

## 2017-2018 Field Trips and Walkabouts

### General Public Welcome at All Field Trips and Walkabouts

**Walkabouts**—1st Tuesday of the month. These normally last about two hours. These are easy walks and are close to home. Walkabouts meet at the park at 8:00 AM.  
**Field Trips**—These take place on the Saturday after the Thursday programs. Half day to full day trips to regional birding hot spots. It's a good idea to bring bag lunches along.

### Field Trip Carpool Locations

**North** - Kings Hwy Wal-Mart parking lot across from Culver's (385 Kings Hwy) off I-75, Exit 170  
**South** - Burnt Store Publix parking lot on US 41 near Burnt Store Road (3941 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda)  
**East**—Winn Dixie parking lot on Route 17, east of I-75. (27680 Bermont Rd., Punta Gorda)

### **Tuesday, October 3, 2017 (Note Time)**

Night Walkabout: Prairie Creek Preserve at 7:30 PM  
Coordinator: Ron Mills, 941-575-6968

### **Saturday, October 21, 2017**

Field Trip: Harns Marsh Preserve, Lehigh Acres  
Meet: 7 AM at the East Car Pool Location  
Coordinator: Larry Behrens, 941-204-1708

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

Walkabout: Amberjack and Wildflower at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Bob Winter/Margaret Dunson, 941-828-2627

### **Saturday, November 11, 2017**

Field Trip: Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve East and Powell Creek Preserve  
Meet: 7 AM at the East Car Pool Location  
Coordinator: Barney Bontecou/Phyllis Cady, 203-952-4048

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

Walkabout: Deer Prairie Creek at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Phyllis Cady, 941-286-7638

### **Saturday, December 16, 2017**

Field Trip: Annual Christmas Bird Count  
Coordinator: Tony Licata, alicata@dewis.com  
\*Email Tony to sign up

### **MONDAY, January 1, 2018 \*Note change from first Tuesdays**

Walkabout: Welcome in the New Year at Ollie's Pond at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Stu & Louise Lewis, 603-742-2874

### **Saturday, January 20, 2018**

Field Trip: Celery Fields  
Meet: 7 AM at the North Car Pool Location  
Coordinator: Eleanor Marr, 941-624-4182

### **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

Walkabout: Punta Gorda History Park, starting at 4 PM, followed by a walk at Ponce de Leon Park  
Coordinator: Starr Zachritz, 941-391-4446

### **Saturday, February 17, 2018**

Field Trip: Venice Rookery  
Meet: 8 AM at Venice Rookery  
Coordinator: Barb Taylor 717-968-6013

### **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

Walkabout: Hathaway Park at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Eleanor Marr 941-624-4182

### **Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Field Trip: Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area  
Meet: 7 AM at the pay station  
Coordinator: Dave Lancaster, 586-214-0203

### **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Walkabout: Kiwanis Park, Port Charlotte at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Dave Lancaster, 586-214-0203

### **Saturday, April 14, 2018**

Field Trip: Ft. Desoto  
Meet: 7 AM at the North Car Pool Location  
Coordinator: Mike Krzyzkowski, 863-244-2652

### **Saturday, April 21, 2018**

PRAS Earth Day Event at Deep Creek Preserve at 8 AM  
Additional information to follow  
Coordinator: Nancy Turner, 941-286-0340

### **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Walkabout: Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Burnt Store Road at 8 AM  
Coordinator: Jim Knoy, 303-868-8337

## 2017-2018 Meeting Programs and Events

### MEETINGS SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

#### THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

7:00 PM - Doors Open 6:30 PM

### First Alliance Church

20444 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL  
(General Public Always Welcome)

### **Thursday September 21, 2017**

Dr. Ken Meyers, Swallow-tailed Kite Program

### **Thursday October 19, 2017**

Kristen Mazzrella, Mote Marine, Sea Turtle Conservation

### **Thursday November 16, 2017**

Lisa Krinsky, "Lake O and It's Problems"

### **Thursday December 21, 2017 (starting at 5:30)**

PRAS Potluck and Photo Contest  
Dennis Giardina, Fakahatchee Orchid Restoration Project with an Update on the Python Challenge

### **Thursday January 18, 2018**

Tony Licata, Christmas Bird Count Results

### **Thursday February 15, 2018**

Angeline Sotten, Coyotes in SW Florida  
Dan Quinn, Python Challenge in Florida

### **Thursday March 15, 2018**

Annual Banquet Location: Twin Isles, Punta Gorda  
Speaker: Dr. Katie Sieving, "Bird Language is Nature's Wisdom We Can All Understand"

### **Thursday April 19, 2018**

Reinier Munguia, "Climate Change and its Effect on Birds"

### **Thursday May 17, 2018**

Members' Video and Slide Shows

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