

JANUARY 16-20, 2020

Become One with the River of Grass.

Journey through south Florida searching for beautiful and rare birds in ancient moss-covered cypress swamps, everglades prairies that join the sky and brilliant marshes that sparkle with flashes of roseate wings. Scan across the tips of grass for searching hovering Snail kites and hear the squeal of the Limpkin.



SNAIL KITE*LIMPKIN*WOOD STORK**PAINTEDBUNTING* ROSEATE SPOONBILL*SHORT-

TAILED HAWK* *PURPLE GALINULE *COMMON MYNA*CRESTED CARACARA*PARROTS*

*BURROWING OWL*RED-WHISKERED BULBUL*PRAIRIE WARBLERS*EGYPTIAN GOOSE*

FIELD WORKSHOPS- Advanced Birding Skills, Habitat, Bird by Ear, Behavior, Field Techniques, Silhouette, Field Marks, Season, Family Groups

KEYNOTE SPEAKER-Dr. Dale Galwik-Wading birds in the Everglades-coping with the influence of the urban system

EXPERT GUIDES-PADDY CUNNINGHAM, JIM EAGER, DAVID SIMPSON, JEFF KIETZMANN



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OPENING RECEPTION-LONG KEY NATURE CENTER, KEYNOTE SPEAKER,LIGHT BUFFET, DOOR PRIZES, FUN!



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<p>THURS-1/16 Registration-12-1:00 pm FIELD TRIP-1:30-5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00-7:00 pm Open Keynote-7:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p>REGISTRATION-12:00-1:00 p.m.-Pick up your name tag, field trip workshop materials and goody bags. (\$30) PLANTATION PRESERVE BIRD WALK-8:00-11:30 am, sponsored by South Florida Audubon Society. Limpkin, Sora, Marsh Wren, wintering warblers, possible Spot-breasted Oriole, Parakeets, Brown Thrasher & more. Meet in the preserve parking lot at 8:00 am or at Holiday Inn at 7:30 am to car pool. FREE OPENING WORKSHOP-1:00 pm@MEETING ROOM. BROWARD HOT SPOTS FIELD TRIP-1:30 pm Search Broward's Hot Spots for Burrowing, Grey Headed Swamphen, Egyptian Goose, parakeets, wintering warblers and much more. Schedule may vary based on rarities. (Cost-\$45) OPENING RECEPTION-MEET & GREET, BUFFET, WINE & PRIZES LONG KEY NATURE CENTER, KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr. Dale Galwik-Wading birds in the Everglades-coping with the rising influence of the urban system-Meet & Greet Happy Hour & BUFFET, Wine, & Door Prizes! COST is included in your paid registration fee of \$30. \$10 for non-registrants.</p>
<p>FRI.-1/17 6:15-check in, 6:30 workshop 7:00am-fieldtrip Quick Dinner. Evening Talk-7:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>CORKSCREW & PRAIRIES Corkscrew Swamp is a "must" see with 2-mile board walk and legendary beauty. See Painted Bunting, Barred Owl, Limpkin, Night Herons, nature centers' exhibits and nature store. Snake Road for Crested Caracara, Wild Turkey, Sandhill Cranes, Northern Harrier, Wilson Snipe and shorebirds. (\$90) SOUTH DADE HOTSPOTS-Old Cutler Wetlands and Dump Marsh look for Short-tailed Hawk, cowbirds, shorebirds & more. At Blackpoint Marina-Mangrove Cuckoo and Prairie Warbler. Castellow Hammock for Painted Bunting, Ruby-throated & Rufous Hummingbird. A stop in Kendell for exotics such as Red-whiskered Bulbul and Parakeets. (Cost: \$90). 8 min. required</p>
<p>SAT.-1/18 6:30-workshop 7: a.m.-6 p.m. field trip Quick Dinner 6:30-7:00 p.m. Evening Talk 7</p>	<p>STORM WATER TREATMENT AREA 5 & CENTRAL PRAIRIES - Top 100 Hot Spots in US., We target Snail, Kite, Am. Bittern, Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Fulvous whistling duck, up to 10 species of wintering ducks and 50,000 birds. Also Painted Bunting, Sandhill Crane and many flycatchers. Traveling along Snake Road can produce King Rail, Crested Caracara, Eastern Meadowlark and numerous species of raptors. (Cost-\$90) SOUTH FLORIDA EXOTICS. A tour of Broward and Palm Beach Counties looking for up to 30 plus possible exotics such as Mitred, Monk, Blue-crowned, and Nanday Parakeets, Red-crowned and Orange-winged Parrots It will also include a tour of the Tall Cypress boardwalk for wintering warblers and possible Great-horned Owl. Depending on what is being seen stops can include Evergreen Cemetery, Richardson's Historical Park & Tamarac Pond plus more. (Cost: \$90). 8 Required min.</p>
<p>SUN.-1/19 6:30-day orientation, 7:00 a.m.-late Dinner Out late return</p>	<p>EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK-The tour will start at Anhinga trail with close views of wading birds, Purple Gallinules. Short-tailed Hawk and possible American Bittern. On Research Road possible Brown-headed Nuthatch and White-tailed Kite. A picnic lunch at Long Pine Key-Eastern Bluebird and E. Towhee. Quick stop at Paurotis, Mrazek, West Lake and Eco-Ponds for Roseate Spoonbills and more. At Flamingo a look for Black Skimmer, Reddish Egret, White Pelican and many shorebirds. The best place to see Am. Crocodiles and Manatees at Flamingo. Schedule may vary on tide and rare bird alerts. Cost-(\$90) DINNER on your own will be at a local restaurant. FUN AWARDS will be given to special Birders. SOUTH FLORIDA BIG DAY- South Florida is one of the top ten birding destinations in the U.S. Birders can easily find 60 species in one day. But on this BIG DAY we will try to find as many species as possible by visiting the area's top birding destinations. The schedule will vary based on rare birds being seen currently and target species locations. (Costs-\$90)</p>
<p>MON-1/20 6:15-check in, 6:30-orient., 7:00 a.m- 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>UPPER KEYS NATURE ADVENTURE A drive across Card Sound to North Key Largo is our best chance for White-crowned Pigeon and Cuban Yellow Warbler. In North Key Largo NWR we will look for wintering warblers and hawks. John Pennekamp State Park will include a short hike in the one of the U.S.'s most endangered habitats-coastal tropical hardwood forest. In the museum there will be time to see the displays and aquarium of the U. S's only coral reef system. A late lunch at the famous Alabama Jack's waterfront restaurant for conch fritters & chowder to get the real atmosphere of the Keys. A great way to end the festival.(\$90)</p>

Birder's Receive*Increase your skills and knowledge as expert guides encourage your participation and you learn the i.d.*

Opportunity to add life and year birds by visiting a variety of habitats and unique natural areas.* *Daily mini-workshops with handouts, applied in the field.* *Gain birding skills in a non-intimidating environmentSMALL GROUPS increase interaction with TOP GUIDES and seeing the bird** An intense excitement of finding new birds with fellow birders from around the country.** Have lots of FUN!!!*

ALL FIELD TRIPS INCLUDE VAN TRANSPORTATION, LUNCH, WATER, SNACKS, EXPERT GUIDES, & CHECKLISTS.

"It was a lot of fun and rewarding to see some of the life birds on my list" Susan Frank, CA. "We want to thank you so much for the wonderful birding adventure this week. It couldn't of been better" Clair and Linda Haakensen, N.M.

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