



Sun City Center Audubon Club

August/September 2022

Ponderings from your prez

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy."

NOT SO! **Your Audubon Club has been busy** since our last Newsletter was published.

On May 24th, the Conservation Committee met at the Nature Trail for 2 hours. **They surveyed ways to improve the directional signs on the Trails.** After inventorying the needed items, a cost estimate was prepared. On June 3rd, **the Audubon Club submitted a modest funding proposal to the CA for inclusion in their 2023 budget.** We'll keep you informed of any progress with this matter.

The Audubon Club's new Avian Nest Pole was installed near the Nature Trail entrance on June 23rd. Our contractor Powertown Utility Co. waited patiently until Osprey nesting season was over, then took about 2 hours to complete the work. **An invitation was extended for all Club members to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 27th at 10 AM.** Notice the pole each time you pass by and report any activity you might see!

A BIG SHOUT-OUT! to our Audubon Club's BOARD OF DIRECTORS! Here's the story:

As in past years, our Audubon Club is again a sponsor of the Florida Birding and Nature Festival, to be held at the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach on October 21st and 22nd.

www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org

It was mentioned to our Board members that our sponsorship includes a free Festival Expo exhibit table (*only if we want it*) which we can use to brag about our Audubon Club's accomplishments. **WOW! In 1 day, enough Board members had stepped up and volunteered to do the work needed with the exhibit table!** What a PHENOMINAL response! Thank you, Audubon Club Board of Directors!

NOTE: If you are planning to attend and participate in the events at the 2022 Florida Birding and Nature Festival, reduced-price Early Bird registration tickets are available until July 31st. If interested, go to:

[<www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org>](http://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org)

and click on "TICKETS".

2022 paid membership currently stands at 164.

Enjoy your summer!

Dennis Morris

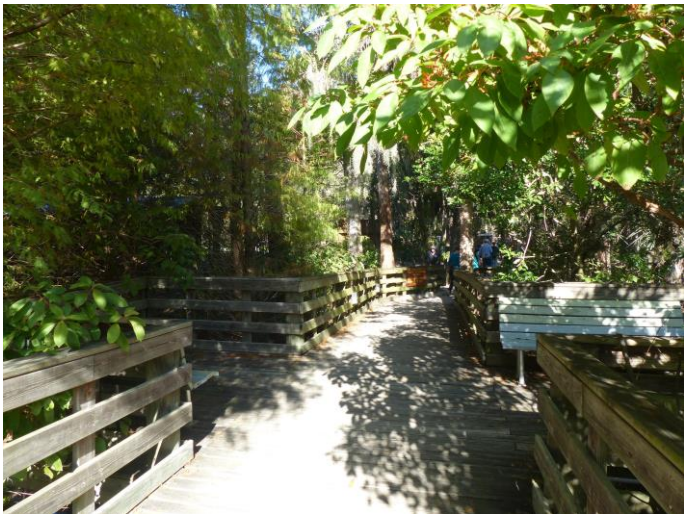




*Field Trips
Save the Dates*

*Boyd Hill Nature Preserve
Thursday, September 22, 2022*

This is our fall migrant birding trip. Boyd Hill is located at the southern end of Pinellas County and offers lots of easy walking trails. There is even a collection of non-releasable live raptors we can enjoy, and a small environmental display, restrooms and gift shop. Luncheon to be determined. Entrance fee is \$3.00 per person at the Preserve.



*Circle B Bar Reserve
Friday, October 14, 2022*

This 1,267-acre former cattle ranch in Lakeland offers some of the finest birding in central Florida. There is a Visitor Center with displays and restrooms. The trails along a lake offer great views of wading birds, hawks and alligators! Entry is free. Luncheon at Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille in Lakeland.

Both trips meet at the Community Hall at 9 AM.

Please sign up on our website at
www.sccaudubonclub.com



Reminder, if you have not signed up yet for the **Mote Marine Laboratory Boat Tour on Wednesday August 17**, be sure to sign up today at www.sccaudubonclub.com

Reintroducing the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in Florida

Copy and paste below link in your explorer to follow this story from the Nature Conservancy

[Reintroducing the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in Florida | TNC \(nature.org\)](https://www.nature.org/usa/conservation/conservation-stories/2017/01/17-reintroducing-the-red-cockaded-woodpecker-in-florida/)



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