



**FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 SPRING MEETING ~ APRIL 21 – 23, 2017
 FIREHOUSE CULTURAL CENTER**

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The Florida Ornithological Society is kicking off this year with a meeting focused on Citizen Science, highlighting programs such as the Florida Shorebird Alliance, Jay Watch, Project EagleWatch, and others.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Return this form with your payment to FOS by April 14, 2017. After this date please add \$5 to the registration fee. **We will have a limited number of extra banquet tickets available. If you plan to register at the meeting, please email Emily Angell at epipher@archbold-station.org by April 20 at the latest to reserve your banquet ticket.** Make check(s) payable to **Florida Ornithological Society**. You can pay at the registration area when you arrive.

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Meeting registration \$20/person (member) x _____ person(s) _____

Meeting registration \$10/person (student) x _____ person(s) _____

Meeting registration \$40/person (non-member) x _____ person(s) _____

Friday night dinner* \$16/person x _____ person(s) _____

Vegetarian? Y _____ N _____

Saturday night dinner* \$16/person x _____ person(s) _____

Vegetarian? Y _____ N _____

Late fee \$5/person (after April 14) x _____ person(s) _____

Total _____

*Catering for both Friday and Saturday night dinners will be buffet-style.

Meeting Schedule

Friday, April 21, 2017

2:00 p.m. Field trips (see below)

2:00 p.m. FOS Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. Flocking Social Hour. Snacks, beer, and wine available for a small donation.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Welcome and announcements: Adam Kent, FOS Pres. Field trip details.

7:30 p.m. Friday keynote: **Dr. John Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of The Cornell Lab of Ornithology. “Birds Can Save the World – Gleanings from the Cornell Lab’s Citizen Science Projects.”**

Saturday, April 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Field trips (see below)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. FOS Business Meeting

1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Afternoon speaker program (see below)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Citizen Science panel

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Social hour reception, bird skin quiz

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Banquet

7:30 p.m. Evening keynote: Dr. Marianne Korosy, Director of Bird Conservation at Audubon Florida. Citizen Science in the Tampa Bay Area.

“Our ancestors may not have called themselves citizen scientists or organized to collect data for scientific inquiry, but they were keen observers of the natural world. Their survival often depended on being able to ease apart nature’s complexity – where to find game and when to sow seeds, collect berries and prepare for winter or bad weather.

But our modern, technology-obsessed lives increasingly divorce us from nature, with consequences for our health and well-being. Enter citizen science – using the same technologies that separate us from nature to help us understand and enjoy it. Smartphones, the Internet and accessible research technologies deinstitutionalize science and get the inner scientist in all of us outside to contribute to a broader understanding of a variety of topics, from backyard birds to flower-blooming times (www.ecology.com).”

Speaker Schedule (April 22)

Archbold Biological Station talks – Sponsored by Jack Hailman

1:30 p.m. Reed Bowman, Archbold Biological Station – Introduction to Archbold intern talks.

1:45 p.m. Heather Kenny, University of California, Davis. Investigating the relationship between neophobia and behavioral responsiveness in the Florida Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*).

2:00 p.m. Phoebe Hopkins, Brown University. Sources of variation in post-fire reproductive success and survival in Florida Scrub-Jays.

2:15 p.m. Rachel Wadleigh, Earlham College. The effect of personality and predation risk on the socially coordinated sentinel system of the Florida Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*)

2:30 p.m. Jessica Greer, Oregon State University. Mine, Yours or Ours: the effect of family social structure on the food-caching and pilfering decisions of the Florida Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*).

Citizen Science in the Tampa Bay area

2:45 p.m. Mark Rachal, Audubon. Project ColonyWatch.

3:00 p.m. Katheryn Harris, FWC. Florida Shorebird Alliance.

3:15 p.m. Jim Cox, Tall Timbers Research Station. Florida Breeding Bird Atlas.

3:30 p.m. Katherine Prophet. Jay Watch.

3:45 p.m. Nancy Murrah, Tampa Audubon. Project EagleWatch.

4:00 p.m. Jim McGinity, Mark Rachal, and Katherine Prophet. Citizen science panel discussion.

Field Trips

Fort De Soto Park (led by St. Petersburg Audubon)

Fort De Soto has become internationally famous as one of the premier birdwatching locations in the eastern United States, with over 320 species having been reported. The park is a 'gateway site' for the Great Florida Birding Trail, and due to its location along Florida's Gulf Coast, is utilized by many migratory birds during spring and fall migration.

Dates and Times: Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 7:45 AM.

Details: Meet at the flagpole by the office area.

Address: 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL 33715

Lettuce Lake Park (led by Tampa Audubon)

This 240-acre park lies in the natural floodplain of the Hillsborough River, and consists of hardwood swamp, hardwood hammock, and pine flatwoods habitats.

Dates and Times: Friday, April 21, 2:00 PM

Details: Park entrance is \$2 per car. In the park, go to the T in the road, turn left, and drive to the parking lot at the end (follow the signs for the canoe launch).

Address: 6920 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33637

Cockroach Bay (led by Tampa Audubon)

Cockroach Bay consists of a series of islands located in the mouth of the Little Manatee River, most of which consists of mangrove swamps. It is a haven for wading birds of all shapes and sizes. Enjoy a nice walk around restored tidal ponds and streams, wetlands, and pine wetlands, which also includes a good view of the restored area and across the bay from 'Mt. Cockroach:' the spoil hill created in dredging out the restoration. Located right on the bay, this area catches a lot of migrants coming north.

Dates and Times: Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.

Details: Go west to Rt. 41, then south on 41 about 7 miles to Cockroach Bay Rd on the right. It's past the river and past the red lights. Take Cockroach Bay Rd west not quite 2 miles to Gulf City Rd. Turn right, then in a hundred yards or so turn left into the parking lot. NOTE: There are no restrooms, food or drink, so plan accordingly.

Address: End of Cockroach Bay Road, Ruskin, FL 33570

Hammock Park – bird banding

Hammock Park is a small, 90-acre park located in the most densely populated part of Florida consisting of hydric hammock and scrubby flatwoods. Join Master Bander Jim McGinity as he captures and bands migrating songbirds as part of the Dunedin Hammock Park Migratory Bird Project – an effort to determine the importance of local natural areas in west-central Florida to neotropical migratory birds.

Dates and Times: Sunday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.

Details: Meet in the parking lot just past the Historic St. Andrews Chapel and the Butterfly Garden. Volunteer Jenn Zelik will walk the group to the banding station, then around the park for some birding. There is an active Short-tailed Hawk nest that participants will be able to see. Participants may stay as long as they like, but the nets will close down around noon.

Address: 1900 San Mateo Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698