

#### OVAS - Join/Renew/Support

You are what hope looks like to a bird. We're in a race against time to give birds and wildlife a fighting chance in a changing world. Show your love today by joining, renewing, or donating to Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society (OVAS).

Membership benefits include: Household membership (\$20/yr); Timely, relevant news about birds, their habitats, and the issues that affect them; Planned birding, environmental, and community events happening near you; A powerful voice in the fight to protect birds and wildlife, plus advocacy opportunities; Oklawaha Valley Audubon's bi-monthly newsletter and other communications; Support for OVAS partner organizations; Special offers and discounts available only to members.

By joining or renewing your local Audubon chapter, you support Oklawaha Valley Audubon directly. All funds stay with our chapter and support the organization of educational programs, field trips, our conservation efforts, as well as allow us to help our partner organizations locally. We appreciate your support annually at the beginning of each FY/program year, which is July 1. Membership is not a requirement to attend or participate in the OVAS programs or field trips. There are 3 ways to join/renew OVAS locally. (1) You can use the renewal form at the back of every *The Limpkin Call* newsletter and mail your check to OVAS, PO Box 268, Eustis, FL 32727. (2) You can pay at a monthly program with cash or check. (3) You can go to <https://oklawaha-valley-audubon.org/membership/> and pay with PayPal.

For additional information see

<https://oklawaha-valley-audubon.org/>

and

<https://www.facebook.com/Oklawaha-Valley-Audubon-Society-OVAS-562171907459263/?ref=nf>

Email:

OklawahaAudubon@gmail.com



#### OVAS Vision Statement

A world in which people and wildlife thrive.

#### OVAS Mission Statement

The Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society leads the community in protecting birds, wildlife, and the places they need throughout Lake County and the region using science, advocacy and conservation.

# Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society

September 2021 - June 2022



Incorporated 1966

## Programs

Our monthly programs are held on the first Sunday of the Month, at 2:00 pm, either in person or perhaps on Zoom, and usually at Trout Lake Nature Center (520 East County Road 44, Eustis, FL 32736), unless indicated otherwise. Please bring a chair for our outdoor meetings. Speaker/topic are subject to change. Details will be published in *The Limpkin Call* newsletters. Contact Michele Cotty at [memishel@yahoo.com](mailto:memishel@yahoo.com) for more information on programs.

**September 12, 2021** - *What I Did Last Summer*; meeting outdoors at home of Stacey Kelly, Eustis

**October 3** - Jason Evans (Stetson Environmental Science Professor) – *Environmental and Wetland Restoration*

**November 7** - Discussion Panel - *Making a Difference*

**December 5** - *Holiday Luncheon* with TLNC, FNPS, and Photo Club

**January 2, 2002** - Jay Garcia (Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Forest Service) - *Ocala National Forest Management*

**February 6** - Anna Forsman (Ornithologist, University of Central Florida) - *Purple Martins*

**March 6** - *Annual Meeting*; Jim Gross (Executive Director, Florida Defenders of the Environment) - *The Great Florida Riverway*

**April 3** - Rebekah Davis (UCF) - *Accomplishments of the Knighthawk Audubon UCF Chapter*; meeting outdoors at PEAR Park, Leesburg

**May 1** - Jacqui Sulek (Audubon Florida) - *Jay Watch*

**June 5** - *My Favorite Bird*

## Field Trips

Scheduling is tentative and subject to change. *The Limpkin Call* newsletter will provide more details on each trip.

**September 22, 2021** Tavares Nature Park; then brown bag lunch on the lawn at Stephens home

**October 9-10** The Big Sit! MacDonald Pavilion (Mt. Dora)

**October 17** Stetson Aquatics Center (Deland)

**November 14** afternoon hike at Pine Meadows Conservation Area (Eustis); then brown bag snack/meal

**December 17** Emerald Marsh Christmas Bird Count

**December 21** Audubon Center for Birds of Prey (Maitland)

**January 11, 2022** Merritt Island NWR

**February 5-11** Grand Bahama Island Birding, Nature and Tourist Adventure Tour

**February 22** Ocala National Forest scrub; brown bag supper at home of Michele Cotty (Altoona)

**March 30** Circle B Bar Reserve (Lakeland)

**April TBD** - maybe an overnight

**May TBD**

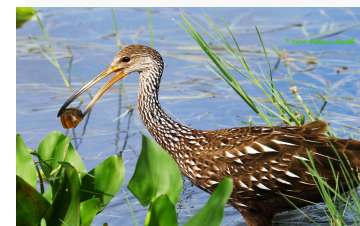
**June TBD**

## Other Upcoming Events

October 21 - November 6 [2021 Audubon Assembly](#) field trips and virtual events.

December 2-6 [The North Shore Birding Festival](#) on Lake Apopka

February 2-6 [25th Annual Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival](#) (Titusville)



**Field Trips are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Please contact the trip leader to confirm a space and for more information, including carpooling instructions. For most trips you will need outdoor shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat, raingear or jacket, binoculars (of course), water, and a snack or lunch. We suggest a donation of \$10/ adult for each field trip for OVAS members and \$15/adult for non-members; children are free. Actual costs, such as entry fees, etc., are separate, and are noted in each write-up. Check our [website](#) for updated information and to register, and to view photos from recent field trips. Depending on the number of participants, we may use the pod concept to limit group size. If you have questions about field trips, please contact Peg Lindsay at [peg26805@icloud.com](mailto:peg26805@icloud.com)**