Fall 2026 FOS Meeting
Archbold Biological Station

123 Main Dr, Venus, FL 33960

For information about the FOS Meeting, contact
FOS President Todd Engstrom engstrom@bio.fsu.edu
or Planning Meeting Member Ann Paul annpaul26@gmail.com 813/624-3149

Please make your own housing reservations using the attached form. Email the form to the Facilities Manager at Archbold, Will at facilitiescoordinator@archbold-station.org. Note: There are limited sleeping options at Archbold. Hotel reservations at the nearby The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lake Placid, 608 S Lakeview Rd, Lake Placid, FL, 863/465-9916. A group rate of $139/night/room will be available until Sept. 30. You can contact the Holiday Inn Express by telephone or use this url link: Florida Ornithological Society.

Friday, October 30, 2026

2 p.m. Field Trip – A Tour of the Archbold Biological Station Skin Collection
2 – 5 p.m. Learning Center Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Learning Center Flocking Get Together
6:30 p.m. Learning Center Science Fair Student Presentations

- Ella Drapeau, Pelican Island project
- Claire McDonald, Community School, Naples Collier. *Meta-Analysis of Avian Admissions in a Southwest Florida Wildlife Hospital: Determining a Correlation between Seasonal Population Fluctuations and Firework-Associated Holidays on Avian Injuries in Columbiform, Corvid, Gulls, Raptors, Songbirds, and Waterbirds.*
- Sydney Jordan, Update on the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas II, University of South Florida Library

Banquet & Keynote, Sahas Barve, Ph.D. John W. Fitzpatrick Program Director of Avian Ecology

Saturday, October 31, 2026

7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Field Trip
Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Learning Center. Membership Meeting, Announcements – President Todd Engstrom
2 – 5 p.m. Learning Center. Scientific Session
5:30 p.m. Learning Center. Poster Session, Reception, and Skin Quiz
6:30 p.m. Banquet & Keynote, John W. Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. "The Global Reach and Impacts of eBird: How Birds can Save the World One Place at a Time"

Sunday morning, November 1, 2026

8 a.m. - Noon – Field Trip

Fall 2026 FOS Meeting Registration
October 30 – November 1, 2026
Archbold Biological Station

Please send your Registration Form to Ann Paul, 4928 Barnstead Drive, Riverview, FL 33578 or register online using PayPal at fosbirds.org.
Questions – contact Ann Paul annpaul26@gmail.com, 813/624-3149.

STUDENTS - NOTE: THE FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OFFERS STUDENTS SUPPLEMENTS TO ATTEND THE FALL 2026 MEETING.

Students attending the FOS Spring 2026 Meeting can apply for Attendance Supplements of $100/student. To apply, register as a student for the meeting and the Saturday evening banquet and attend. Supplement checks will be awarded after the banquet to students who have attended the Saturday Afternoon Scientific Session and Evening Events.

Name(s): _____

IF A STUDENT, School _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee, $25/person; $5 for students	$ _____
Friday Banquet Buffet, October 30, $35/person	$ _____
Saturday Lunch, October 31, $20/person	$ _____
Saturday Banquet Buffet, October 31, $35/person	$ _____
Late fee, after October 25, $15	$ _____
TOTAL	$ _____

Friday p.m. field trip – the Station Bird Skin Collection: # attending _____

Saturday morning field trip – Scrub tour: # attending _____

Sunday morning field trip: # attending _____

Archbold Expeditions, Inc.

Archbold Biological Station - Visitor Application

E-mail completed form to facilitiescoordinator@archbold-station.org

***Section I*: General Information** – *required for all Station visitors*
Section II: Lodging* – *only required if staying overnight at Archbold Station*
Section III: Kitchen Use – *kitchen access granted for a fee (Overnight Stay only)*
Section IV: Meeting Room or Classroom – *only required if requesting room(s)*
Section V: Tours –*required if requesting a staff-guided (private) tour for a group*
Section VI: Research Needs – *only if requesting use of Station Research Resources*

Section I: General Information (required for all applications)
Program Director/Host (specify department your visit is related to):

Date/Time of Arrival:_____ **Date/Time of Departure:**_____
Number of Visitors in Group: _____ **Profit**_____**or Non-Profit Group**_____

Visitor Information (please circle) Principal Investigator, Researcher, Meeting Group or Organization, College/University Class (Graduate, Under-Graduate or Both) Other _____

First Name:_____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Affiliation/Institute/Organization/Meeting Name, *if applicable*: _____
Address: _____City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone #:_____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Second Visitor (i.e. spouse, assistant) *if applicable*

First Name:_____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
Title: _____
Affiliation/Institute/Organization: _____

Cell #: _____Email: _____

Wireless Internet throughout the Station - connectivity may vary

Archbold Biological Station has a **30 day cancellation policy for stays of 30 days or more. 7 days for shorter stays.** If you cancel a confirmed reservation you will be charged for a minimum of 1 night or more. No full or partial cancellations less than 7 days before original arrival.

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Friday, Oct. 30, Afternoon Field Trip, 2 p.m.
Archbold Natural History Collection (maximum 20 people): Join Archbold Avian Ecology staff in a tour of Archbold Biological Station's skin collection.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Morning Field Trips, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Scrub Tour at Archbold ($10/person, maximum 30 people): Join Archbold Avian Ecology staff in a tour of Archbold Biological Station's Demography Tract to learn about the history of ABS's long term study of Florida Scrub-Jays. Besides scrub-jays, birds include Eastern Towhees, Loggerhead Shrikes, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Screech Owls, Great Horned Owls, and potential over-wintering migrants.

Platt Branch WEA: Platt Branch is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. It has a wide variety of habitats from scrub to wetlands. Potential birds include Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Brown-headed Nuthatches, Florida Scrub-Jays, and over-wintering warblers.

Buck Island Ranch ($25/person, maximum 16 people): Buck Island Ranch is a working cattle ranch run by Archbold Biological Station. Learn about the long-term research conducted by ABS about how ranching and ecology can be integrated. Potential birds include Crested Caracara, Burrowing Owls, other grasslands birds, and over-wintering shorebirds and warblers.

Highlands Hammock State Park: Look for migratory warblers in Florida's first State Park. Check out the Cypress Swamp Trail or the Fern Garden Trail for warblers, or find the Audubon shelter for Bachmann's Sparrows, Florida Scrub-Jays, and Red-Headed Woodpeckers. Leader David Simpson.

Drigger's Road: One of Highlands County's best spots for migratory shorebirds. Check the sod fields to the south for shorebirds, and the wetlands mixed in with sugarcane fields to the north for ducks. If time permits, the trip may also include the William O. Gentry Eco Park in Lorida. Leaders David Goodwin and Erik Haney.

Sunday, Nov. 1, Morning Field Trips, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
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Avon Park Air Force Range (maximum 10 people): The Avon Park Air Force Range hosts a variety of habitats: pristine long-leaf pine plantations, xeric scrub, dry prairies & cypress wetlands. We'll likely see Florida Scrub-Jay, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Florida Burrowing Owl, Crested Caracara, and possibly even the resident Florida Grasshopper Sparrow.

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Call for Scientific Presentation Abstracts
Fall 2026 Florida Ornithological Society Meeting

The Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) is pleased to announce its Fall meeting, which will convene researchers, students, conservation professionals, and resource managers to advance scientific understanding of Florida's birdlife. This meeting will take place 30 October – 1 November at the Archbold Biological Station, in Venus, Florida. The meeting will provide a forum for the exchange of original research and applied conservation relevant to the study of Florida's avifauna.
For more information about the meeting, including registration, see:
https://fosbirds.org/meetings-events/

The Program Committee invites the submission of abstracts for talks and poster presentations addressing any aspect of ornithology in Florida, including but not limited to:

- Population dynamics, distribution, and demography
- Migration, stopover ecology, and movement studies
- Behavior, physiology, and evolutionary ecology
- Habitat selection and landscape-scale ecological processes
- Conservation biology, management, and restoration practices
- Impacts of environmental change, urbanization, and invasive species
- Community science contributions and education initiatives

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.
- Please include the presentation title, all authors with institutional affiliations, and the presenting author's full contact information.
- Graduate students, undergraduates, and early-career researchers are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts.

Important Dates

- **Abstract submission deadline:** 12 October 2026

Submission Process
Abstracts should be submitted electronically as a Word or PDF document to: Oscar Johnson ojohnson@fgcu.edu
In your submission, please indicate your preference for a talk or a poster presentation.

The Florida Ornithological Society looks forward to your participation in this year's meeting and to advancing the study and conservation of Florida's birds through the presentation of high-quality scientific research.