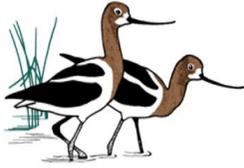


Thursday, March 3, 2016



Hillsborough County Extension Office Conference Center

5339 CR 579, Seffner Photo Club 6 PM

7:00 Potluck dinner ~ Bring dish to pass (optional)

7:30 Program

### Nesting Strategies in Penguin Breeding Colonies

In the last two years, Doug and Pam DeNeve have had the opportunity to work as volunteers with researchers studying penguins in nesting colonies in South Africa and Argentina. In this program, Doug will share some of what they have learned while working on these projects. This will include both research results and personal observations related to penguin behaviors and survival strategies in the face of climate change and other threats of these resilient and highly charismatic birds.



Photo by Doug DeNeve

## FIRST ANNUAL BIRDATHON



Saturday, March 5

Whether you can bird watch or just donate to Audubon, it will be a good day - Prizes - Picnic

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## FIELDTRIPS

**Saturday, March 12 - Lettuce Lake Park: Beginning Birding.** Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Visitor Center. This trip is a casual 2-to-3-hr walk along the boardwalk at Lettuce Lake Park. We usually find a diverse mix of waterfowl, waders, and woodland species, with a few nice raptors occasionally mixed in as well. The park entrance is on Fletcher Ave., 1.4 miles west of I-75. The park entrance fee is \$2. Bring water, binoculars if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. We have some extra binoculars and a spotting scope for good looks! We should be done by 11 am. Please contact the trip leader, Roger Sheets ([roger.sheets@tampaudubon.org](mailto:roger.sheets@tampaudubon.org)) if you have any questions.

## TAS Junior Naturalists Club *programs are free*

March 19 – Lettuce Lake Park 6920 E Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL 33637 (\$2.00) – *Alligators and Turtles*

April 16 – Ft. DeSoto Park 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL 33715 (\$5.00) – *Spring Migration – Birds on the Move*

### PHOTO CLUB MEMBERS

This Summer's HCC Photo Art exhibit on July 7th will be discussed at the Photo Club meeting this week. This is an exciting opportunity for all Tampa Audubon Society members (not just Photo Club) members to participate.

### St. Petersburg Audubon Society Meeting

Sunshine Multi-Service Center

330 5th Street N, St. Petersburg

#### **March 15 Program 7 PM: Birds are The Measure - Assessing Effects of Energy and Water on Birds & Other Wildlife**

Eric Draper, Executive Director of Audubon Florida will talk about how water and energy use affects birds from the Everglades to the Arctic. Our beautiful rivers, springs, wetlands and estuaries, along with the life they sustain is in-





## TAMPA AUDUBON 2016 BIRDATHON

SATURDAY MARCH 5 8 AM TO NOON

Like a walk-a-thon, Birdathon participants collect pledges for finding and count bird species. A Birdathon is the uniquely Audubon way to help protect Florida's native birds. Everyone is welcome: Expert birders, casual birdwatchers and beginners can all find a way to count!

**JOIN THE BIRDATHON! 2 Ways to Bird:** (1) Birding in Our Parks—choose from Lettuce Lake, Lake Park, EG Simmons or Lower Green Swamp, or (2) OR Go Anywhere within Hillsborough County.

**WAYS to Support:** Pledge a Set Amount OR Pledge an amount for each species you or your team sees.

**REGISTER** your team or join a team by contacting:

Krita: [krista.kutash@tampaaudubon.org](mailto:krista.kutash@tampaaudubon.org) Mary: [mary.keith@tampaaudubon.org](mailto:mary.keith@tampaaudubon.org)  
or Sherry: [sherry.keller@tampaaudubon.org](mailto:sherry.keller@tampaaudubon.org)

**HOW?** Download a pledge form and get more information at: [tampaaudubon.org](http://tampaaudubon.org) forms ARE ON THE WEBSITE [www.tampaaudubon.org](http://www.tampaaudubon.org)

**GREAT Prizes** for Teams with: (1) Most species seen in any of the 4 parks, (2) Most species seen in any location in the county, (3) Most money collected! Please note: Teams must register (with Krista) before the event and have a minimum of \$50 in pledges to be eligible to win a prize.

**PICNIC AFTERWARDS!** Participants' party, Noon, at Lettuce Lake Park. TAS will provide hot Dogs, burgers and sodas. You bring a dish to share.

**WHY** are we raising funds by holding a Birdathon? Funds raised will help Tampa Audubon: Monitor and protect breeding bird, their colonies and nests, Encourage nesting bluebirds, and Protect birds from fishing hooks and line as well as Produce educational materials about our local birds!



Announcing the launch of FWC's seabird entanglement prevention website. This site is meant to provide step-by-step instructions for unhooking a seabird and tips to prevent seabird entanglement. The website was created as part of a campaign, Don't Cut The Line! Reel. Remove. Release, that we have initiated to raise awareness and reduce seabird entanglement in Florida. We are excited to have this site available to our stakeholders and hope that it will be useful to anglers and outdoor enthusiasts.

You can view the site by visiting [www.MyFWC.com/unhook](http://www.MyFWC.com/unhook).

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