

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

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A For the **2023** calendar year, or tax year beginning 6/01, **2023**, and ending 5/31, **2024**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. P.O. Box 61041 Fort Myers, FL 33906-1041	D Employer identification number 23-7282218
		E Telephone number 239 936-6982
		F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____

I Website: www.audubonswfl.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 16,994.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	12,351.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	4,643.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>1,560.</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	1,445.	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	-1,445.	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	15,549.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	2,025.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,543.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	477.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,354.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	16	9,196.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	14,595.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	954.	
Net Assets	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	104,474.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) See Schedule O	20	1,363.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	106,791.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. See Sch O [X]

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 33 through 41 regarding organizational activities, financials, and state filings.

42a The organization's books are in care of: Jim Rodenfels, Treasurer Telephone no. 239 936-6982 Located at: P.O. Box 61041 Fort Myers FL ZIP + 4 33906-1041

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 42b and 42c regarding foreign financial accounts.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here [] N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. 43 [] N/A

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 44a through 45b regarding donor advised funds, hospital facilities, and controlled entities.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. Yes No
46 X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI.

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II. Yes No
47 X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. Yes No
48 X

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No
49a X

49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No
49b X

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000.

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A. Yes No
X No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: Jim Rodenfels Date: 07/07/2024
 Type or print name and title: Jim Rodenfels Treasurer

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: James Rodenfels Preparer's signature: James Rodenfels Date: 07/07/2024 Check if self-employed PTIN: P01059045
 Firm's name: James E Rodenfels Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: 1320 Kingswood Ct Phone no. 239-936-6982
Fort Myers, FL 33919

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. Yes No
X No

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

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Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.	Employer identification number 23-7282218
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
				Yes	No		
(A)							
(B)							
(C)							
(D)							
(E)							
Total							

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	8,798.	7,356.	11,974.	10,566.	12,352.	51,046.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						0.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.	8,798.	7,356.	11,974.	10,566.	12,352.	51,046.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons.	425.	390.	365.	310.	365.	1,855.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	425.	390.	365.	310.	365.	1,855.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						49,191.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	8,798.	7,356.	11,974.	10,566.	12,352.	51,046.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources.	3,339.	3,455.	2,882.	4,040.	4,643.	18,359.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b.	3,339.	3,455.	2,882.	4,040.	4,643.	18,359.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	12,137.	10,811.	14,856.	14,606.	16,995.	69,405.
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here .						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	70.88 %
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	71.05 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	26.45 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	25.82 %

- 19a 33-1/3% support tests—2023.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
- b 33-1/3% support tests—2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Bird Window Collision.....	\$	188.
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings.....		280.
FPL Plants for Birds Project.....		2,500.
Information Technology.....		160.
Insurance.....		672.
LCEC - Purple Martin Project.....		1,705.
Office Expenses.....		289.
Shorebird - Steward.....		3,300.
Shorebird - Supplies.....		102.
Total	\$	<u>9,196.</u>

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances

Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments.....	\$	1,362.
Rounding Adjustment.....		1.
Total	\$	<u>1,363.</u>

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 0.	\$ 1,705.
Total	\$ 0.	\$ 1,705.

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

The mission of Audubon of Southwest Florida is to protect plants, animals, and their habitats, and to provide environmental education and a greater community involvement with the natural world.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

SHOREBIRD PARTNERSHIP - in cooperation with the Florida Shorebird Alliance, ASWF continued monitoring Black Skimmer's, Least Tern's, and Wilson Plover's feeding and nesting sites with the goal of protecting these species through public outreach and education involving hundreds in this citizen science effort. This activity was one of the few only marginally affected by Hurricane Ian and the lingering COVID Pandemic.

Name of the organization

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 29 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

DONATIONS - ASWF sponsored or co-sponsored the following eco-minded activities - Everglades Coalition, AWRA Florida Water Resource Conference, Calusa Waterkeepers, and funding for an environmental scholarship at FGCU.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 30 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

BIRD WINDOW COLLISION - We continue to educate and advocate the City of Fort Myers and Lee County officials about the glass-bird collision issue. Surveys of 5 downtown Fort Myers buildings continue. The goal for all locations is remediation to prevent bird fatalities and injuries and convincing the city and county to take bird-safe building principles into account when constructing, renovating, or retrofitting buildings.

**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Description	Grants	Program Service Expenses
OTHER - Programs and hospitality, including our annual meeting - all free and open to the public - were sharply curtailed due to the COVID Pandemic. We were, however, able to offer a variety of field trips and educational programs - all at no cost and open to the public. Includes Foreign Grants: No		10.
Total	\$ 0.	\$ 10.

Form 990-EZ, Part V - Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?..... No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?..... No

Form 990-EZ, Part V, Line 34 - Changes to Organizing or Governing Documents

Bylaws revised 06/01/2024 primarily to comply with covid related meeting requirements