

**AUDUBON of MARTIN COUNTY**  
A CHAPTER OF NATIONAL AUDUBON AND AUDUBON of FLORIDA  
621 S.E. PALM BEACH RD.  
STUART, FL 34994

**BIRDS OF THE TREASURE COAST**

Spring, 2008  
Course Outline

Instructor: Greg Braun, Executive Director, Audubon of Martin County  
Location: Various venues throughout Martin County  
Dates & Times: Fridays February 15 through March 14, 2008, 8:00 AM to 3:00-ish

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to present experienced birders with new opportunities to learn more about the birds that are present in Martin County and Florida's Treasure Coast. After reviewing basic information regarding "birding" (e.g., new field guides, CD/DVD materials, spotting scopes, digital cameras...) during class #1, the course will focus on techniques to assist in difficult-to-identify and hard-to-find species, including: Class 2- Habitats and their birds; Class 3 - Birding by Ear; Class 4- Silhouettes, poor lighting and plumage variants; Class 5) Migration and Seasonality

The tentative course outline includes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mtg Location</u>	<u>Topics</u>
1	Fri., 2/15/08	Indian Riverside Park  Field Excursion – Wakodahatchee	Introduction Bird Guides & Optics
2	Fri., 2/22/08	Dupuis Mgmt Area Field Excursion – Red-cockaded Woodpecker re-introduction site	Habitats and their Birds
3	Fri., 2/29/08	Jonathan Dickinson State Park Field Excursion - Hungryland WEA	Birding by Ear
4	Fri., 3/7/08	Blowing Rocks Preserve Field Excursion – Peck Lake Park, Rocky Point Hammock	Silhouettes, poor lighting, plumage variants
5	Fri., 3/14/08	Seminole Inn Field Excursion – Port Mayaca, Okeechobee Ridge	Migration and Seasonality

Each class consists of a) a  $\pm$  1-2 hour morning bird-walk at the host site; 2) a  $\pm$  2-hour classroom session and 3) a field excursion to a birding hot-spot. The cost for all five sessions is \$60 per person (\$50 for Audubon members). Seating is limited. Call the Audubon office (772)-288-2637 for more information. Send your registration check to the letterhead address to reserve your seat. Bring your field guide, binoculars and a pack lunch to all sessions.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ADVANCED BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE**

How many of Martin County's ± 300 species of birds can you identify? Unsure how to differentiate our winter-time gulls? Looking for local rare birds like snail kites, red-cockaded woodpeckers and bald eagles? And "Just what are those weird night-time sounds; frogs? birds? or crickets?"

If you want answers to these and other questions about our feathered friends, then we've got just the program for you!

Audubon of Martin County is pleased to offer a 5-session, multi-media course for experienced birders. Each session of the "Birds of the Treasure Coast" course includes a half-day classroom session and an associated field trip. Local nature photographer and ecologist Greg Braun, who is also Executive Director of the local Audubon chapter, will teach the course.

- Where: Each sessions will be held at a different birding location in Martin County
- When: From 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Fridays from February 15 through March 14, 2008
- How Much: The cost for the entire course is \$60 per person (\$50 Audubon members). Per-session attendance available; fee varies based on transportation costs
- Who: The course is open to experienced birders.

Seating is limited. Call the Audubon office (772)-288-2637 for more information or to make reservations. To reserve a seat, mail your check made payable to 'Audubon' to: Audubon of Martin County, 621 S.E. Palm Beach Rd, Stuart, FL 34994; Attn: Bird ID Course.