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Happy 4th of July

The majestic [Bald Eagle](#), emblem bird of the United States, is a year-round Florida resident. In serious decline during much of the 20th century, this raptor has made a comeback in many areas since the 1970s. A powerful predator at times, it is not always so majestic in its habits: it often feeds on carrion, including dead fish washed up on shore, and it steals food from Ospreys and other smaller birds. It is typically found close to water where prey is abundant.

Share the Shore this Holiday and Help Shorebirds Survive & Thrive!

- Give nesting birds plenty of space. Signs or volunteers usually alert us to nesting areas.
- Where pets are allowed on beaches, keep them leashed, away from birds and off dunes.
- Remove trash and food scraps, which attract foraging animals and potential predators.
- Stay on marked pathways, and do not traverse beach dunes or other nesting areas.

[More information from National Audubon Society about how to become a bird-friendly beachgoer.](#)

Regularly scheduled birding field trips will resume in mid-August. Share your bird sightings on our [Bird Board](#) and [Facebook Bird Board](#).

Photo: Bald Eagle by Amanda Ubell



RSVP for an International Field Trip

[Kenya Birding and Wildlife Tour](#) | May 13 - 28, 2023

[Charm of the Colombian Andes - Birding the Coffee Triangle](#) | July 23 - 31, 2023

Photo: Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, a short-billed hummingbird of the high Andes by @Eliana Ardiña Kramer

Featured Events

Dine-in or Take-out @Whisk Gourmet
Tuesday July 12 5-8pm



Make a dinner date at [Whisk Gourmet](#) and, in turn, *Whisk* will feather the proverbial TAS nest with 10 percent of its dinner revenues. The local bastion of Southern-accented American Comfort Food offers a refreshing summer menu, with Indoor Dining or Outdoor Covered Seating options, Take-out or Curbside-pick-up. (Deliveries are not eligible for this promotion.)

No matter how you choose to dine, you'll want to experience the *Whisk* menu authored by sensational Executive Chef Michelle Minotti who infuses generous helpings of New Orleans and Caribbean influences to a beloved menu studded with time-tested house favorites. Born in Venezuela to Italian and American parents, Chef Michelle's colorful heritage and kitchen repertoire are simpatico with *Whisk's* always bright, boldly flavored seasonal cuisine.

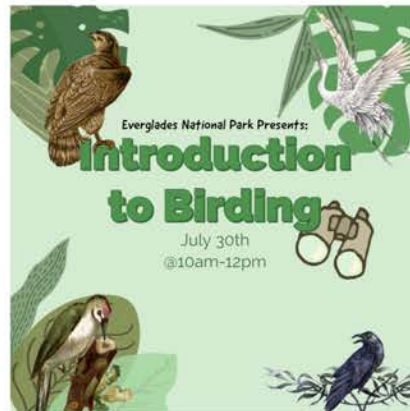
Check out the daily fresh fish special, experience the melt-off-the-bone BBQ glazed pork loin ribs, savor the luscious shrimp and avocado salad, and don't miss the famous fried green tomatoes. It's for the Birds!

RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED for all on-site dining.

Save August 9 for one more opportunity to Dine Out for the Birds!

This event takes place at [Whisk Gourmet 7382 SW 56 Avenue Miami FL 33143](#)
Limited onsite free parking available [@whiskgourmet](#)

Birding & Climate Change 101 Activity Day
Presented by Everglades National Park @TAS
Saturday, July 30, 10am-Noon



Learn about the Birding basics and how Climate Change affects birds with Everglades National Park educators and TAS staff at a special, free, family-friendly event taking place at the Doc Thomas House and our Steinberg Nature Center campus. Hone your own identification skills and/or bring along the young naturalist in your life during an engaging morning of games, sketching, fun activities and nature walks.

Discover why Birding is a fun and educational pastime for all ages and skill levels. Learn why birds are important, how to Bird ethically, and what types of adaptations birds have adopted to better survive in their habitats. Find out how your actions impact our local environment, and why it's so important to take care of the natural world.

[Tropical Audubon Society: 5530 Sunset Dr., Miami, FL, 33143](#)
Limited free onsite parking via our SW 55th Avenue entry gate.

RSVP

Chirping About

Tropical Audubon voted "Best Charity"



WOW! Tropical Audubon Society has been named Miami's Best Charity by the straight-shooting journalists at Miami New Times! Read all about it in the award-winning publication's "[Best of Miami](#)" edition:

"Celebrating its 75th year along with the Everglades National Park, the Tropical Audubon Society has been and remains one of the most important crusaders for the protection and restoration of South Florida's ecosystems. Between native and migratory, we've got more than 350 bird species, and beyond their own magnificent language, they can't advocate for themselves. Tropical Audubon Society acts as enforcers on the local environmental front when humans get carried away with development, waste, and industry. (What? Humans do that? Who knew?) The organization also hosts educational events, bird walks, outdoor concerts, movie nights, plant sales, and other activities that raise funds and awareness for the benefit of our winged friends — and that includes bees, butterflies, bats, beetles, and other vital members of the ecosystem."

Say Hello to Stephanie Clements



This Spring, TAS welcomed Stephanie Clements as Education & Advocacy Director. Stephanie will steward and expand the flagship Tropical Audubon Ambassador Program, which cultivates interested Miamians as environmental advocates. She also plans to broaden the scope of this and other conservation-based advocacy programs to engage with historically underrepresented or excluded communities.

The Pennsylvania native received her B.S. in environmental science from Roanoke College in Virginia before moving to Miami, where she earned her Ph.D. in Biology from University of Miami. Throughout graduate school, Stephanie was invested in scientific outreach programs, both at UM and with area partner organizations, and also worked in fragmented habitats in Costa Rica and in Miami-Dade County, including Pine Rocklands. She also previously enjoyed tenures as an interpretive park ranger with the National Park Service, as a field manager with an environmental advocacy group, and as a children's educational program instructor at a zoo. Her doctorate dissertation focused on conservation of reptiles and amphibians. [Read her bio here.](#)

SPONSORS NEEDED!

Help TAS stage the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation and the Florida Ornithological Society



TAS is excited to serve as the lead local host for this year's joint international research conference of the [Raptor Research Foundation and the Florida Ornithological Society](#) taking place in Fort Lauderdale October 4-9.

Especially noteworthy, it will be the first in-person conference for both organizations since 2019, RRF's first research conference in Florida since the 1980s, and the Florida Ornithological Society's 50th anniversary!

TAS needs sponsors to help keep the conference affordable for student attendees from across the state, the country, and the world. If you or your organization are interested in

sponsoring this unique gathering, click [here for more information](#).

We are also honored to share this year's conference logo, designed by TAS Advisory Board Member, artist, naturalist and field guide, Rafael Galvez.

"Your Water comes from the Everglades" campaign kicks off



The [Everglades Foundation](#) recently announced the launch of its "Your Water Comes from the Everglades" education campaign at its offices in Palmetto Bay. The South Florida messaging will target residents from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties, all of which get their freshwater from the Everglades. On hand to raise a glass of water (!) to kick off the campaign was Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Tropical Audubon Society Senior Conservation Director Lauren Jonaitis, Education & Advocacy Director Stephanie Clements, and other community leaders.

The Everglades supplies drinking water to 9 million Floridians and countless visitors, but recent data shows that South Florida residents remain largely unaware of this life-giving connection. A survey conducted in Miami-Dade and Broward revealed that 95% of residents don't know their freshwater comes from the Everglades.* The "Your Water Comes From The Everglades" education campaign aims to enlighten residents about the source of their freshwater.

To learn more visit evergladesfoundation.org/water and evergladesfoundation.org/agua.

Plants for Birds

Bird-Friendly Gardening Day @TAS!

Dig in Saturday, July 16, 8:30-11:30am

New Summer Hours!



Help steward our Bird-Friendly Demonstration Garden and near-native Steinberg Nature Center grounds. Get hands-on experience creating wildlife habitat under the guidance of our resident Master Gardeners. Learn how to establish a bird-friendly garden in your own yard, patio or balcony. [Sign Up!](#)

*Photo: Native Blue Porterweed is an excellent nectar source for bees and butterflies.
By Federico Acevedo*

The Birds Thank ...





The Birds Thank ... our [75th Anniversary Celebration](#) partners. This group of generous-hearted, conservation-minded patrons helped make our April 22-24 "Party With The Birds" festivities wildly successful — from the sold-out Bubbly & Bites Birthday Bash, to the overflowing Cape Florida Birding Field Trip, to the SRO Birdstock Concert, to Sunday's Members Migration, which was the virtual icing on the 75th Anniversary cake!

In case you missed it, check out the recent [SOMI photo feature about our anniversary celebration](#) and an in-depth [feature about our organization's history](#).

We can never thank the kind folks behind these wonderful companies enough ...

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Supporting our partners who support TAS is an easy way to contribute to our Mission. The Birds will thank you!

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