



# The Limpkin Call

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## President's column

Fall is officially here... birds are migrating to warmer weather. I have seen several reports of a few rarities passing through. A Rufous Hummingbird, Dovekie, and a Red-Legged Honey Creeper. With that being said. An interesting tidbit to share is a weather radar can "see" much more than weather. Recently, a radar located near Merritt Island picked up an elongated echo. Which was the movement of some song birds migrating south. As, a result of this there was a large fallout. This means birds are taking a break to rest during severe weather.

One of my favorite things to do is to see how many different types of birds and butterflies we can spot in our yard. Even in fall, there are lots of different colors and shapes fluttering here and there.

Be a Little Wild this fall and Winter—leaving some of your yard wild and overgrown provides shelter, wild food sources, and puddling opportunities for birds and butterflies.

Start with Nectar Plants—Nectar plants are food for the birds. Especially the hummingbirds and butterflies. Pentas, salvia, firecracker, firebush... there are so many to choose from.

A few things to share with everyone.

As of Nov. 1, anyone entering Trout Lake Nature Center will be charged an entry fee of \$5 per vehicle. If they are current TLNC member, there is no charge for entry. All members were emailed membership cards, and will be given a static cling with their membership for their cars. So, the next OVAS and NPS meetings non-TLNC members will need to pay the entry fee, our December 11th Holiday Luncheon.

Lastly, a little reminder to renew your membership if you have not... :)

I hope you are getting out to enjoy our cooler weather. Share

what cool spots and birds you are seeing out there.

From the OVAS Board—Michele, Sherry, Jane, Peg, Judy, Maria, and myself we hope everyone is doing well. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Stacey

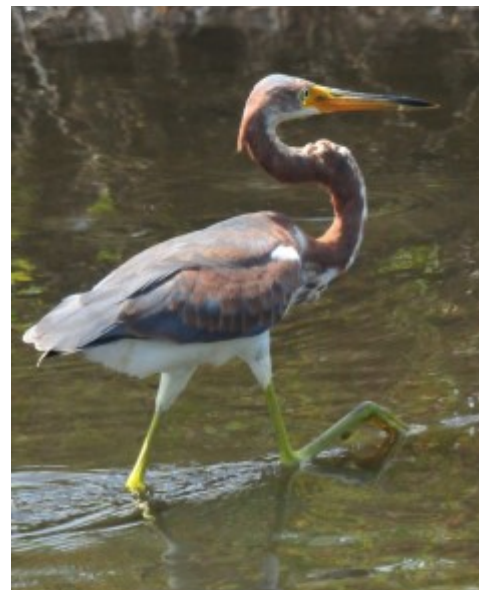


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## At-a-Glance

December 2 — Nominations for Conservationist of the Year Due

December 11, 2022 1 pm—Holiday Luncheon TLNC

## PROGRAMS

Our monthly programs are held on the first Sunday of the Month, at 2:00pm, either in person or perhaps on Zoom, and usually at Trout Lake Nature Center, unless indicated otherwise. Bring a chair for our outdoor meetings.

*Happy Holidays!*

Members and volunteers for In Focus Photo Club, Beautyberry Chapter of the FL. Native Plant Society, Trout Lake Nature Center, PAWS Therapy Dogs and the Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Holiday Potluck. All are encouraged to bring their own plates and dining ware to “walk the talk.”



**Date:** Sunday, December 11

**Serving Time:** 1 PM (bring your dish 0.5 hours before serving begins)

**Location:** Trout Lake Nature Center, 520 East CR 44, Eustis

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## Conservationist of the Year Nomination Guidelines

Since 2008, Oklawaha Valley Audubon has presented a Conservationist Award at the annual December luncheon with our environmental friends. Two of those awards were an award for Conservationist of the Decade and the other for a Lifetime of Conservation, the remaining awards have been **Conservationist of the Year**.

The **Conservationist of the Year** award recognizes persons who contribute to conservation in Lake County. The recipients have ranged from citizen activists to a journalist, and to a County Commissioner. We would like to invite your organization to submit a nominee(s).

Please provide a brief narrative (500 words or less) that provides the following information.

**Name of Nominee:**

**Nominee's affiliations:**

**How long the nominee has been active in conservation in Lake County:**

**Background, and Projects/Accomplishments of the Nominee:**

Please submit your nominations via email to Stacey Heinemann ( [OklawahaAudubon@gmail.com](mailto:OklawahaAudubon@gmail.com) ) and Lavon Silvernell ( [lavonsilvernell@gmail.com](mailto:lavonsilvernell@gmail.com) ) no later than Friday, December 2nd. The award will be presented at our Holiday potluck luncheon on December 8 at Trout Lake Nature Center. Besides a certificate of honor, the award also includes a Lifetime Membership in Oklawaha Valley Audubon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 352-432-8866.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheon on December 11th at Trout Lake Nature Center.

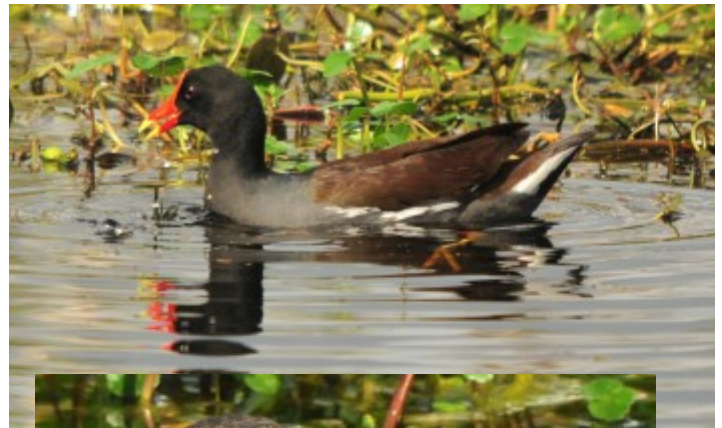


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## Please join the American Birding Association for the reveal of the 2023 Bird of the Year!

Each New Year provides a blank canvas for the global birdwatching community, as we reset our annual lists to zero. With 2022 winding down, the ABA gave artist **Liz Clayton Fuller** her own blank canvas on which to paint a beloved ABA Area bird. With her artwork complete, it's nearly time for the unveiling!

Over the past decade, the **ABA Bird of the Year** announcement has become a much-anticipated holiday surprise, and in recent years we've gathered the community together to celebrate.

The featured bird and artwork debut on **Sat., Dec. 10, 2022, at 5pm EST** at the Warner Park Nature Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Limited VIP tickets are available for those who wish to attend this exclusive event. For those who can't join us in person, the unveiling of the bird and the original artwork can be watched live via our online broadcast to be hosted at [aba.org](http://aba.org).

What would an ABA get-together be without some birding? We are excited to announce **free bird walks and workshops** in Nashville on the mornings of **Sat., Dec. 10, and Sun., Dec. 11**. These ABA walks will give us all a chance to enjoy early-winter incursion of "snow birds" as we stroll local parks guided by expert ABA staff and board members. **Please join us if you can!**

### EVENT DETAILS

#### Saturday, Dec 10 • 8am-10am

Guided Bird Walk with ABA 2020 Young Birder of the Year Adrianna Nelson and ABA board member and Nashville local Chris Sloan  
SHELBY BOTTOMS NATURE CENTER

#### Saturday, Dec 10 • 2pm-4pm

Workshop MOTUS and Hermit Thrush Research with BIRD research program coordinator Laura Cook and Friends of Warner Park  
WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER

#### Saturday, Dec 10 • 5pm-8pm

ABA 2023 Bird of the Year VIP Reveal Event  
WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER

#### Sunday, Dec 11 • 8am-10am

Can we find our Bird of the Year here?  
Join this fun walk with ABA staff and board to find out!  
RADNOR LAKE STATE PARK

#### Sunday, Dec 11 • 11am-1pm

Workshop field sketching with ABA 2023 Artist of the Year Liz Clayton Fuller  
EDWIN WARNER PARK SHELTER 6

For more information and to sign up, visit [aba.org/birdoftheyear](http://aba.org/birdoftheyear)

## National Audubon Society Survey

National Audubon CEO Elizabeth Gray, PH.D. is looking for your feedback to help frame their strategic plan, and is looking for your input to be part of its development.

From the email we received from Dr. Gray:

Our strategic plan will define the conservation impact Audubon aims to achieve, the main actions we will take, and the organizational culture we are building. I know the direction and decisions taken by Audubon can significantly impact the work of your Chapter, so I need to hear from you. I value your input.

From now through the end of the year, we are reaching out to all Chapters and Ambassadors online as well as holding virtual focus groups and interviews. **I invite you to take 15 minutes to share your views [here](#) and to share this invitation with other members of your Chapter. This survey will remain open until November 30, 2022.**

In the new year, we will invite your input again with a focus on the activities Audubon will undertake to implement the vision laid out in the strategic plan. Your feedback is very important. I hope you are able to take the survey and help us build a plan that positions Audubon to be an even stronger voice for birds, people, and the planet.

The survey is a mixture of Agree/Disagree with statements, and open-ended where you have an opportunity to explain your response.

Your participation with this survey will help guide the National Audubon Society into the future.

<https://www.audubon.org/>



Photo by Mark Heinemann

# Field Trip to Appleton Museum of Art

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Saturday, September 17

September is one of those iffy months, weather-wise, in Central Florida. It's likely too hot for an outdoor field trip for most of us. So we decided to look for the painted birds on the walls.

I was surprised. This was my first visit to this museum and I expect at some point in the future I will go back for another look. It was that much fun. I think of museums in terms of hanging wall art and photography (after about 2 rooms of this I'm bored). This museum has its share of hanging wall art and photography. But much more so were the whimsical as well as decorative objects and religious/cultural artifacts from all over the world: pottery, tapestry, clothing, porcelain and beautiful decorative objects.

Well, also, when you get a bunch of birders together they look for birds. So we looked for birds in the decorative objects that we saw. Here's a sample.



Photos by Peg Lindsay

My favorite object in the museum was a little sculpture of a dachshund. Pure whimsy.



Audubon Florida's website has several Educational Webinars if you are interested:

[Educational Webinars | Audubon Florida](#)



Additional pictures from the Appleton Museum of Art



# North Shore Birding Festival

December 1-5, 2022

The seventh annual **NORTH SHORE BIRDING FESTIVAL**, sponsored by Orange Audubon Society (OAS), hosts 70 trips—Thursday morning, December 1st through Monday, December 5th—on the Lake Apopka North Shore and other Central Florida birding hotspots.

## **For out-of-town participants:**

See the [Locations and Lodging](#) page for a map of trip locations and some suggestions.

- The festival uses the Youth Camp at beautiful Wekiwa Springs State Park for catered keynote dinners and evening owl and woodcock walks on Friday and Saturday evenings. If you WILL participate in these evening events, we recommend you book a place to stay in the Apopka area. In the next day or two, the Hampton Inn and Suites Orlando/Apopka, will be giving us a link for you to book using our festival group rate.
- If you are sure you WON'T be participating in the evening events, we recommend you book a place to stay on the Lake County side of the North Shore, closer to the McDonald Canal area. Unfortunately, the same weekend are events in Clermont and Mount Dora, so no hotels really close would give us a group rate. But we have secured a group rate at the Microtel in Leesburg, not too far.

[Email us](#) for links to group rates we have been able to secure.

## **For everyone:**

Here's the link to the updated festival website schedule page: <https://northshorebirdingfestival.com/schedule>

Here is the most up-to-date downloadable [at-a-glance](#) trip listing (5 pages).

Trips tailored toward photographers are highlighted in green.

College students can register for half price for most trips and there are [travel reimbursement scholarships](#) for out of town students. Young Birders can take advantage of reduced pricing.

As you register, remember that you have to fill in the Google questionnaire with liability form. Here's the link to that. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoe4-GTLEnZTAwZJbGfbxsSgpSgpSsZjCVm8\\_J37CFFIC-Gw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoe4-GTLEnZTAwZJbGfbxsSgpSgpSsZjCVm8_J37CFFIC-Gw/viewform)

You can register for up to 2 people and each person must fill out the Google questionnaire.

And here finally is the link to register!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EA9A92CA3FF2-2022>



Photo by Mark Heinemann  
At Lake Apopka North Shore





Treasurer's Report				Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society			
August 2022				Treasurer's Report			
Summary of Statements from United Southern Bank				Festival of Flight and Flowers			
Description	Debits	Credits	Balance	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
Beginning Balance			10,208.90	Beginning			1,028.52
PayPal		90.00					
Membership		110.74					
Bowen Schroth Attorneys at Law	147.50						
Ending Balance	147.50	200.74	10,262.14	Ending Bal-			1,028.52
September 2022				Sept 2022			
Description	Debits	Credits	Balance	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
Beginning Balance			10,262.14	Beginning Balance			1,028.52
PayPal		81.34					
Amazon Smile		5.27					
Ending Balance	0.00	86.61	10,348.75	Ending Balance			1,028.52

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## OVAS Board of Directors

POSITION

NAME

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- vacant -

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Lisa Cain



## 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. Receive OVAS' bi-monthly newsletter and other communications; Helping to support OVAS partner organizations; Special offers and discounts available only to members.

By joining or renewing your local Audubon chapter, you support OVAS 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 OVAS programs or field trips.

There are three ways to join/renew OVAS locally:

You can use the join/renewal form below. Mail your check to OVAS, PO Box 268, Eustis FL 32727

You can pay at a monthly program by cash or check

You can go to <https://oklawaha-valley-audubon.org/membership/> and pay with PayPal

### OVAS Membership Application

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Committee you would be willing to volunteer with:

\_\_\_ Citizen Science Committee— help organize or participate in annual Emerald Marsh Christmas Bird Count, monthly bird counts, monitor local rookeries, and/ or record field trip reports data

\_\_\_ Fundraising Committee— Assist with Donation box, raffles, and special events

\_\_\_ Hospitality Committee— Help with refreshments for membership meetings and potlucks

\_\_\_ Membership Committee— membership and email list, new name tags, sign-in book

\_\_\_ Conservation Committee— attend public meetings, help write letters to legislators

\_\_\_ Outreach Committee— Set up displays at events, maintain bulletin board at TLNC, advertise events in newspapers/internet

\_\_\_ Digital Communications Committee— website, emails, Facebook, and other social media

\_\_\_ Newsletter Committee— bi-monthly electronic newsletter and OCAS brochures

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