



Board Meeting May 10 7 pm Virtual Zoom

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WhiteBird PRAS Monthly Newsletter

April Field Trip

Spring migration afforded plentiful bird sightings at Fort De Soto for the PRAS field trip on April 16th. First stop was Gulf Pier for gulls, terns, sandpipers, plovers, & egrets; but no Black-legged Kittiwake. Then on to North Beach Grove for warblers & woodpeckers. On to North Beach and an owl sighting at the Arrowhead Picnic area. The 42 species seen on the trip made it well worth the drive!

Wood Stork
Double-Crested
Cormorant
Brown Pelican
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret
White Ibis
Black Vulture
Osprey
Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Willet
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Dunlin
Least Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Laughing Gull
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove
Great Horned Owl
Red-bellied Woodpecker
American Kestrel
Great-crested Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike
Fish Crow
Barn Swallow
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Black and white Warbler*
Northern Parula*
Blackpoll Warbler*
Palm Warbler
Northern Cardinal
Common Grackle



Mike Weisensee photos of migrating warblers:
Black & White, Blackpoll, Cape May, & N. Parula

PRAS Officers & Board

It's that time of the year when Officers and Board Directors are elected for the upcoming year. This is usually done at our Annual Meeting in May. Our Bylaws were amended to state that the annual meeting will be in the spring. Since most of our meetings have had to be virtual due to Covid restrictions for two years and the fact that many of our snowbird members head north at the end of April; our annual meeting needs to be done virtually. If no other nominations were made, voting was to be done by the process of 'unanimous consent'. No additional nominations were made within the 2 week time period after the Mail Chimp April 15th email to the entire membership. Since no new nominations were received within that 14 days, the slate was considered elected by 'unanimous consent'. The list below represents the 2022-2023 slate of Officers and Board Directors. Officers and Directors make up the PRAS Board

PRAS Officers

President – Bren Curtis
Vice-President – Vicki Carpenter
Treasurer – Sandy Artman
Secretary – Nancy Leopold

Board Directors

Phyllis Cady
Sue French
Rob Mills
Mike Krzyzkowski
Michelle Kloese
Kerry Bowers
Pete Ouasius

Scrub Jay Watch Training

Become a volunteer citizen scientist! This year, Jay Watch volunteers can choose to complete training in person or online. In-person Jay Watch training will only be available at two locations in May of 2022. There will also be two online training opportunities with video recordings available for those who cannot attend in person and/or would like a refresher. Both will provide the basic skills required to do surveys.



In-person Training

Each session is from 8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 14

Cross Florida Greenway Triangle,
Marion County

Saturday, May 21

Lyonia Preserve, Volusia County

The in-person training will take place in the field in order to optimize the opportunities to observe, practice protocol, and complete data sheets critical to good data entry. We will begin at 8 a.m. in order to take advantage of the cool weather when the birds are most active.

If you prefer online training on **Zoom**, choose one of the following:

Wednesday, May 3

5:30-7:30 p.m. ET

Tuesday, May 17

10:00 - NOON

TO REGISTER CONTACT JACQUI SULEK at Jacqui.Sulek@audubon.org

PRAS Earth Day at CHEC

A wonderful celebration and a fun time for all!



On April 23 some PRAS volunteers hosted a booth at the CHEC Earth Day Festival on Burnt Store Road.



Left to right are Shannon McGinnis, Sue French, Patty Linn, Phyllis Cady

and Sue Galvin who had fun interacting with visitors promoting future generation conservation concepts in games, creative art and a lottery. 'Build a chick' with reused Easter eggs and recycled egg carton nests brought many creative art ideas and broad smiles from many kids! Bren Curtis held a fun mammal track identifying contest that puzzled many of the visitors. After a plaster casting demonstration of a large Grizzly Bear track, the winner of the most correctly guessed tracks received the casting.

