harshness is also the reason for their extreme biodiversity and ecological importance. This love honed my focus on the importance of conservation.

A year later, I'm now an incoming Wildlife Ecology and Conservation major at the University of Florida, and a Program Assistant at the Florida Museum of Natural History, supervising young volunteers as they hone their science communication skills and build on their love of the life sciences. I look back at my experience at the Young Birders Event with fondness and gratitude for the inspiration and growth it stimulated in me. Within the span of only five days, it helped me to establish profound connections to my fellow Young Birders, with whom I still regularly correspond, the Lab of Ornithology, and all the feathered, flapping fauna within the natural environment around me. Starting my college career, I take comfort knowing my high school experiences provided me with a foundation on which to expand as I study nature with the goal to one day aid in the movement against climate change.

By David Cagle

**Alachua Audubon is pleased to support the Gainesville High School Birding Club.*

AAS Young Birders Club

Calling all young bird enthusiasts! Alachua Audubon has recently launched a local chapter of the Florida Young Birders Club (FYBC)! The FYBC is a statewide initiative designed to connect and empower birders and future conservation leaders from the ages of 9-17. Members will have the opportunity to attend monthly local birding trips and participate in a variety of bird-related activities.

From a Big Day event in October to statewide joint field trips, the FYBC is planning a number of exciting activities for new members to take part in! Any interested young birders are encouraged to reach out to Alachua Audubon for information on joining the chapter. Send an email to contact@AlachuaAudubon.org.

By Bella Gonzalez



Florida Young Birders Club



The Florida Young Birders Club is welcoming people ages 9 - 17 in Florida who have an interest in birds or birding. We have active chapters in Tampa Bay, Orlando, and St. Augustine plus new chapters forming in Sarasota, Charlotte Harbor and Gainesville.

Our club offers:

- Unique field outings
- Monthly virtual guest speaker events
- A chance to communicate with other young birders in a secure space
- Member discount on Vortex optics



Scan the code to join!



Southeastern American Kestrel Studies in North Central Florida

Alachua County and surrounding areas have a history of efforts to conserve Southeastern American Kestrels (SEAMKE) going back decades when Bob Simons and others began installing nest boxes to provide increased nesting opportunities for this threatened bird. More recent history is described by Ken Meyer of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI).

In Spring 2021, Meyer began banding and deploying tracking devices on juvenile Southeastern American Kestrels at the invitation of Santa Fe Audubon (SFA) and their kestrel program manager, Bill Chitty. This included engaging SFA board members in the hands-on aspects of the handling, banding, and tagging work, which is ongoing.

In January 2022, ARCI was invited by Alachua County's Environmental Protection Department, Alachua Audubon Society (AAS), and AAS's Bob Simons to visit the Metzger tract and learn more about their conservation interests and programs for SEAMKE and Florida Burrowing Owls. Meyer met AAS volunteer Miguel Olvera, whom Bob Simons had trained, at this time.

In May 2022, Miguel began working with Meyer (volunteering initially, then as a paid ARCI employee) to band, attach transmitters, and track juvenile SEAMKE from nest boxes in Putnam County with SFA members. This included Miguel gradually helping demonstrate these techniques to other volunteers. AAS and ARCI began discussing plans to focus similar work on the Metzger tract. (Also in May 2022, ARCI began a telemetry study of juvenile kestrels with members of the Hernando Audubon Society, work which is ongoing.)

In May-June 2023, the AAS/ARCI collaboration on the Metzger tract began banding, tagging, and tracking juvenile kestrels and teaching additional AAS members and interns about SEAMKE conservation biology. These efforts resulted in tagging and ongoing tracking of five fledgling males and four fledgling females to determine their dispersal locations. This information will allow AAS and ARCI to expand our kestrel project to potentially enhance nesting opportunities at post-fledging locations. Over 20 kestrels fledged in 2023 from the AAS-installed nest boxes on the Metzger tract which marks a very successful nesting season.

Top right: Ken Meyer weighs a kestrel chick as Roxy Ohyanan holds another chick and AAS intern Olivia Wulfekuhl observes.

Above left: Miguel Olvera holds a chick just tagged by Ken Meyer.

Bottom left: Ken and Miguel tag a chick as Roxy Ohyanan takes photos and AAS board member Gary Gossman looks on.

All photos taken by Eric Amundson at the Metzger Tract, a restricted access area in Alachua County, where numerous kestrel nest boxes have been installed by Alachua Audubon.



Chicks are weighed prior to tagging as a minimum weight is required.



Tracking Southeastern American Kestrels in North Central Florida

The Southeastern American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius paulus*) is a declining subspecies listed as Threatened by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). FWC researchers have initiated the first telemetry study of Southeastern American Kestrels of its kind using lightweight GPS tags. Little is known about movement patterns, home range size, or habitat use of our breeding kestrels in Florida. For example, Southeastern American Kestrels are thought to be non-migratory, but their winter movements have never been studied to confirm this.

In the spring of this year, we captured 14 adult female kestrels at their nests and fitted them with “backpack” telemetry units. To capture kestrels, we used telescoping net poles to cover the entrance of nest boxes to intercept the female as she flushed. If the female did not immediately flush, we used a ladder to access the nest box and either carefully captured her by hand or flushed her into the net. After release, we closely monitored the movements of the tagged females using a portable base station that connects to each tag and downloads recent movement data.

As expected, we are finding that many of our tagged females can be easily located near their nest boxes when chicks are present. However, movements are less predictable after the chicks fledge or nests fail. For example, one kestrel that we tagged at a nest box near highway 316 in Marion County has repeatedly traveled up to 20 kilometers [almost 12.5 miles] post-nesting to the historic district in downtown Ocala and the surrounding suburbs. She has made frequent stops at the athletic fields at Fort King Middle School, which interestingly is called “Home of the Falcons.”

FWC is currently conducting this research project in Marion and Levy counties but plans to expand the project to Alachua and Citrus counties next year. Our study will continue through 2025.

By Karl Miller and Robert Mulligan.

Photos by Robert Mulligan and Andrew Cox



WILDLIFE ALERT

Suspect a crime against Florida's birds, fish, wildlife or natural resources? See an injured animal? Report incidents to FWC's [Wildlife Alert Reward Program](#) online or call 888-404-3922. From your cell phone call *FWC or #FWC, or send a message to Tip@MyFWC.com. Learn more at [MyFWC/contact/wildlife-alert](#).

GAINESVILLE/ALACHUA COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT



Keynote Speaker:
JACQUELINE PATTERSON
Founder/Director of the
Chisholm Legacy Foundation
for Climate Justice.

- Projections of how and when climate changes will affect Alachua County.
- Panels of local experts on Water, Health, Energy and Food.
- Featuring results of the Alachua County Vulnerability Study (commissioned by the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee).



United Church of Gainesville

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Gainesville, FL 32603

9:30a - 4:00p
SATURDAY
SEP. 30TH
2023

Sponsored by: The Alachua County NAACP Environmental & Climate Justice Committee

Project FeederWatch

Here's a way to contribute to bird conservation from home. Project FeederWatch is a November-April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. All you need is an area with plantings, habitat, water, or food that attracts birds. The schedule is completely flexible. Count your birds for as long as you like on days of your choosing, then enter your counts online. Your counts allow you to track what is happening to birds around your home and to contribute to a continental dataset of bird distribution and abundance.

Project FeederWatch is supported almost entirely by its participants. The annual participation fee is \$18 for U.S. residents. These contributions cover materials, staff support, web design, data analysis, and a year-end report. Participants receive the year-end summary, [Winter Bird Highlights](#), a double-sided poster of eastern and western common feeder birds, a calendar, and more. Without the support of participants, this project wouldn't be possible. Learn more at [Project FeederWatch](#).

BOOK OF NOTE

A MOST REMARKABLE CREATURE

The Hidden Life of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey
by Jonathan Meiburg



This was a most remarkable book! Almost two hundred years after Darwin noted the “mischievous and inquisitive” birds now called Striated Caracaras, Jonathan Meiburg “takes us on a most entertaining journey from the fog-bound coasts of Tierra del Fuego and the Falklands to the tropical forests of Guyana in search of these curious birds, their origins, and their possible futures. Along the way, Meiburg draws us into the life and work of William Henry Hudson, a Victorian writer and naturalist who championed caracaras as an unsung wonder of the world.” Book website Shelf Awareness describes the book as “much more than a scientific profile. It is a grand intellectual adventure involving dinosaurs, DNA, naturalists, exploration and survival. Meiburg is a gifted storyteller, and one can't help but fall under the same spell he did.” Interestingly, Meiburg is also known as the leader of the band Shearwater. A friend loaned this book to me but I will be purchasing my own copy to keep. Highly recommended!

Karen Brown

COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS: ALACHUA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Fall 2023 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, non-profit administration, fundraising and helping make great things happen for nature. Interns must be currently matriculated college students in good academic standing and be able to contribute a min. of 5 hours per week for 12+ weeks during the academic term. Intern opportunities we anticipate in Fall 2023 include: tabling for AAS at nature festivals, wildlife gardening, kestrel radio-tracking/nest box management, K-12 education, assisting with public events / bird walks, and bird banding! 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:

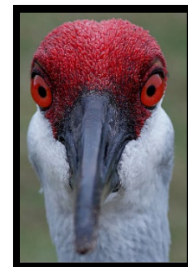
- College student, actively registered during the 2023/2024 academic year
- Interested in conservation, knowledgeable or enthusiastic about birds
- Must have 5 hours per week (including weekends) for activities with AAS staff

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

- letter of intent, followed by your
- latest resume with contact information, including a
- list of at least 2 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@UFL.EDU

- by **Thursday September 7th, 2023, 5 PM.**
- Put **AAS INTERN** in the subject line.



If you have **already served** as an intern and you want to serve again – you **must** re-apply!

**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



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	90
Cedar Waxwing	41
Common Yellowthroat	18
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	14
American Robin	10



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. 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.

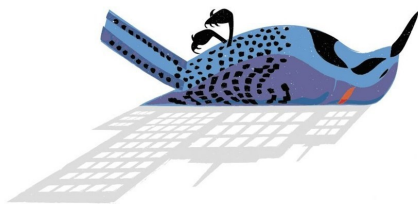
Follow these links for views of solutions and suggestions on how to prevent bird collisions. They range from simple, inexpensive do it yourself projects to affordable and attractive window treatments you can purchase.

[Acopian BirdSavers](#)

[Stop Birds Hitting Windows](#)

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

By Karen Brown



The University of Florida Bird Window Collision Project is currently 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 39 species and more than 280 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](#).

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, the Florida Museum of Natural History at UF welcomes salvaged bird specimens of all species for their research collections. Please contact Andrew Kratter (kratter@flmnh.ufl.edu) if you find a bird killed by collision with a window.





Audubon EagleWatch

A Citizen Science Nest Monitoring Program

It's happening!! The start of the Bald Eagle nesting season in Florida is upon us and we are ready and excited to have our eagles back.

In preparation for the 2023-2024 nesting season, EagleWatch will be hosting several online volunteer trainings. Potential new volunteers, or inactive volunteers who wish to reactivate this season, are required to attend one of these trainings. Returning volunteers are not required to attend but may find it beneficial as a refresher and to learn about any technology changes for the season.

Trainings are free but registration is required to attend. Below are the scheduled dates and times. Click the link to register for the date/time that works best for you:

[Saturday Sept 9th 10am-12pm EST via Zoom](#)

[Saturday Sept 16th 10am-12pm EST via Zoom](#)

[Tuesday Sept 19th 6pm-8pm EST via Zoom](#)

[Sunday Sept 24th 2pm-4pm EST via Zoom](#)

[Sunday Oct 1st 2pm-4pm EST via Zoom](#)

Let me know if you have any questions or issues registering. After you submit your registration, you will receive an automated email with a link to join the training. If a conflict arises later and you need to cancel or change your registration, email me and I can arrange.

I hope to see many of you at an upcoming training and look forward to another successful season!

Shawnlei Breeding, Audubon EagleWatch Program Manager (Shawnlei.Breeding@audubon.org)

Please Support AAS Initiatives

The Alachua Audubon Society is an all-volunteer organization. Your membership and contributions help us to both continue and expand our work of providing education and outreach about birds and birding and supporting local conservation efforts. We support a high-school scholarship program, a college internship program, a library "backpack for birding" lending program, youth education and field trips, a new Young Birders Chapter, and many other education and outreach efforts.

Our recent annual planning board meeting resulted in our 2023-2024 Initiatives. Please feel free to review them on our website [here](#) and read about [our many activities](#) on our website. Please continue to join, renew your annual membership, and [donate](#) as you are able. All support is greatly appreciated!

Annual Lubee Bat Festival

Lubee Bat Conservancy is excited to welcome you to our 19th Annual [Florida Bat Festival](#) to be held Saturday, October 21st, 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:
\$5 AGES 5-12 | \$10 AGES 13 & up
KIDS 4 AND UNDER FREE



[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.



**WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU
THERE!!**



Brent Henderson took this photo of a flamingo over Lake Pithlachocco (Newnans Lake) on August 30th as Hurricane Idalia passed through the state. It's a first record for Alachua County.

Be sure to check out the following!

Follow [AAS on Facebook!](#)

Follow [AAS on Instagram!](#)

[View AAS programs on YouTube!](#)

[Alachua County Birding on Facebook](#)

[Alachua County Rare Bird Alert on Facebook](#)

**Sweetwater Wetlands Park Offers
Mobility Tours**

Mobility tours are now available upon request at Sweetwater Wetlands Park. Please schedule tours at least two weeks in advance by calling [352-554-5871](tel:352-554-5871). For other special needs accommodations, please call [352-554-5871](tel:352-554-5871) 48 hours in advance. Visit the park website [here](#).

Alachua County LIBRARY District

BORROW A BIRDING KIT!

Spot eagles, cranes, and wrens with a Birding Kit created by your library and the Alachua Audubon Society.

Each backpack contains:

- Binoculars
- Local resource guide
- Birding field guide book

Reserve a kit online for pick up at your preferred library branch. Kits check out for 14 days.

www.aclib.us/birdingkits

Monthly Birds and Brews

The AAS Birds and Brews event continues to be popular with both new and experienced birders. Meet the first Sunday afternoon 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**. It is a lovely time of day for a leisurely stroll around the Depot Park ponds to look for birds. Then we'll return to First Magnitude for an optional brew and conversation.

All birding skill levels are welcome!

Next event: Sunday, September 3rd at 5:45 p.m.

BIRDS AND BREWS

GUIDED BIRD WALKS THROUGH DEPOT PARK WITH THE ALACHUA AUDUBON SOCIETY



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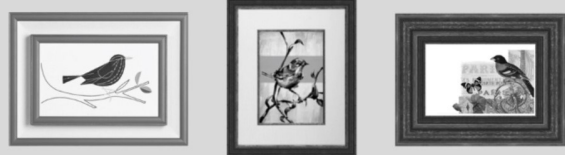


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Gift Memberships Available!

Annual Membership Levels

Choosing a higher level provides additional support for our conservation & education efforts.

Student	\$10	Individual	\$25
Family	\$35	Limpkin	\$50
Purple Gallinule			\$100
Swallow-tailed Kite			\$250
Sandhill Crane			\$500
Whooping Crane (<i>lifetime membership</i>)			\$1,000

Sliding scale memberships welcome. Send what you can afford.

Join online with PayPal at AlachuaAudubon.org/join/ or send your application (print from the website) and check payable to **Alachua Audubon Society** to PO Box 140464, Gainesville, FL 32614-0464. Include your name, address and email. *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 this area, you are automatically a member of AAS.

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

A portion of 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*. To **renew** your National membership, click [here](#).

Please send any questions to AlachuaAudubonMembership@gmail.com

Alachua Audubon is a 501(c)3 organization. A copy of our official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) or visiting their website at fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources. The state registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

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