

Field Trips for Fall FOS Meeting Nov 2-4, Davie, FL

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Saturday, Nov 3. Sunday start times are EST. We hope to add 1-2 additional trips on Friday and Saturday

Friday Afternoon

Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands

Time: 2:30-5:00 PM

Leader: Craig Anderson



Green Cay Nature Center overlooks 100 acres of constructed wetland. The bird list tops 240 and includes several rarities (recent *eBird* list [link](#)). The field trip will cover the 1.5 miles of elevated boardwalk – a great way to see wetland species without getting your feet wet.

Meeting Spot: Meet at FOS registration table in the FAU Student Union. Folks will carpool from there at 2:30 PM (don't be late). Directions to meeting location from the east and I-95: [link](#)

Saturday Morning

Snake Road and Alligator Alley

Leader: Paddy Cunningham Pascatore

This remote stretch of asphalt offers some great grassland birding. Regular fall/winter species include Crested Caracara, Limpkin, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, over-wintering sparrows, and lots of other grassland birds.



Meeting Spot: Meet at FOS registration table in the FAU Student Union. Folks will carpool from there at 2:30 PM (don't be late). Directions to meeting location from the east and I-95: [link](#)

Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands (repeat of Friday evening trip)

Leader: John Hutchinson, Tropical Audubon Society

Tropical Audubon Society scheduled this full day tour and invites FOS folks to tag along. The trip is schedule to go well into the afternoon, but FOS members can leave late morning to make sure they can make all the exciting lunch and afternoon activities.

Directions ([link](#)): meet at 7:30am at Green Cay Wetlands and Nature Center (12800 Hagen Ranch Road, 2.2 miles north of Atlantic Avenue in Boynton Beach).

Jonathan Dickinson State Park – Rubber Duckies, Little Brown Jobs, and other specialties

Leaders: Jim Cox, Joe Niederhause, and Paula Ziadi

We hope to do some sparrow banding in some recently burned flatwoods as well as look for Florida Scrub-jays. We'll also teach folks how to distinguish male/female Brown-headed Nuthatches and the distinctive winter call note of Bachman's Sparrows. Meet at Elsa Kimbell Education Center Parking lot at 9 AM. [Directions](#) from FAU



Entrance Fee: \$6.00 -- *thanks for supporting our state parks*

Sunday, November 4 (set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night)

Tall Cypress Natural Area Bird Walk

Leader: Bruce Pickholtz

Starting Time: 8 AM at the Tall Cypress Natural Area Parking Lot

Directions ([link](#)): take the Florida Turnpike south and exit on Sample Road (Exit 69). Drive west 3 miles to Turtle Run Blvd. Turn right and drive north 0.2 miles to the park entrance. Meet in the parking lot, 3700 Turtle Run Blvd., Coral Springs, FL 33067

The park is known for some interesting over-wintering warblers and nesting Great-horned Owls. Approximately 170 species have been recorded for the site, and the first portion of the walk will cover both the boardwalk and a wooded trail (total length 2.0 miles).

Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park

Leader: Brian Rapoza

Starting Time: 8:15 (park opens at 8 AM)

Many rarities have been recorded here including Thick-billed Vireo, Bahama Mockingbird, Western Spindalis, and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Beaches often feature some interesting gulls, and the north jetty a great spot to watch for offshore rarities.

Fee: \$6.00 – *thanks for supporting our state parks*

Directions ([link](#)): Meet in Parking Lot 1 at 8:15 (park opens at 8 AM)

St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park – Wintering Sparrows and Old-growth Longleaf

Leader: Jim Cox

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Education Building at 1000 Buffer Preserve Dr, Fellsmere, FL 32948-9611 ([Link](#) to directions)

St. Sebastian has some of the best flatwoods found on our publically managed lands. The flatwoods are burned regularly, contain 150+ year old trees, and support healthy populations of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Bachman's Sparrows, and other pineland species. We'll be looking for pineland endemics as well as over-wintering sparrows. We'll likely target net Henslow's and Grasshopper sparrows in a short sparrow drive.