
SUN CITY CENTER AUDUBON CLUB

January 2021

Ponderings from your prez

Mary

Dear Birders,

Covid 19 is spreading even more and the Audubon Board has decided that we should cancel our meeting in the Community Hall on January 2nd. While we hated to have to do this, it is prudent to protect everyone. Apparently, the CA had also made that decision as all in-door activities are cancelled until January 4th. (At least now I don't have to worry that some of you would think we were just being wimps.)

And I didn't need to worry about what we were going to do as our wonderful program coordinator, Patsie Ginley, has found us an excellent presenter and program that we can view with Zoom instead. The program is "Everglades Rising" which includes lots of birds. The presenter, Richard Kern is a great speaker and photographer. (See Patsie's article to the left.)

In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy the holidays and we will see you on Zoom in January.



January Zoom Meeting Saturday, 1/2/21

“Everglades Rising”

Our first meeting of 2021 will feature a nature film by Richard Kern from the Miami-based Encounters in Excellence program. “Everglades Rising” will be presented at a Zoom meeting on Saturday, Jan. 2. This educational adventure will take you through the unique subtropical habits of the Everglades to learn about its hydrology and watershed, as well as some of the inhabitants of "America's wetland."

The Encounters in Excellence program consists of a series of film lectures on natural history topics, including the incredible biodiversity of Biscayne Bay, the Everglades and surrounding environments. The program has presented lectures to nearly 2 million students since 1978.

Richard Kern, who will introduce the film and provide some narration, has a BA in Literary and Cultural Studies from the College of William and Mary where he graduated in 2002. His interests in nature and art and his experiences with his filmmaking parent have equipped him to take the helm of the Encounters in Excellence team. Last year he presented his film, *Rainforest of the Maya*, to over 35,000 public school students.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with socializing and business topics, and Richard's presentation will start at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom link will be sent to club members prior to the meeting. Non-members can contact Patsie Ginley for the link at patsieginley@aol.com.





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www.sccaudubonclub.com

2021 Membership Registration

Annual Dues: \$10 for CA and Kings Point Gold CA Access Card holders

Print this form, fill it in, and bring it with you to the next in-person meeting. One form per person or mail it to Dennis Morris, 373 Club Manor Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33573. Make checks payable to SCC Audubon Club.

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Check # _____ Cash _____ Date _____
(In-Person only)

Name (Please print legibly) _____

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To become a member, you must sign below.

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I voluntarily choose to participate in field trips sponsored by the Sun City Center Audubon Club. I recognize the field trips may expose me to harm or injury resulting from travel to and from the field trip site, and due to forces of nature and natural wildlife, including, but not limited to birds, animals, plants, and other wildlife. I expressly assume the risk of any harm that may occur directly or indirectly from travel to and from the field trip site, or from the forces of nature or wildlife that I may be exposed to. I release the Sun City Center Audubon from any and all liability arising from or in connection with the field trips.

I grant to the Sun City Center Audubon Club, its representatives and members the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with field trips or other activities of the Sun City Center Audubon Club. I authorize the use of same in print and/or electronically.

Member Signature _____

Date _____

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Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering on the following committees:

- _____ Membership
- _____ Conservation
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- _____ 3-Day Trip
- _____ December Meeting
- _____ Field Trips
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Things you could only see in Florida!



Christmas Tree Made of Walkers



House Call



Florida Blue Jay

News from our Master Birder

Ray Webb

As I write this, the shortest day of the year is just around the corner, and the temperature is in the 50s. Not exactly beach weather, but the wintering shorebirds and gulls don't mind it a bit! I am hoping to see a lot of them and few bathers on January 15, at Siesta Key Beach. This is our first field trip of 2021.

We will meet at the Community Hall parking lot at 9 AM, observing social distancing of course. We will travel to Siesta Key Public Beach, and walk wherever the birds take us, continuing to social distance. Following our walk, we will have a BAG LUNCH WHICH YOU WILL BRING; There are tables at the beach. All of the wintering birds are here, and without many bathers to disturb them we should get close looks at them!

On the home front, I have been told there are ring-necked ducks on our ponds. I am still waiting for my first sapsucker of the season, but they are around. This is our only migratory woodpecker. Owls are pairing up, and the ospreys will soon be on their nests.



Ring Necked Duck

Ring-necked ducks are small to medium-sized diving ducks. The adult male is similar in color pattern to the Eurasian tufted duck, its relative. Males are a little bit bigger than the female. It has two white rings surrounding its gray bill, a shiny black angular head, black back, white line on the wings, a white breast and yellow eyes.

Witty & Wise

AARP Bulletin December 2020

I haven't cut my hair since the quarantining started. Yesterday, I stepped on a scale for the first time in a while. Who knew that hair weighs so much?

My husband bought a world map, gave me a dart and said, "Throw this, and wherever it lands-that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out that we will be spending two weeks behind the fridge.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog. We laughed a lot.



What made me happy during this pandemic?

Being able to spend all of my time with my family.

What did I learn?

You sure don't want to spend all of your time with your family.

Penn Jillette



My husband may be getting tired of my cooking, during this pandemic. While we were eating scrambled eggs for breakfast, I asked him what his least favorite part of an egg. He commented, the eggshells. I said honey, no one eats eggshells, he said they do when you make them.

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*Wishes for a Happy, Healthy
Year to all our
Sun City Center Audubon Birders!*

From

Sun City Center Audubon Board