



Citrus County Audubon

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to summer and the annual June Challenge - a friendly birding competition from 6/1 to 6/30. If you wish to participate, please go to <https://FloridaBirdingTrail.com/June-Challenge/> for details. This website contains the history, rules and checklist. Submissions are due by July 7th - and please also send your results/photos to President@CitrusCountyAudubon.org.

On June 28th, CCAS is co-sponsoring a "Florida Smart Fertilizing & Landscaping Workshop" at the historic Courthouse in Inverness from 10am-1pm. A flyer is attached.

Looking ahead, we are working on the 2025 Christmas Bird Count, which will take place on January 2nd (Fri.) or January 3rd (Sat.). Our 2024 CBC was submitted and all 118 species were accepted by National Audubon. The count was lower than average for Citrus County due to a number of factors, many of which were out of our control. Other nearby count circles reported similarly low numbers. A big thank you to everyone who participated - especially the team leaders, the compiler and our first-time organizer - Pat Bazany!

In response to the Time Change Survey, we will be moving our evening chapter meetings to 3pm, with doors opening at 2:30 - at the same place, on the same day, the third Wednesday of the month. Please mark your calendar. We will include reminders in our monthly newsletters.

Also, we are considering some special evening programs as well as Saturday events - and will have a "sunset" field trip and a boat trip on our schedule. Other ideas are welcome. We are planning for an October field trip to Inglis Island and a November kayak trip, but here are the fall dates that have been firmed up:

October: 10/11 - Pepper Creek Walk, 10/15 - chapter meeting at 3pm

November: 11/8-Pepper Creek, 11/19-chapter meeting,
11/21-Sweetwater Wetlands field trip

See our website, www.CitrusCountyAudubon.org, for more information

Our next board meeting is scheduled for June 18. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see on the agenda. Thank you!

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Florida Smart Fertilizing & Landscaping Workshop

June 17 Saturday, June 28th | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Historic Inverness Courthouse – One Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL



RSVP at
<https://bit.ly/45xUxZw> or
scan:



A family-friendly workshop focused on springs-friendly living and sustainable landscaping!

Join us to learn and explore:

- Practical tips for sustainable landscaping and responsible fertilizer use.
- Updates on efforts to protect our local waterways.
- Actions you can take to protect our springs, wildlife, and improve water quality.
- Video of local springs and wildlife.

Kids' activities, free coloring sheets, and refreshments provided. Hosted by Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group and Florida Chapter in cooperation with Citrus Audubon, Citrus Native Plant Society, League of Women Voters of Citrus County, Linda Willinski Photography, and other community leaders.

Presenters include:

- **Eugene Kelly of the Florida Native Plant Society** on springs' health.
- **Tiare Fridrich of Save the Manatee Club** on efforts to protect manatees.
- **Sierra Club Florida Chapter's Michael McGrath** on the benefits of urban turf fertilizer restrictions during the rainy season.
- **IFAS Florida Friendly Landscaping Program's Claire Lewis** on Florida Friendly landscaping and resources.



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