

Important Dates:

Team Registration Open through March 31, 2024
Statewide Birdathon Window: April 1-30, 2024
Fundraising Deadline: May 11, 2024
Celebration Luncheon-Brooker Creek Preserve: May 18, 2024

CLEARWATER AUDUBON'S

Florida Feather Frenzy



BIRDATHON

Why a Birdathon?

The Birdathon not only brings birders together, it raises funding for conservation and education projects. It also helps ornithologists better understand spring migration by reporting sightings through eBird, an online database of bird observations run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The Birdathon is held during the spring migration season across Florida. Florida is a major funnel for migratory birds heading up from the Caribbean and further south.

Due to habitat loss and climate change, migratory birds are being challenged now more than ever. According to the National Audubon Society, there are 176 vulnerable migratory birds species due to rising temperatures and changing weather conditions, which is affecting their food supply and mating habits. This is why consistent research about their movement patterns during migration is vital to understanding the future of avian conservation.

2024 Birdathon Beneficiaries

FLORIDA AVIAN CONSERVATION

Florida Avian Conservation (FAC) is a local organization focused on migratory bird research and bird education in west central Florida. The organization was founded in 2021 to support migratory songbird research through a 13 year bird banding project now located on Caladesi Island State Park. In addition to the research, the organization conducts public bird banding demonstrations every spring and fall to educate the public about the importance of research for the conservation of migratory songbirds.

Other education projects include collaborating with the Florida Ornithological Society and local Audubon chapters to create/expand the new Florida Young Birders Club. Donations will support the ongoing bird banding research and bird education efforts with the Florida Young Birders Club.

AUDUBON FLORIDA'S COASTAL ISLANDS SANCTUARIES

Audubon Florida's Coastal Islands Sanctuaries (FCIS), established in 1934, is a leader in conservation, monitoring, and management of colonial waterbirds and their nesting islands in the Tampa Bay region. The mission of the FCIS is the protection of the great colonial waterbird populations of the Florida coast, and the natural systems that support them. To accomplish this goal, Audubon biologists work with partner organizations to reduce human disturbance, conduct research, manage nesting habitat, conduct community outreach and advocacy, reduce the threat posed by entanglement in fishing line, and monitor nesting at over 50 island colonies across southwest Florida. FCIS's work directly benefits thousands of nesting birds from over 25 species of wadingbirds, shorebirds, and seabirds. Eight of these species are listed as state or federally threatened, including Roseate Spoonbills, Reddish Egrets, Wood Storks, and American Oystercatchers. Donations to FCIS will support our work conserving populations of these iconic birds in Tampa Bay for years to come.

Questions? Contact Meichelle Long at floridafeatherfrenzy@gmail.com.

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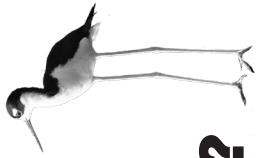
Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

- YES! I would like to participate. My team name is _____
- YES! I'll support the Birdathon with a pledge of: \$ _____ (.25, .50, \$1, \$5) per species for a max total of \$ _____
(I will send my donation when species total is announced).
- YES! I'll support the Birdathon with a general donation of \$ _____. My gift is enclosed, payable to Clearwater Audubon.

Clearwater Audubon is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax-exempt. EIN 59-6177460.



What is a Birdathon?

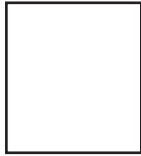
A birdathon is an important annual fundraiser that supports the Clearwater Audubon Society's mission to connect people to nature through community education and conservation. It raises funds and awareness to support local conservation projects to improve bird habitats and conduct ecological research.

The beneficiaries of the fundraising are determined by CAS to be the best candidates for fulfilling our mission and are therefore selected for funding (see inside for information about the beneficiaries). Birdathon participants can form teams of 2-4 birders and raise funds through friends and family sponsors. Individuals may also raise funds or give a general donation. Teams are to choose a 24-hour contiguous time period within the Birdathon window to go birding together, anywhere in the state. While the Birdathon promotes competition between teams to identify the most bird species, it is **primarily** a fundraiser. **Therefore, only teams that raise \$100 or more will be invited to, and recognized at, the celebration event in May.**

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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BIRDATHON WINDOW

Secure the future of Florida's birds by joining in an effort to support local conservation and research.



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