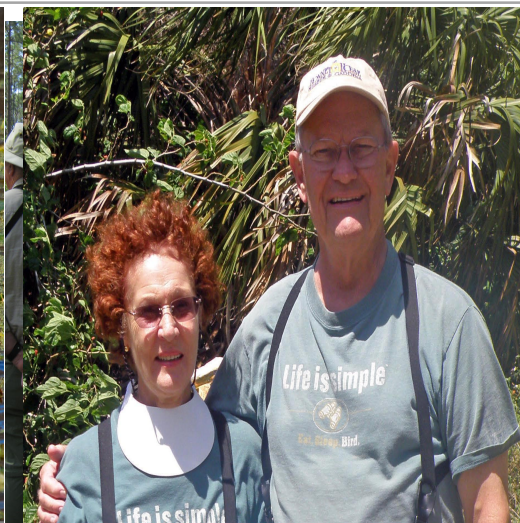


EVERGLADES BIRDING FESTIVAL 2012



FIELD TRIPS

BROW Great-horned Owl
HOT Burrowing Owl
SPOTS Purple Swamp Hen
 54 sp.

CORK Painted Bunting
SCREW Crested Caracara
 75 sp. Limpkin, Pileated Woodpecker

PALM Eastern Screech Owl Sora, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, RB Humm.
 62 sp.

STA 5 Snail Kite, Gadwall,
 67 sp. Bonaparte's Gull, American Bittern, Marsh Wren,

SOUTH Common Myna, Hill
DADE Myna, White-eyed, Yellow-cheveroned Mitred Parakeets, Great Cormorant

ENP Short-tailed Hawk,
 91sp Whippoorwill, Brown-headed Nuthatch Lesser Nighthawk

KEYS Horned Grebe
 42 sp. Magnificent Frigatebird

“It was a Fantastic Adventure” Nancy Russo, Miami, Fl

4th Annual Festival 1/12-17/12 162 sp



Birders came from 10 states to South Florida to see rare birds, Florida specialties and visit top birding hot spots such as Corkscrew Swamp, Wakadahatchee & Green Cay Wetlands, South Dade, Stormwater Treatment Area 5, Everglades National Park and the Upper Florida Keys. The festival provided intense birding at a relaxed pace where participants gained advanced identification skills through mini-workshops. These were applied during full day field trips. A great atmosphere existed between the expert guides and birders that created an excellent learning environment, that was fun too! Over the weekend many new life birds were found and new friends made.



“We want to thank you so much for the wonderful birding adventure this week. It couldn’t have been better.”
Clair & Linda Haakensen



Everglade Birding Festival Trip Reports

Broward Hot Spots 54 sp.

Burrowing Owls poked their adorable heads out of their holes at Brian Piccolo. Ring-necked & Mottled Ducks were close at Target wetlands. As promised the Great Horned Owl flew overhead and landed in majestic Live Oaks at Long Key Nature Center. As a peach, lavender sunset closed on a great first day, Purple SwampHens delighted many birders

Corkscrew Swamp 75 sp.

Brilliant red, blue and yellow of Painted Bunting greeted us from the feeder. A frantic mixed flock kept us busy with Summer Tanager, Blue-headed Vireo Yellow-throated Warbler and Northern Parula. With patience we all got onto a Great-crested Flycatcher and Eastern Phoebe. Through the prairies Crested Caracara hunted along the road.

Upper Keys 42 sp.

A rare Brown-crested Flycatcher greeted us at the Key Largo Preserve. A walk around the Key Largo Wildlife Rehab. Refuge had many surprises Great “White” Heron and Prairie Warbler. Walking out to the bay a much sought after Magnificent Frigatebird with its angular wings graced us. Catching our eye popping up and down was a Horned Grebe. At John Pennekamp Ruddy Turnstone and Sanderling feed along the sand. Ending a wonderful weekend was lunch at the famous Alabama Jacks for Conch Fritters and Conch Chowder.



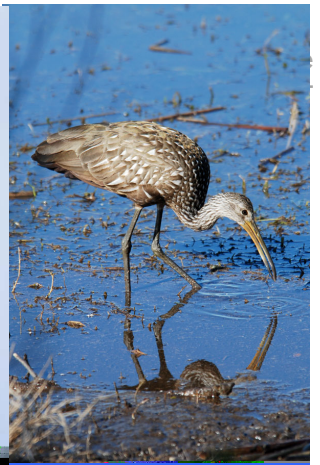
Everglades National Park 91 sp.

Lucky Hammock is a great place to start with a brilliant Vermillion, Scissor-tailed and Ash-throated Flycatchers. Sulking along at Anhinga trail was an American Bittern and a Short-tailed Hawk kettling with Vultures. Eastern Bluebird & Brown-headed Nuthatch appeared while munching at our cold chicken picnic lunch. Mrazek Pond was at a 15 year peak with more than 20 species Wood Stork, Roseate Spoon -

bill, BC & YC Night Heron, BW & GW Teal. A log in the mangroves turned into an American Crocodile. The Flamingo sandbar was filled with 2000 birds including a rare Wudherman Heron, Common Loon and Marbled Godwit. With the sun setting and a 3 minute window to see a Lesser Night hawk we raced back to Lucky Hammock and got 2, plus a Whippoorwill with some eye shining on an awesome day in the “River of Grass”.



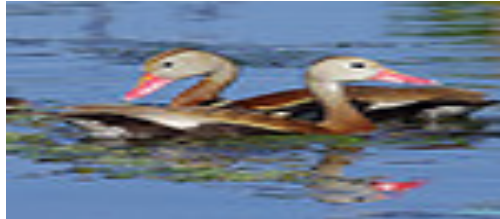
“You made our birding trips more meaningful than one can ever imagine- every outing a great adventure. Sue Hagen, Delray, Fl.



“It was a lot of fun and rewarding to see some of the life birds an my list.” Susan Frank, Sacramento, Ca.

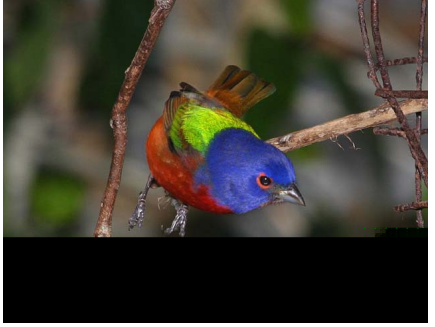
“Paddy thank you so much for your generous work shops and for sharing your staggering knowledge with us. We all had a great time! I know I imposed upon you a lot about other things as well as birds (snakes, plants, etc..) and I appreciate your patience and humor.”

Barbara Dix



SOUTH DADE sp.

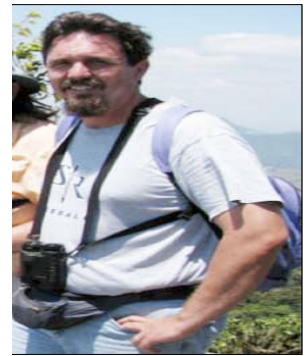
Bill Baggs attracts many rare birds and Great Commorant and Lesser Black-backed Gull were seen, Near Univ. of Miami, flock of Mitred Parakeets flew for a close view. Other exotics included Red-masked, White-eyed and Yellow-cheveroned Parakeets. Leader David Simpson did a great job finding target bird in the busy city.



Palm Beach Wetlands 62 sp Green Cay is the best place to see Sora, wading birds and ducks up close. Painted Buntings were found at the feeder and a Screech Owl was in a box. Purple Gallinule and American Bittern seen. Leader Jim Eager loved showing EBF birders and local kids birds through his new scope.

DAVID SIMPSON-NOW offering trips to DRY TORTUGAS****

David is one of Florida’s premier birders. A fanatical lister he holds ABA records in: Fl. Big Year (2nd), Fl. Big Day (1st), Fl. Life List (4th) and at least 125 species in 67 Fl. Counties. David has spent 35 years in the field and 12 years as a State Park Ranger. He is currently doing environmental consultant work throughout the state. He is a highly requested leader at many festivals and is an excellent private guide. www.birdingwithdavidsimpson.com



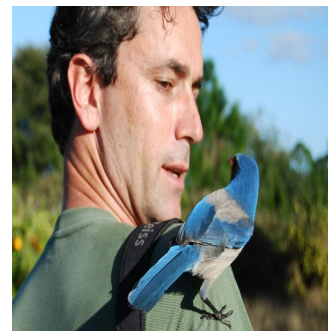
JIM EAGER *NOW Raising funds for Fl. Keys Hawkwatch*****

A retired from BellSouth, a bird feeder, cheap binoculars and a bird guide was all he needed to become obsessed with birding. Currently he was an Assistant Coordinator for the 2011 Florida Keys Hawkwatch and 2008 Hawkwatch Project. He works as a Naturalist for the Dolphingirl Cruises & Eco-Tours in the Indian River Lagoon. For 4 years he has been a leader and speaker at the Space Coast Birding Festival. beachbirder@bellsouth.net



JAMES CURRIE, Birding Adventure, TV Keynote Speaker

James Currie, a native of south Africa, is the host and producer of the popular show Birding Adventures T.V. Previously he lead wildlife and birding tours for years throughout Central and South America, Africa, Europe, North America, Australia, and Iceland to name a few. He is contributor to numerous magazines and popular speaker at birding festivals. James holds a degree in African Languages and Sustainable Environmental Management. He now lives in Florida and is a popular festival speaker.



PADDY CUNNINGHAM, Event Coordinator * NOW offering trips to Eastern Shore Hawk Watch 9/26 & COSTA RICA 3/24-30/13***

Paddy has been a professional Naturalist for more 25 years in South Florida, managing numerous nature center. Her specialty is birds, finding them and more importantly helping YOU learn how to identify them. Her company Birding Adventures offers an intimate experience focusing on building skills, finding rare birds and visiting beautiful places. She is the Coordinator of this Everglades Birding Festival sharing with you the love of her native home. Paddy is popular speaker at Space Coast and Big O Birding festivals. In 2008, despite being a busy full time Mom and Teacher she was first in Florida for a Big Year and 27th in ABA area. She is Florida’s ABA Ambassador promoting the fun of birding and ethics. www.birdadventure.com
www.evergladesbirdingfestival.com



BIRDING ADVENTURES, SPONSOR

Birding Adventures take birders throughout Florida specializing in the Everglades, Corkscrew, STA 5 and the Keys. Special Getaway weekends include Merrit Island, Sanibel Island and Dry Tortugas. Annual trips to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and the tropics-such as Costa Rica, Panama & Dominican Republic are great getaways with a relaxed pace, but intense birding. Paddy teaches birding classes at the historic Bonnet House and hopes to publish a book on Becoming a Bird Seeker in the future.



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Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
American White Pelican
Brown Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Anhinga
Magnificent Frigatebird
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
(Great White Heron)
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Egret
Black-crowned Night Heron
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Egyptian Goose
Black-bellied Whistling Duck
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Green-winged Teal
Mottled Duck
Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Snail Kite
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Crested Caracara
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Sora
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Purple Swamphen
Limpkin
Sandhill Crane
Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Lesser Blackbacked Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Forster's Tern
Black Skimmer

Rock Pigeon
Eurasian-collared Dove
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove
Monk Parakeet
Mitred Parakeet
White-eyed Parakeet
Yellow-cheverond Parakeet
Red-masked Parakeet
Chestnut-fronted Macaw
Eastern Screech Owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Barred Owl (H)
Whip-poor-will
Lesser Nighthawk
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Brown Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
N. R-winged Swallow
Tree Swallow
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin

Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling
Hill Myna
Common Myna
White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Painted Bunting
Eastern Towhee (H)
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Boat-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
House Sparrow
Nutmeg Mannikin
EBF-2012
162 species
14 Raptors
15 Shorebirds
4 Owls
5 Parakeets
6 Flycatchers
13 Warblers

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La Quinta Inn, Plantation, 8101 Peters Road, Plantation, Fl.

Broward Hot Spots, Corkscrew, S.T.A. 5, South Dade Exotics, Upper Keys, Palm Beach Wetlands, Everglades National Park, Flamingo Gardens Night Out

KEYNOTES-JAMES

CURRIE-Exotic Birding Spots, SAM FREID-Owls of N. A. PADDY



NEW KEYNOTE! Sam Fried

OWLS of N. A.-Sat. Jan. 19

Hunters of the night and birds of great legend, Owls of N.A. will be discussed by expert Sam Fried. He will us give us insights into their identification and solve the mysteries with his captured photos. Sam Fried is the founder of Flights of Fancy Adventures, LLC, which offers birding, photography, and natural history high quality trips to small groups to birding destinations. Over 1000 photos and 54 feature articles published in national magazines such as Birders World, Audubon and more. He is a past president of Hartford Audubon and has 740 bird species on his life list and 722 photographed. Sam will be leading field trips in 2013. WELCOME SAM!!

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Birding Skill Workshops

New Photography Workshop and Field Trips with Donald Mullaney-Thursday, Jan. 17 9:00 am

Calling all nature photographers!! The workshop will take place at the La Quinta Inn discussing use of camera equipment and best practices in getting a great picture. A short walk around nearby ponds will get you started on a great weekend. Palm Beach Wetlands trip will include in field nature photographer focus.

Don Mullaney is passionate about photography. His photographs have been published in numerous books and calendars and used by many Audubon chapters. He exhibits and sells his work and is excited to share his tips with you. Look at his photos on his site at donaldmullaney.smugmug.com

