



Sun City Center Audubon Club

October 2026

President's Corner

Greetings to everyone!

Our first meeting will be held on October 3 in the Florida Room. We will begin at 9:30 with our usual coffee hour. Please bring your own mugs, we will not have many extra drinking cups available. Also remember we have a great share table where you can take or leave an item of birding/conservation interest.

We have lots of great news to share with you all about our trail expansion and the bluebird trail. Our speaker is Dave Goodwin, a local birding expert,

New memberships and renewals will be collected from October to January 2027. Membership is \$15.00 annually, which allows you to attend meetings and go on our monthly field trips. The money we collect goes to our projects for maintenance: the Nature Trail here in SCC and the Bluebird Trail.

We will be discussing ways to fundraise the new trail. Anyone interested in helping with this can let me know at the meeting or send me an email, pamgeov@gmail.com. We will be forming a committee to help with this.

We will also have a signup sheet at the meeting for volunteers to help at Hi Neighbor in November. Please consider helping with any or all of our endeavors.

This year our Trail Day will be held on October 30. We're calling it "Spooky Trail Day", and while it won't be dark of night, you may find some scary things along the trail.

We need help in the following areas for Trail Day:

Artists who can help make scary décor

Day of event:

Traffic control

Greeters(sign-in)

Membership (we will sign members up that day)

Trail Buddies (sit along the trail to inform and assist people)

Please call, text or email Melanie Higgins at 813-625-1271, MelaniePHiggins@gmail.com

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See everyone in October!

Pam Viner, President

Reminder for Volunteers for Saturday Meeting

If you are helping with setting up, please be at the hall by 8:30am.

If you are helping at a table, (sign in, donations, dues) please arrive by 8:50am

Looking forward to seeing all of you this coming Saturday.

Field Trip Report

The Audubon club field trips have already begun! Seven of us traveled to Boyd Hill Preserve in St. Pete for our September field trip. We saw the captive raptors and walked a portion of the boardwalk. We went on to the trail to Lake Maggiore and the island. We saw few birds, unfortunately. Merlin heard a red-bellied woodpecker, blue jay, common grackle, and blue-gray gnatcatcher.

The future field trips will include the Hillsborough River State Park in October and Seven Wetlands in Lakeland in November. We will try to get a bus for the Harry Leu Gardens in Orlando in December.

In January, I thought we might do an overnight in order to visit the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples. More info to come soon.

In February we plan to visit Lettuce Lake Park. The rest of 2027 remains open for now.

Let's enjoy the seasonal weather coming to Florida and see some birds!

Sabine Prather, Field Trip Coordinator



Lake Maggiore at Boyd Hill

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Costa Rica
April 3-11, 2027**

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Please go to www.sccaudubonclub.com for details on signing up.

Contact Marcee Smith to make your \$250 (refundable) deposit. Final payment is due in December. We will have members who are looking for roommates and we can assist with these arrangements.

Contact Pam Viner, President for more details

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

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Thomas Bredeesen
Rod Brogan

James Carpenter

Robert Linton

Gary Ludwig

Jody Masterson

Linda McGee

Jane Mitchell

Beverly Moody

Diane Panone

Sylvia Pomrenke

Alan Renfrow

Jan Ulics



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