



**Live Meetings, Walks and Events (see 2nd page)**

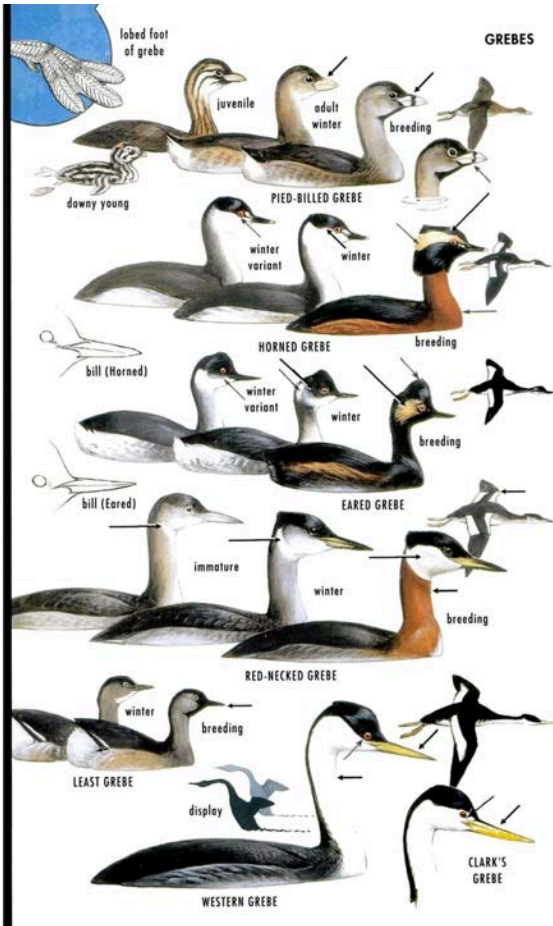
**Website** <http://peacriveraudubon.org> **Scholarship Deadline January 15**

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**January 2023**

# White Bird PRAS Monthly Newsletter

## Grebe Identification



Horned Grebes prefer salt water.

## Stories in Photographs



Dr. Mark Cook's photo tells the story about how cold it was in SW Florida on Christmas Day when he captured two Sandhill Cranes with their colts where you can see their breathe!!!

**Is this a giant bird flying over a lake with its shadow reflected upon the lake? What do you see?**



flock of birds suggests a giant bird image flying over Lough Ennell, Co. Westmeath near the town of Mullingar. More details/video

<http://bit.ly/3vsiWNc>

A photographer captured this once in a lifetime scene of a flock of birds creating an incredible allusion. This photo by James Crombie, shows how a perfectly synchronised

## Dr. Jerry Jackson talks about Mistletoe



Mocking Birds, Cardinals and Catbirds eat the berries and spread the seeds. When they pick the berries, some open up & leak sticky juice so additional seeds adhere to their beaks when they fly to another plant. Other seeds pass through the birds and carry some fertilizer to another branch. Fertilization & germination occurs after distribution of seeds takes place and more Mistletoe gets started.

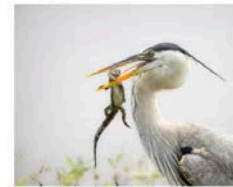
# 2022-23 PRAS Link

<https://peacriveraudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Brochure-Trifold-final.pdf>

# Photo Contest Winners

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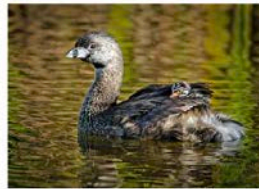
Congratulations to all of the winners. The quality and artistry of all the entries was outstanding. You can see all of the photos in galleries under the Photo Contest Tab



Overall Winner

Robert Gloeckner

Birds - Tied Winners



Susan Poirier

Wildlife Winner



Kerry Bowers



Bill Kimber

Scenery Winner



Rob Mills

Congratulations to all the PRAS photographers that had their photos published in the CHNEP calendar 2023....Eileen Fonferka, Robin Hagan, Eva Furner, and Linda Moreau!



## Field Trips and Walkabouts

### General Public Invited

**Walkabouts** - 2 hr walks usually 2nd Tuesday of the month - meet at the parks at 8:00 AM

**Field Trips** - Usually on 3rd Saturday  
Details by email or Website Calendar  
~ 1/2 day & optional meet for lunch  
Form your own carpools at

**North** 385 Kings Hwy by Culvers  
**South** 41 & Burnt Store Rd by Home Depot  
**East** 27680 Bermont & 17 by Winn Dixie  
Bring water, snack, sunscreen

## Walkabout

**Tuesday, January 10th at 8 AM**  
**2300 Placida Rd. Cedar Point**  
**Mike Weisensee & Tome Shaaltrel** will lead the walk.

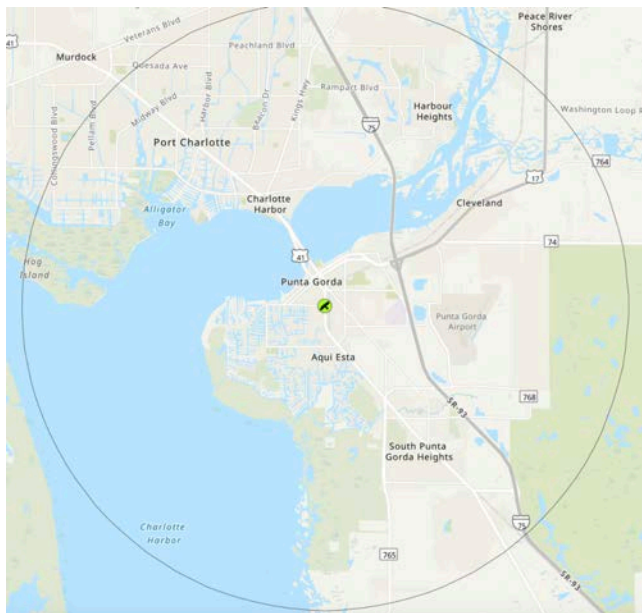
## Field Trip Change of Location

**Saturday, January 21st 8 AM**  
**instead of Celery Field, it will be at**  
**Prairie Shell Creek Preserve at**  
**3081 Duncan Rd, Punta Gorda**  
**Lead By Jayne Johnson**  
**FWC Sr. Wildlife Biologist and**  
**Audubon of SW CBC Organizer**

January 19th 2023 CBC Summary  
5:30 pm Speaker 7 pm  
First Alliance Church  
The Landing Door  
20444 Midway Blvd.  
Port Charlotte  
Speaker Tony Licata  
Data Compiler Barb Segal  
Covid indoor protocol observed  
Masks Provided



**February Field Trip Change**  
**Friday Feb 17th Sharon Wilcox will**  
**take us to Crowley Museum**



## PRAS Christmas Bird Count Circle

Thank you Tony Licata, Dave Lancaster, Phyllis Cady, Cathy Olson, Bob Desramaux, Eleanor Marr, Sharon Wilcox, Hugh Bass, Char & Ron Robinson, Liz & Blan Dunham and Jeff Bouton for organizing coverage for our circle!