Citrus County Audubon

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The Florida June Challenge results are in and this year, people from 23 counties braved the heat, bugs & thunderstorms. Last year, there were 29 counties, so maybe our very warm June is responsible for the decreased participation. No one represented Citrus County, although I did see Charlene Nelson listed under Alachua County. So, either there is another person with the same name or Charlene was put under the wrong county as she usually submits for Citrus. To view details, go to: https://FloridaBirdingTrail.com/June-Challenge/

On June 28th, we had a very successful "Florida Smart Fertilizing & Landscaping Workshop", which we co-sponsored with Sierra Club. Thank you to the CCAS members who manned our booth! Also, our chapter is supporting a rainy season fertilizer ban for Citrus County. The Commissioners hearing was on 7/29 and the final vote is scheduled for 8/12.

Please check our website, www.CitrusCountyAudubon.org, for upcoming events and the newest blogs. Rey Wells wrote an interesting piece on the Common Grackle and Bob Lewis summarized our July "pop-up" (unscheduled) field trip. You will be receiving a separate email with information on our August pop-up. Fall events on the schedule so far, are as follows:

    10/7-10/8: Lower Suwanee Nature Drive field trip
    10/11:   Pepper Creek walk
    10/15:   1st chapter meeting of the new season, at the new time (3pm)
    11/6:   Kayak birding in Chassahowitza
    11/8:   Pepper Creek walk
    11/19:   Chapter meeting
    11/21:   Sweetwater Wetlands field trip

Our Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for January 3rd and we are looking for volunteers. If interested in participating, please email Pat Bazany at bazanyp@yahoo.com.

The Board is hard at work arranging for program speakers, field trips and updating our brochures and business cards. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 2nd. If there is anything you would like to see on the agenda, please contact us at: President@CitrusCountyAudubon.org. Thank you.

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