



March 2023

### Great Backyard Bird Count 2023 Results

More than 500,000 people watched birds for 4 days!

- 7,415 Bird Species Identified
- 199 Participating Countries



The photo above was featured in a Cornell Lab video with the above results. There was a two part photo contest so we can cross our fingers to see it wins the birders part. The other part of the contest was for photos of the birds seen in the 4 days.

## THANK YOU The Great Backyard Bird Count

February 17 to 20, 2023



Thanks to our founding sponsor.



February and March calendars of the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday made all of our events happen in one busy week!

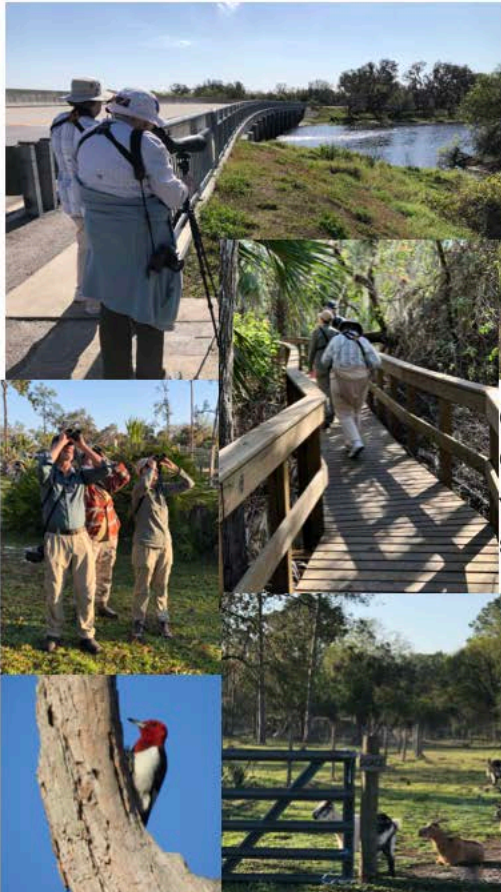
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# White Bird PRAS Monthly Newsletter

## Crowley Museum Field Trip Summary Feb 17, 2023



We arrived at 7am just in time to see a deer cross the road and to see the fog lift to a pretty sunrise! At the bridge we saw over 40 species. Wilson's Snipe, Dowitchers, Sandpipers, Yellow legs, WoodStorks, White Pelicans, Grebes, Herons, Egrets, Sandhill Cranes, Limpkins, Teals (Blue and Green Winged) to name a few. It was hard to keep up with all the species being called out but a few caught everyones attention: Merlin, Crested Caracara, and Bald Eagle. The trucks and cars at high speeds are always a worry. We need to lower the speed limit and make a

crosswalk at this bridge! Time flew by and we had to get to Crowley Museum's gate at 8am to open for the second part of the field trip. The Museum is still closed to the general public so our fee was reduced to \$3 for the bird walk. The handsome Red-Headed Woodpecker and Eastern Bluebird were favorites. It was fun to chase down the Brown Thrasher, N. Parula, Tufted Titmouse, & Great Crested Flycatcher; moreover the beautiful Yellow-throated and Black-and-White Warblers were very eye-catching! We got to the boardwalk and rested on the bench. Meadowlarks sung a goodbye medley at the parking lot. It was a very nice day with a total of 67 species! Big Thank you to Sharon Wilcox for guiding us and arranging our visit! <https://ebird.org/checklist/S128553577>

**Plan for Some More Friendly Competitions in  
Peace River Audubon's Birdathon on April 1st  
Watch for Flyer for Details**

## 2022-23 PRAS Link

<https://peacriveraudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Updated-2023-Brochure-Trifold-1.pdf>

### 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, March 14th 8 AM

Phyllis Cady & Shannon McGinnis

Kiwanis Park, 501 Donora St

### Field Trip

Saturday, March 18th 8 AM

Dave Lancaster & Bren Curtis

Pinecraft Park, 1420 Gilbert Ave

Sarasota

Speaker Program  
Everyone Invited  
"Protection for Florida Panther"  
Brad Cornell  
Audubon Florida Policy Director  
Audubon Western Everglades

Doors open 5:30 pm

Speaker 7 pm

First Alliance Church

The Landing &

Pink Rhino Door

20444 Midway Blvd.

Port Charlotte

Indoor Covid Protocol Observed  
Masks Provided



## PRAS Walkabout

TRIP REPORT - LEMON CREEK WILDFLOWER PRESERVE - 2-14-23

It was a beautiful sunny morning for our guided walk at Wildflower Preserve and we had a good turnout. Our guides were Michael Weisensee and Eva Furner, both excellent birders, guides, and PRAS members, who are on the staff at Wildflower. The property included upland habitats and salt and fresh water ponds, some that feed into Lemon Bay. 39 species of birds were seen there. You can check out the ebird list below to find the complete list of birds seen. We always enjoy the waterbirds and Michael does an excellent job of explaining their differences. The Purple Martins had just arrived, and we enjoyed flyovers of a Kestrel, Red-shouldered hawk, and Bald Eagle. Thanks to opening the preserve to our Peace River Audubon group.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S128349384>



## Ft. Myers Eagle Nest - Harriet missing!

Harriet last seen on 2/2/2023 (captured from SWFEC camera)



Eaglets are doing fine! M15 has become a finely seasoned Eagle Dad to his offspring over the last seven years. He defends the nest and gives unyielding support since Harriet has been missing. Strong Eagles are no match for monofilament fishing line and lead sinkers. Please don't cut fishing lines!