



Everglades Birding Festival

BECOME ONE WITH THE RIVER OF GRASS

JANUARY 12-17, 2011

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



JOIN IN THE FUN

TARGET BIRDS



*Snail Kite*Limpkin*Painted Bunting* Purple Gallinule*Peregrine Falcon*Sora* *Roseate Spoonbill*Smooth-billed ani *Short-eared Owl*Short-tailed Hawk* *Brown-headed Nuthatch*Wood Stork* **Reddish Egret**Common Myna**Crested Caracara**Burrowing Owl** *Cuban

Yellow Warbler**White-tailed Kite*Lesser Nighthawk*

Field

Workshops-Behavior, Habitat, Bird by Ear, Advanced Birding Skills

FEATURING TOP EXPERTS*SPONSORED BY BIRDING ADVENTURES**

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All events begin and end at La Quinta Site

WED-1/12/11	<p>Opening Reception-Festival & Everglades Ecology Workshop-registration required Registration-3:30-4:00 p.m. Everglades Ecology & Festival Orientation-4-5:30 Happy Hour & Birding Fun-5:30-6:30 p.m. ATTENDENCE WILL GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE! KEYNOTE SPEAKER-PADDY CUNNINGHAM-Everglades, Unique and Precious</p>
THURS-1/13 12-1:30 p.m. 2:00-7:00 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOPS-9-12 noon Expert Larry Manfredi will present information on the identification on Florida specialities on land and sea. FLORIDA SPECIALITIES-9:00-10:00 (\$10) -Gain expert knowledge on the identification of special birds of south Florida-Mangrove Cuckoo, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Short-tailed Hawk and much more. PELAGIC SEA BIRDS-10:30-11:30 (\$10)-Many trips to the Dry Tortugas has helped Larry become one the top experts on pelagics in the birding world. Learn how to better identify these birds to get ready to go to sea KEY BISCAYNE & SHOREBIRDS 7:00-12:30 At Crandon Park & Bill Baggs State Park we'll gain shorebird identification skills while searching for-Piping Plovers, Wilson Plover, Lesser Great Black Gull, seabirds and shorebirds. Also any rare vagrants that may be around. Cost-\$35 REGISTRATION-12:00-1:30 p.m.-LAST CHANCE to add additional tours BROWARD HOT SPOTS- Search Broward's Hot Spots for Smooth-billed Ani, Purple Swamphen, Common Myna, Burrowing Owl's and others. An incredible sunset fly in of hundreds of wading birds at Long Key will be viewed and possibly Great-horned Owl. (\$35) BONNET HOUSE EXPERIENCE-Travel back in time to open porches, lush gardens and tropical living while visiting the historic Bonnet House, which will include a guided house tour, owl night hike and tropical hammock walk (\$40)</p>
FRI.-1/14 6:15-check in, 6:30 day orientation, 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	<p>CORKSCREW & PRAIRIES Corkscrew Swamp is a "must" see in south Florida with 2-mile board walk and legendary beauty. There is a chance of Painted Bunting, Barred Owl, Limpkin, Night Herons and more. We'll visit the nature centers' exhibits. During lunch a speaker will give us an update on Corkscrew. On Seminole Indian lands-Snake Road there is a chance for Crested Caracara, Wild Turkey, White-tailed Kite and Sandhill Cranes. (\$75) PALM BEACH WETLANDS, Wacodahachee, Green Cay & Okeeheelee At Okeeheelee possible Painted Bunting, Wood Ducks & Sand-hill Crane. Green Cay wetlands' attracts Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, & Sora. Wacodahachee harbors Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, American Bittern and much more. Lunch (\$70)</p>
SAT.-1/15 6:15-check in, 6:30-day orientation, 7:00 a.m.- 6:00-p.m.	<p>STORM WATER TREATMENT AREA 5, Everglades Restoration at it's best at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 targeting Snail, Kite, American Bittern, Peregrine Falcon, Purple Gallinule, up to 10 species of wintering ducks and 60,000 birds. Lunch is at the famous Clewiston Inn for a yummy southern buffet. Cost-\$85 SOUTH DADE EXOTICS & WETLANDS South Dade is home to some of the most sought after birds Red-whiskered Bulbul, Spot-breasted Oriole, and Hill Myna. A stop at AD Barnes for wintering warblers and possible White-crowned Pigeon. Old Cutler Wetlands and Dump Marsh can have some rare birds such as Short-tailed Hawk. The day will end looking for parakeets and other exotics in Miami Springs. Cost:\$70. 8 Required min.</p>
SUN.-1/16 6:15-check in, 6:30-day orientation, 7:00 a.m.- late return	<p>EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK OR HAWK/SHOREBIRD II WORKSHOP CHOSE to tour the entire park OR FOCUS on Hawks and Shorebirds while in the Park. The ENP tour will start at Lucky Hammock for White-tailed Kite, raptors & lots more. Anhinga trail offers close views of wading birds, A picnic lunch at Long Pine Key can bring E. Bluebird, Brown-headed Nuthatch and E. Towhee. A few quick stop at Paurotis, Mrazek, and Eco-Ponds for Roseate Spoonbills and more At Flamingo look on the sandbar for Black Skimmer, Reddish Egret, White Pelican and many shorebirds. OR FIELD WORKSHOP Lucky Hammock had a 14 species of raptors last year and wintering sparrows. On Research Rd. we will search for E. Meadowlark and Short-tailed Hawk. Flamingo sand bar for shorebirds Then onto the park to see as many species as possible. Schedule may vary on tide and rare bird alerts. Cost-(\$70)</p>
MON-1/17/11 6:15-check in, 6:30-orient., 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.	<p>UPPER KEY & SOUTH DADE At Card Sound we will look for "Cuban Yellow Warbler and Clapper Rail. North Key Largo is our best chance for Black-whiskered Vireo, Mangrove Cuckoo and White-crowned Pigeon. The North Key Largo Wildlife Center is a great place to see a variety of birds and possible Great White Heron. John Penekamp State Park will include a short hike and time to see the aquariums. A late lunch at the world's famous Alabama Jack's waterfront restaurant. Old Cutler Wetlands can bring a wide variety of shorebirds and waterfowl. Quick stop at Dump Marsh. (\$85)</p>

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