

**Audubon of Southwest Florida
2016 / 2017 Field Trips
(emphasizing 20/20 properties)**

Members and non-members / beginner to advanced birders – all are welcome!
Events are free; but, donations are always appreciated. Depending on the nature of the outing, you may want to bring a camera, field glasses, sunscreen, water, or even a folding chair. Dress appropriately for the weather. Parking or rental fees sometimes apply.

**Kayak with the Manatees
Saturday, January 28, 2017 – 9:00 am**

One of our favorite annual outings, we launch onto the orange River from Manatee Park and are almost immediately surrounded by manatees. Bring your own kayak, or rent from the on-site outfitter.

**Backyard Bird Count
Friday, Feb 17 through Monday, Feb 20, 2017**

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

**Bicycle Tour of Ding Darling
Sunday, February 26, 2017 – 8:30 am**

Another annual favorite, we bicycle the 8 mile round trip on Wildlife Drive with incredible views of herons, egrets, ibises, storks and spoonbills.

**Urban Birding and Historical Downtown Fort Myers
Monday, March 13, 2017 – 6:30 pm**

Led by our own local Audubon members, we will explore the history of Fort Myers. Oh, and we'll also look for birds at sunset over the Caloosahatchee River.

**Sister Vesta Newcomb Preserve (Koreshan State Historic Site)
Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 9:00 am**

Come explore the approximately 20 acres of unspoiled pine, palmetto, and scrub oak woodland on the Estero River within the Koreshan State Historic Site.

**Powell Creek Preserve
Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 8:00 am**

Powell Creek Preserve offers a diverse variety of natural communities for visitors to enjoy, including flatwoods, mesic hammock and Powell Creek. Old-growth pine, buttonbush and Carolina willow can be observed, as well as dwarf live oak, netted paw-paw and October flower.

Total Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21, 2017 – 1:00 – 2:00 pm

While not a birding adventure, there is an upcoming total solar eclipse with the path of totality passing through several nearby states – Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and more

Shorebirds! - dates to be determined

We'll meet at Bunche Beach with our volunteers from the Florida Shorebird Alliance to check out the shorebirds. There will be multiple dates upcoming.



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