

Field Trip Duration and Difficulty Key

‡ Trips are subject to change - For updates and directions, see *The Crane* or the AAS website at <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/calendar.htm> TBA=To be announced. **Duration:** A= 2-3 hrs, B=3-4 hrs, C=4-6 hrs, D=6 hrs +, E=Overnight stay. **Difficulty:** 1= Easy access to the car and/or walking on level ground 1 mile or less; 2=Walking over uneven ground over distances of 1-2 miles; 3=Elevation change, uneven ground, and/or distances greater than 2 miles. **For additional trip information**, call Wild Birds Unlimited at (352) 381-1997. *Participation limited, contact Wild Birds Unlimited. #Guide fee may be required.

Conservation Lands Education Program Field Trips

Alachua Audubon is sponsoring its third series of field trips that bring attention to local land conservation efforts. These trips highlight properties that protect plant and animal life. Each will focus on that site's unique flora, fauna, and history. These field trips are designed to be educational experiences, so the emphasis will be on much more than birding. Several of the featured sites are listed below. Much of the accompanying description is from *A Birdwatcher's Guide to Alachua County* by Rex Rowan and Mike Manetz.

Barr Hammock: Provides access to Ledwith Prairie, Levy Prairie, and the Barr Hammock land bridge between them, with habitat for Sandhill Cranes, Fox Squirrels, and Bald Eagles.

Morningside Nature Center: Covers over 270 acres of flatwoods and sandhill and good trails make for easy birding. There is a thatched hut bird blind that looks out onto a variety of feeders that attract many birds. The park also has an authentic Florida Cracker farmstead.

Prairie Creek Lodge: Prairie Creek Lodge is a dramatic 5000 square foot former hunting lodge that is owned and operated by Alachua Conservation Trust. It is located just south of Rochelle, on the 368 acre Prairie Creek Preserve, adjacent to Paynes Prairie.

Tusawilla Prairie: This recently purchased property was formerly a marshy cattle ranch south of Micanopy. In recent years, White-faced Ibises and a variety of ducks have visited Lake Tusawilla, and the prairie has been home to numerous sparrows.

The June Challenge

Every June the Alachua Audubon Society conducts a friendly competition to SEE (not hear) as many species as possible within the boundaries of a Alachua County. During the Challenge we have braved the heat to identify late migrants early in the month and early arrivals near the end. In the process we have found some real surprises. Why not join us?

Special Notices:

PROGRAMS

The Alachua Audubon Society will sponsor a series of programs this year focusing on birds and/or related environmental issues. For details, check each issue of *The Crane* or go to our website: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/calendar.htm>.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

Audubon Adventures is a program that brings the environment into school classrooms. Exciting materials make learning about animals and the environment easy, fun, and interesting. The cost of sponsoring a classroom is \$46. Last year we sponsored about 40! Want to help? Contact Emily Schwartz at emilysgfl@gmail.com.

Come Join Us

AAS Board Meetings are at 6:30 P.M.
Second Wednesday of the month—
(except April, June, July)

Mill Pond Community Clubhouse
Off Newberry Road at 48th Blvd. and
NW 1st Pl., Gainesville, Florida

Alachua Audubon Society

2011-2012 Yearbook

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The Alachua Audubon Society's mission is to foster appreciation and knowledge of birds and other native wildlife, to protect and restore wildlife populations and their habitats, and to promote sustainable use of natural resources.

Alachua Audubon Society 2011-2012 Field Trip Schedule †

(See Trip Key on Reverse Side)

Day	Date(s)	Time	Activity/Location	Length	Meeting Places	Difficulty	Leader
Sat.	09/10	8:00	San Felasco Millhopper	A	San Felasco Millhopper Rd. parking lot	2	Steve Hofstetter
Sun..	09/11	TBA	Cedar Key by Boat * #	C	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	1	Capt. Doug Maple
Sat.	09/17	All Day	N. American Migration Count	D	Special event, contact Mike Manetz	3	Mike Manetz
Sat.	09/24	8:00	Split Rock Conservation Area	A	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Mike Manetz
Sun.	09/25	8:00	Loblolly Woods	A	Loblolly parking lot	1	Caleb Gordon
Sat.	10/01	8:00	O'Leno State Park	B	High Springs Winn-Dixie	2	Phil Laipis
Sun.	10/02	6:30	Guana River	D	Powers Park	2	John Hintermister
Sat.	10/08	7:30	San Felasco Progress Park	B	Tag Agency	2	Mike Meisenburg
Sun.	10/09	8:00	Barr Hammock—CLEP	B	Micanopy Chevron on US 441	2	Michael Drummond
Sat.	10/15	8:00	Bolen Bluff	A	Bolen Bluff parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sun.	10/16	8:00	Powers Park and Palm Point	A	Powers Park	1	Bob Carroll
Sat.	10/22	8:00	Bellamy Road *	B	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	2	Mike Manetz
Sat.	10/29	8:00	Cones Dike/Camps Canal *	C	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	11/05	8:00	Hague Dairy	A	Tag Agency	1	Mike Manetz
Sat.	11/12	7:00	Hamilton County Mines	D	Tag Agency	2	Jerry Krummrich
Sun.	11/20	8:00	La Chua Trail	B	La Chua Trail parking lot	2	Bubba Scales
Sat.	11/26	8:00	Tuscawilla Prairie—CLEP	A	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Ivor Kincaide
Sun.	12/04	6:30	Cedar Key	C/D	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	12/10	8:00	Kanapaha Prairie	B	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sun.	12/18	All Day	Christmas Bird Count	D	Special Event—see <i>The Crane</i>	3	Hintermister/Adams
Sat/Sun	01/07-08	8:00	St. Marks NWR *	D/E	St. Marks NWR Visitor Center	3	John Hintermister
Sat.	01/21	8:00	Alligator Lake	B	Alligator Lake parking lot	2	Jerry Krummrich
Sun.	01/22	8:00	Persimmon Point *	C	La Chua Trail parking lot	3	Kent/Adams
Sun.	01/29	8:00	La Chua Trail	B	La Chua Trail Parking Lot	2	Caleb Gordon
Sat.	02/04	8:00	Chapmans Pond	A	Home Depot Parking Lot, Tower Road	1	Ron Robinson
Sat/Sun	02/11-12	All Day	Tall Timbers Research Station *	D/E	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	3	Adam Kent
Sat.	02/18	8:00	San Felasco County Park	A	San Felasco Co. Park next to TV 20, 43rd St.	1	Rex Rowan
Sun.	02/26	6:30	Matanzas Inlet	D	Powers Park	2	Bubba Scales
Sat.	03/03	8:00	Watermelon Pond	A	Jonesville Publix parking lot	2	Norberto Fernandez
Sat.	03/10	8:00	Hatchet Creek	B	Hatchet Creek Tract parking lot	2	Adam Kent
Sat.	03/17	8:00	O'Leno State Park	B	High Springs Winn-Dixie	2	Jerry Krummrich
Sat.	03/24	8:00	Morningside Nature Center—CLEP	A	Morningside parking lot	1	Geoff Parks
Sat.	03/31	9:00	Wildflowers with Dana Griffin *	C	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	2	Dana Griffin
Sun.	04/01	7:30	Ocala National Forest	C/D	Sweetbay parking lot	3	Bob Simons
Sat.	04/07	7:30	Prairie Creek Lodge—CLEP	B	Powers Park	2	Ivor Kincaide
Sat.	04/14	7:30	San Felasco Progress Park	B	Tag Agency	2	Mike Meisenburg
Sat.	04/21	8:00	Fort DeSoto	D	Fort DeSoto Visitor Center	2	John Hintermister
Sun.	04/22	8:00	San Felasco Millhopper	A	San Felasco Millhopper Rd. parking lot	2	Steve Hofstetter
Sat.	04/28	8:00	La Chua Trail	B	La Chua Trail parking lot	2	Caleb Gordon
Sun.	04/29	6:30	Cedar Key	C/D	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	05/05	8:00	Palm Point	A	Powers Park	1	Rex Rowan
Sun.	05/12	10:00	Butterflies with Jaret Daniels *	B	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	1	Jaret Daniels
Sat.	05/19	TBA	Cedar Key by Boat * #	C	TBA—call Wild Birds Unlimited	1	Capt. Doug Maple

Conservation Links

Alachua Audubon Society
www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/
Audubon of Florida
www.audubonofflorida.org
National Audubon
www.audubon.org
Florida State Parks
www.floridastateparks.org
Florida Wildlife Care
www.floridawildlifecare.org
(352) 371-4400
Great Florida Birding Trail
www.floridabirdingtrail.com

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My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to **National Audubon Society** and mail to Paul Moler, 7818 Highway 346, Archer, FL 32618. If you have any questions, call Paul Moler at (352) 495-9419 or contact him at:
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