

BIRDING CLASSES SCHEDULE 2023-2024

WHERE YOU LEARN THE I.D.!!

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Birding is the fastest growing leisure pursuit in the country. It gives you a lifetime of learning, enjoying natural areas, finding peaceful connections, camaraderie with fellow birders and exciting discoveries. These classes will give you the skills you need to become a better birder and will focus on common birds. Through a variety of field strategies covered through power point presentations, bird walks through the gardens, activities and numerous handouts YOU WILL LEARN THE I.D.



Bonnet House & Gardens, 900 N Birch Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

The Bonnet House is a historic home on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. It has a variety of plant habitats that make it great for birding such as mangroves, tropical hardwood hammock, freshwater pond, open areas and open gardens. It is along spring and fall migration routes and close to the beach for seabird flyovers.

Register for classes by contacting Linda at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 member, \$30 non-members. Cost includes admission to the Bonnet House, so come early to enjoy the gardens.

Sun. Oct. 8- The Wonderful World of Birding-Bonnet House-2:00-4:30 pm

Birding is the fastest growing leisure pursuits in the country. Find out about of the wonderful benefits of becoming a bird watcher, getting out in nature and meeting other passionate birders. A mixture of peaceful connection and thrilling discovery. Learn about great birding hot spots locally and throughout Florida. Find out about how to contact local birding groups and Florida resources that can get you started. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN on your phone.

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Sat.-Nov. 4-Ascend to Better Birding-Part I-The Tools of the Trade. 9:00-11:30 am

What does it take to become a Birder? What tools are needed to get you ready for a lifetime of learning Learn how to better use your binoculars, bird checklist and bird field guidebook including field marks, glossary, and family organization. Learn about some of the latest birding apps such as e-bird, Audubon and Merlin to make identification easier using your smart phone. Find out about of the wonderful benefits of becoming a bird watcher, great local birding hot spots, and wonderful birding opportunities locally, in Florida and tropical adventures abroad. The workshop includes an informative power point presentation, numerous hand outs and a bird walk through the gardens. Bring binoculars, and a field guide. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN app on your phone. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

Sat. Dec. 2-Ascend to Better Birding-Part II-Ten steps to better identification bird class-9:00-11:30 pm.

Learn a 10-step approach to increase your ability to identify birds such as family groups, behavior, silhouette, habitat, field marks, commonality, seasonality, birding by ear, plumage, use of checklist and apps. The class will include an informative power point, numerous handouts, workshop activity and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Bring binoculars, and a field guide. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN app on your phone. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

Sun. Jan. 7-Common Birds of South Florida-Wading and Backyard Birds, 2:00-4:30 pm

Learn to identify the common birds of south Florida, one of the TOP 10 birding destinations in the U.S. This class will focus on one of our specialties-Wading Birds. These birds commonly and easily seen everywhere on canal banks and wetlands, but all the white wading birds can be confusing. The class also focuses on commonly found birds in your yard and local parks. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and walk through the garden. Bring binoculars, and a field guide. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN app on your phone. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 member, \$30 non-members.

Sun. Feb. 4-Bird Behavior-A Key to Better I.D. bird class-2:00-4:30 PM.

Learn how observing bird behavior can be an essential tool to help in identifying a bird. Gain knowledge about flight and feeding behaviors that are unique to a variety of birds. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds. Cost includes admission to the Bonnet House, so come early to enjoy the gardens. Bring binoculars. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN app on your phone. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 member, \$30 non-members.

Sun. March 3-Birding by Habitat, where you can find birds-2:00-4:30 pm

People are creatures of habit. I say birds are creatures of habitat. One of the best ways to find the birds you seek is know what habitat where they can be found. Some birds are very specific like Scrub Jays and some more general like Northern Mockingbirds. Learn what birds are likely to be found in the incredible variety of Florida's natural habitats. The class will include an informative power point, numerous hand outs and a walk around the garden to look for birds in various habitats. Bring binoculars. Also, if possible, download the MERLIN app on your phone. CONTACT LINDA at (954) 563-5393 EXT 137. Cost \$25 member, \$30 non-members.