



# The Crane

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## May Field Trips and Programs

*These are the last Audubon-sponsored fieldtrips of the season. Field trips will resume in September.*

**Saturday, May 9, 8:00 a.m., La Chua Trail,** Meet Bob Carroll at the trailhead on Camp Ranch Road to search for Yellow-breasted Chat, Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, and other prairie-dwelling birds. Diff: 2

**Sunday, May 10, 7:30 a.m., Breeding Bird Atlas Field Trip,** Learn about breeding birds in Alachua County with field trip leader Adam Kent by participating in a fun Atlasing-style field trip. We'll focus on bird behaviors such as territoriality and courtship that indicate potential breeding. Come and open your mind to a new perspective on bird watching! Meet at the south Main Street Winn Dixie parking lot. Difficulty: 2

**Sunday, May 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Woodpecker Walk for Youth,** Families meet at tennis courts at Northeast Park, 400 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. You do not need to register, but young people must be accompanied by an adult. Some loaner binoculars will be available. Diff: 1

**Saturday, May 16, 8:00 a.m. Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve (CLEP),** Meet trip leader Michael Drummond at the Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve on CR 325. Birds we hope to see include Bachman's Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Northern Bobwhite, Eastern Wood Pewee, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Red-headed Woodpecker, and others. Directions: east on Hawthorne Road to CR 325. Right (south) on CR 325 for roughly 2 miles. Preserve will be on right (west) side of CR 325. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Difficulty: 3

**Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. Sweetwater Wetlands Park,** Join trip leader Debbie Segal for a birding stroll at Gainesville's newest birding hotspot, a site that has already logged over 170 bird species! We will search for wetland birds in the newly created treatment wetlands and forest dwelling birds in the cypress preserve. This site is described in more detail on Page 3. Additionally, Debbie will be making a presentation on the Sweetwater Wetlands Park just prior to this field trip. Detailed information on the presentation is in the Speaker Section on Page 3. Directions to the wetland: From the intersection of SW 13th Street/US 441 and Waldo/Williston Road, go east on Waldo/Williston Road for roughly 3/4 mile. The entrance will be on the right. Bring sunscreen and water. Difficulty: 2

**Monday, June 1, 6:15 am, June Challenge Kick-off** Meet Rex Rowan in the parking corral of the Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve (on County Road 325 2.3 miles south of State Road 20) to kick off The June Challenge. We'll try to find Common Nighthawk and Bachman's Sparrow. Next to Windsor we'll scope Newnans Lake for Bald Eagles and Laughing Gulls, and maybe find a Limpkin. If time allows we'll also visit Powers Park and Palm Point for additional views of Newnans Lake and possibly some late migrants. Our last stop will be La Chua Trail (\$4.00 per vehicle entry fee) to search for Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, Orchard Oriole, King Rail, Least Bittern, and Purple Gallinule. We'll be done by lunchtime with 40-50 species on our June Challenge lists. Difficulty: 2

**Trip Difficulty 1:** Trip within easy access to the vehicle and/or level terrain one mile or less **2:** May involve uneven terrain one to two miles **3:** May involve elevation change, uneven terrain, and/or greater than two miles

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June 15<sup>th</sup>**



Spring is upon us in all its glory as I write this, but before diving into migration some late winter birds deserve our attention. During most winters only one or two Pine Siskins are reported from area feeders, and in some winters none at all. This winter was exceptional with small flocks noted from several wide-

spread locations. By March, in addition to a huge buildup of goldfinches, multiple siskins seemed to be everywhere. Ron Robinson had at least 30 visiting his feeders south of Alachua, and Roy Herrera had about 15 at his home near La Crosse. Flocks of five or more were noted from other feeding stations as well as from San Felasco Hammock, O'Leno State Park, and the Rail Trail. Lincoln Sparrows had been fairly scarce most of the winter but Debbie Segal found one near the Hague Dairy on February 19th. Another was observed on March 21st during an AAS field trip to Watermelon Pond. Jack and Mary Lynch of High Springs noted a locally-rare Western Tanager in their yard (probably the same one they had the previous winter). Many thanks to them for opening their property to local birders March 14th for a viewing of this colorful bird!

For the past several years between mid-March and mid-April Andy Kratter has been conducting counts to document the northerly migration route of Common Loons as they cross over the peninsula from Cedar Key to the Atlantic side. The loons lift off from the gulf coast at sunrise and their route takes them right over Gainesville between approximately 8:30 and 9:30 in the morning. This spring, as of April 12th, Andy and other volunteers recorded a total of 631 Common Loons flying over. March 30th was particularly productive, when Andy was joined by the able eyes of Rex Rowan, Adam Kent, and Dean and Sam Ewing. They collectively tallied 175 loons, the second highest single-day count on record.

Our neo-tropical breeding birds arrived more or less on time. It's always so cheery to see our first Hooded and Prothonotary Warblers, and to hear the *wheep* of newly-returned Great-crested Flycatchers. A cold front in late March led to significant fallouts on the gulf coast, and many of our "first of season" birds arrived in that wave. Some passage migrants also made a good showing. On March 29th Felicia Lee and I were greeted by swarms of swallows at the Sweetwater Wetlands Park - five species in all including a few Cliffs and a locally-rare Cave Swallow. Also present were our first Stilt and Pectoral Sandpipers of the spring. A few new migrant warbler species came in on that front including several Worm-eating Warblers and one very early Cape May Warbler that was that was noted March 28th at Palm Point.

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## **The Sweetwater Wetlands Park (a.k.a. the Sheetflow Wetland) Is Opening its Gates**

The anxiously anticipated Sheetflow Wetland, officially named the *Sweetwater Wetlands Park*, will open its gates to the public on Saturday, May 2nd. The wetland will be open during the weekends and on Memorial Day and Labor Day from 7:00 a.m. until sundown. Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) will operate and manage the water quality and hydrologic infrastructure, while the City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation will manage the public use facilities. Currently, the City has been authorized to open the Sweetwater Wetlands Park from May 2nd through the end of the 2015 fiscal year, which is September 30th. However, budget meetings will be held in July and we are hopeful that the City Commission will allocate sufficient funds for the Sweetwater Wetlands Park to be open to the public on a daily basis beginning October 1st, the first day of the 2016 fiscal year.

The May 2nd opening will occur with minimal advertisement in order to allow the City time to train new staff and adjust to the challenges of managing a newly constructed park. GRU will hold a grand opening at a later date.

The Sweetwater Wetlands Park is designed as a water quality improvement project and is estimated to remove approximately 124,000 lbs/year of total nitrogen and 2,900 lbs/year of total phosphorous before discharging onto Paynes Prairie. Water flows through three parallel emergent wetland treatment cells, all planted with native wetland plants. It is in these wetland cells that most of the nitrogen is removed, predominately by denitrification. Water then discharges from the emergent wetland cells onto Paynes Prairie, where it flows in a sheetflow manner across approximately 1,300 acres of prairie basin wetlands and hydrologically enhances the natural wetlands.

Over 1 million dollars of public use infrastructure has been designed and constructed at the Sweetwater Wetlands (*continued on page 5*)

## **Speakers' Corner**

**The Sweetwater Wetlands Park—Gainesville's Newest Birding Hotspot. Presented by Debbie Segal. Monday, May 11th at the Thomas Center (*new location*). Social at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.** Learn how the Sweetwater Wetlands was designed to remove large quantities of nutrients and pollutants while simultaneously providing diverse wildlife habitat and passive public recreation. Water quality, vegetation planting, hydrologic features, and long-term management will be discussed. This presentation has been scheduled to occur just prior to the May 17th field trip to the Sweetwater Wetlands Park.

**Exotic Birds of South Florida. Presented by Carlos Sanchez. Thursday, May 21st. Social at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. Millhopper Library at 3145 NW 43rd St.** The mild climate and lush gardens of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area offer a unique landscape of opportunity for a myriad of introduced bird species from all over the world: parrots, bulbuls, orioles, mynas, and more. Join us as we discuss the status, natural history, and potential future of all of these species in South Florida.

## **Around the County**

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The first half of April saw winds mainly from the south and very little frontal activity. Those conditions are actually good for the birds. With a tailwind their flight across the gulf is much less perilous, and when they reach shore they keep heading north. That said, we usually get one last cold front by late April that forces birds to drop onto the first land they see. They will linger and forage long enough to build up fat reserves to continue their journey and, incidentally, long enough to be seen by birders! With the next front you should be able to reacquaint yourself with the likes of American Redstart, Cape May, Blackpoll, and Black-throated Blue Warblers, as well as Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Watch the weather and keep those binoculars handy!

## Summer Classic – The June Challenge!

The Twelfth Annual June Challenge will run from June 1st through June 30th. The Challenge is a friendly competition originated by Alachua Audubon's Becky Enneis in 2004 in order to get us outside where we belong. That's the actual point of it – to get us outside, looking at nature – but the rationale of the Challenge is for you to see as many species of birds in Alachua County as you can during the month of June. It's a competition because the desire to win, or at least beat your last year's total, will motivate you to go birding, but we don't take that aspect of it too seriously.

June is a month that most birders spend indoors, and consequently it's largely terra incognita as far as bird movements are concerned. In 2004, the first year we did it, we were amazed to find several locally-rare tern species on Newnans Lake, and in 2006 we found a Snail Kite on Paynes Prairie; obviously we wouldn't have known about any of those birds if we'd stayed inside. Who knows what might be out there this year? If you're interested in joining us, here are the rules: (1) Only birds seen in Alachua County during the month of June may be counted. (Those of you living in other counties are encouraged to do June Challenges there, too, and to report the results to me at the email address below when it's over. You folks in Gilchrist, Marion, and Columbia may find yourselves discovering new birding spots.) (2) Heard birds do not count; you've got to see those Chuck-will's-widows and Eastern Screech-Owls. (3) You are free to put Muscovy Ducks, retention-pond Mallards, and Whooping Cranes on your list. (4) Email your list to me by midnight on Tuesday, June 30th. We'll have a party within a day or two afterward, to hand out prizes and have a good time.

That's simple, isn't it? Now here are a few tips: Do as much birding as possible during the first few days of the month. You're more likely to see lingering spring migrants that way.

Purple Martins, Northern Rough-winged Swallows, and Orchard Orioles may complete their nesting and leave before the month's end, so get them early too. But don't neglect the last few days of the month either, because they've produced early fall-migrant Louisiana Water-thrush, Black-and-white Warbler, and Lesser Yellowlegs.

Make several visits to Newnans Lake and other large bodies of water to scan for gulls, terns, and pelicans, which may come and go on a daily basis. Go to Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve for Bachman's Sparrows and San Felasco Hammock for Hooded Warblers. And of course the new Sweetwater Wetlands Park will be open on weekends. No telling what birding treasures it might produce. There are over 100 species possible here in June. The first and last few hours of daylight are best. Birds tend to sing early in the morning.

Good luck to all of you who decide to join us! In the spirit of good sportsmanship, let me know ( [rexrowan@gmail.com](mailto:rexrowan@gmail.com) ) when you see an unexpected bird so I can pass the word. Don't keep it a secret - as I say, it's a *friendly* competition, based on our shared enthusiasm for birding rather than a desire to come in first. And of course follow the progress of the Challenge at <http://www.alachuaudubon.org/>

By Rex Rowan

## Thank you Outgoing AAS Board Members!

Alachua Audubon sincerely thanks Joni Ellis, Barbara Fennelly, John Hintermister, Ivor Kincaid, Jonathan Mays, and Geoff Parks for their years of volunteer service as members of the Alachua Audubon Board of Directors. Alachua Audubon has benefitted tremendously from their involvement, dedication, and commitment.. We wish Joni, Barbara, John, Ivor, Jonathan, and Geoff all the best in their continued interest in birding, bird education, and bird conservation.

## Sweetwater Wetlands Park (continued from Page 3)

Park and includes over 3 miles of walking berms, an extensive boardwalk across Cell 1, an open air pavilion, multiple raised viewing platforms, educational signs, bathroom facilities, and a parking lot. An entrance fee of \$5 per car will be charged.

Bird activity at the Sweetwater Wetlands Park has been phenomenal. To date, over 170 species of birds have been observed at the site! And on the December Christmas Bird Count, 92 species were counted at that one site. The Sweetwater Wetlands Park is sure to be one of north-central Florida's best birding hotspots.

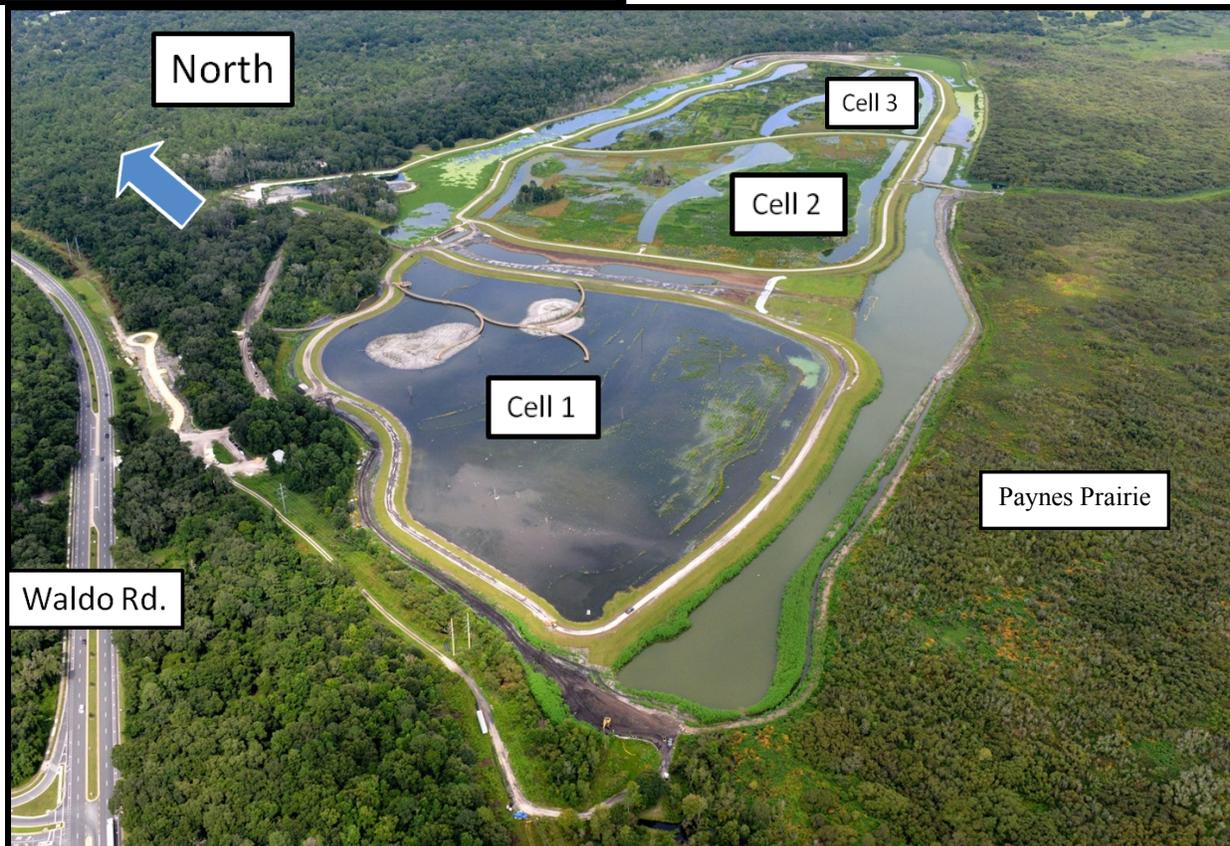
Alachua Audubon will be leading a birding field trip to the Sweetwater Wetlands Park on Sunday, May 17th. Details of that field trip are provided on Page 1. On Monday, May 11th and just prior to the field trip, Debbie Segal will give a presentation on the design, construction,

and operation of the Sweetwater Wetlands Park. She will describe many of the water quality, vegetation planting, and hydrologic features that were constructed at the site and how the wetlands will be operated and managed to enhance long-term nitrogen removal. Details of that presentation are provided in the Speakers Corner on page 3.

The Sweetwater Wetlands Park is located 3/4 mile east of the intersection of SW 13th Street/US 441 and Waldo/Williston Road on the north side of the road.

The aerial photograph below depicts the Sweetwater Wetlands Park and its three treatment wetland cells. The photograph was taken prior to planting Cell 1. The board walk and raised tree islands can be seen in Cell 1. Over three miles of walking berms encircle the three treatment cells. If you look closely, you might see the shape of a gator head. Cell 3 forms the snout, and the teeth of the gator are visible along the middle of Cells 2 and 3.

By Debbie Segal



## Alachua Audubon Advocates for Using Amendment 1 Funds for Land Conservation

*The Alachua Audubon Society sent the letter below to Representatives Keith Perry, Clovis Watson, and Rob Bradley. The letter was also printed in the Gainesville Sun on March 22, 2015.*

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the 1,000 plus members of the Alachua Audubon Society, I am writing to remind you that Amendment 1 funds are meant to purchase land for conservation. An overwhelming seventy-five percent of Florida's voters cast ballots in favor of Amendment 1 last fall with the expectation that the monies set aside under this law would be used for this purpose – and very definitely *not* so that the legislature could allocate these funds to sewage treatment plants and other similar infrastructure projects. While we recognize the importance of these projects for ensuring a clean water supply in our state, we believe that these projects are the responsibility of counties and municipalities to fund.

With the cost of land beginning to rise and developments that had been put on hold during the recession proceeding, it is imperative for the health of our environment that we seize the opportunity offered by Amendment 1 funds to set aside environmentally-important lands that will ensure the health of our aquifer and preserve habitat for wildlife and green space for recreation and the enjoyment of the public. There are also substantial economic benefits derived from land purchases as tourists do not come to Florida to see miles of shopping malls and housing developments; they come here for our natural wonders.

We urge you to dedicate Amendment 1 funds to purchase land for conservation.

Thank you for ensuring this money is used for its intended purpose.

Anne Casella  
President, Alachua Audubon Society

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Andre Frattino



**Woodpecker Walk for Kids. Sunday, May, 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Northeast Park, 400 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Take your child, grandchild, or a neighborhood child on a gentle walk to look for woodpeckers. This is a good activity for youth ages 6 to 18. We will have a short introductory lesson followed by a walk. Park by the tennis courts and look for us near the first baseball field bleachers. You do not need to register. Some loaner binoculars will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

### Project Jay Watch

Want to put your birding skills to work to help an endangered species in Florida? Audubon Florida runs Project Jay Watch, a citizen science initiative to help with monitoring of Florida Scrub-jays. A training session for this program will be held on May 30th from 8-12 at the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue trailhead of the Cross Florida Greenway in Marion County. Training covers an overview of Florida Scrub-jay cooperative breeding behavior, population trends and factors affecting population stability, standardized Jay Watch survey methods employed statewide from June 15-July 15 and field practice with the Scrub-jay mapping and survey protocol. To register or for more information contact Jess Rodriguez ([Jess.Rodriguez@myFWC.com](mailto:Jess.Rodriguez@myFWC.com)) or Jacqui Sulek ([jsulek@audubon.org](mailto:jsulek@audubon.org)).

## Alachua Audubon at the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival

Alachua Audubon once again connected with our community by staffing a booth at the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival. We were able to share our birding enthusiasm with so many people, thanks largely to our supportive and eager volunteers.

The festival was filled with the unexpected, most notably the 100, 8-pound bags of donated bird seed from Lowes in Palatka. Thanks to Lowes for their generosity and to Paul Moler for picking up all that seed. That was a lot of seed to truck out to our booth, but festival attendees appreciated receiving the free seed and we are grateful to our volunteers who *pulled their weight* and transported the seed to our booth! (sorry, couldn't resist) Other memorable snapshots from the festival:

- ◆ Single-handedly, Sidney Wade got the booth up and presentable early Saturday morning.
- ◆ Students from Interlachen High School carted many loads of bird seed to our booth.
- ◆ Jessica Waddington, our UF intern, helped for *three* days including setting up on Friday, a day when she had a big test and two papers due.
- ◆ Lloyd and Marie Davis designed and produced a key for the large bird poster, completing a task that has been on my list forever.
- ◆ Emily Schwartz was back in town less than 24 hours and arrived early for her shift. Emily is amazing, and can do just about everything...except deal with 'tents'.
- ◆ Trina Anderson, a new AAS board member, provided much needed mid-day staffing during the busy festival time.
- ◆ Charlene Leonard, another new AAS board member, staffed the booth all afternoon and then helped tremendously to disassemble and remove the booth.
- ◆ Barbara Fennelly also assisted greatly with our booth. Thanks again to our fantastic volunteers!

By Barbara Shea  
AAS Festival Coordinator

*Alachua Audubon sincerely appreciates Barbara Shea's initiative and dedication as she represents AAS at festivals. Barbara has greatly improved the AAS booth exhibits, eagerly volunteers for festivals, and successfully rounds up a host of helpers. Contact Barbara (acubarbarashea@juno.com) if you would like to help out with future festivals.*

## What is the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas?

Florida is in the midst of its second Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA2) project. We're mapping the breeding distribution of all bird species that breed in the state, using the U.S. Geological Survey Quads. For the first Florida Breeding Bird Atlas (1986 to 1991), over 1,880 people, almost all volunteers, participated in surveying for breeding birds. According to Reed Noss in his Editor's Introduction to the 2006 Florida Ornithological Society Special Publication No. 7, *The Breeding Birds of Florida*, Florida's BBA1 was the "largest natural history undertaking in the history of Florida."

The BBA1 confirmed 196 bird species as breeding in the state 15 years ago, while another 19 species were found to be probable or possible breeders for a total of 215 species, 165 of them native. For the current BBA2, since 2011 the BBA2 has confirmed 181 species as breeding with another 33 species either probable or possible for a total of 214 species. These numbers also include non-native birds.

Data collected in the BBA2 will be compared with BBA1 to illustrate changes in bird distribution. Some of these changes are dramatic. For example, can you remember how rare Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks or Eurasian Collared-Doves were twenty-five years ago? If you can't remember, take a look at the BBA1 webpage (<http://legacy.myfwc.com/bba/species.asp>) (hint, the duck was only confirmed in *one* place in the state!). Can you name another species that has increased dramatically since BBA1? (hint, one is a common feeder bird now).

The BBA2 includes a miniroute component that was not present in the BBA1. Miniroutes record numbers of all species seen or heard during 3-minute-long point counts at 15 stops. Miniroute data will allow the BBA2 to produce maps of bird abundance as well as distribution. The BBA2 will produce three types of maps: (1) Distribution maps showing the breeding evidence for all birds breeding across Florida with symbols showing whether a bird species' breeding is confirmed or only possible or probable; (2) change maps showing the difference between BBA1 and BBA2; and (3) relative abundance maps illustrating how common a species is across the state by showing how frequently that species was encountered during the miniroute surveys.

When migrants and wintering birds have left, this is a fun way to look at Florida's breeding birds from a slightly different perspective - taking time to observe and understand their behavior. While a large number of people are participating in the BBA2 in Alachua County, surrounding counties still need atlasing (*cont. on Page 8*)

## Neighborhood Nestwatch

Neighborhood Nestwatch is a citizen science program founded by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The main goals of the program are to determine how backyard bird populations are affected by urbanization and to educate the public about wildlife and the scientific process. *We are seeking citizen participants in the Gainesville area (no greater than 60 miles from downtown) who are interested in learning first-hand about the common birds found in their backyard and contributing to a multi-city study on the effects of urbanization on resident birds.* On an annual basis, scientists will conduct a backyard bird-banding visit with the help of participants. Participants and their families/children will report sightings of banded birds to the Smithsonian, will monitor nests on their property and will assist researchers during the site visit with mist-netting and nest searching.

If you would like to participate, please email us at [gainesvilleneastwatch@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvilleneastwatch@gmail.com). All levels of bird watchers and enthusiasts are welcome. We will be available any day of the week beginning in late April, until July 4th. *Email us now to secure a spot!*

Jessica L. Burnett

## Breeding Bird Atlas (Continued from Page 7)

help. If you would like to be a part of this exciting project and help look for evidence of breeding birds in nearby counties, please contact Adam Kent at ([kestrelkent@yahoo.com](mailto:kestrelkent@yahoo.com)). And plan to join the AAS field trip on May 10<sup>th</sup> to learn BBA field techniques. More information on this field trip can be found on Page 1 of this newsletter.

For an updated list of BBA2 results, please visit Florida's BBA2 website here: <http://www.fosbirds.org/bba2news> (click on the "USGS's BBA Florida Atlas page" link, which will allow you to explore BBA2 results to date in various formats).

By Adam Kent

## New Birding and Nature Blog

Rex Rowan, long-time AAS board member, former president of AAS, and author of the Gainesville Birding Reports, is now writing a birding and nature blog for the Gainesville Sun. Check here for archives and recent posts: <http://fieldguide.blogs.gainesville.com/>

## The Flight of the Timber-Doodle

The crazy days of winter are nearly done,  
The woods are alone, almost still,  
They ring with the sad cry of a solitary woodpecker,  
Answered by a single crow crossing the ridge.  
At dusk there is no sound as the crow shuts its eyes,  
Fearful of the wrath of a nocturnal owl.  
Only the wind in the trees sighs softly,  
To excuse the day and welcome the night.

Then comes a day when little has changed,  
But something is different—a robin in the woods,  
The first of March is come,  
A shudder creeps through the leaves as the robin cries:  
"Spring is coming, spring is coming."  
Something is stirring in the air, the plants feel it,  
But their voices are low and few notice.

A fat little bird,  
Lives upon the forest floor,  
It sucks the worm like a noodle,  
Its feathers are brown, its bill like a needle,  
To sew designs in cloths of mud,  
Some call it the timber-doodle.

The woodcock lives a quiet life upon the ground,  
It is rarely seen, with its leafy feathers,  
But when it flies, it rises quickly from one's feet,  
Sails swiftly between the trees,  
And descends within sight.

One would think that the woodcock never sees the sky,  
Or feels the pangs of love with a sweet song.  
But the robin's warning of spring,  
Affects more than the sleeping buds of trees,  
The woodcock feels funny,  
It feels like singing, it feels like flying,  
It longs to tell the world that it too is a bird,  
It too can be crazy.

*To be Continued...*

By Bob Knight



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