

# Florida Birding and Nature Festival 2016

## Highlighting Wildlife Corridors and Celebrating the Centennial Year of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act



When: October 13-16, 2016  
Where: Hillsborough Community College's LEED-Gold Certified South Shore campus, 551 24<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Ruskin, FL 33570

*The Florida Birding and Nature Festival's mission is to promote appreciation and conservation of Florida's wildlife and their habitats through responsible nature-based tourism and public awareness.*

### Discover the wild side of Tampa Bay and beyond!

Experience peak migration in some of the most important flyway stopovers in Florida. Learn about iconic species like alligators and panthers, birding and nature photography tips from professionals, plus the history and future of conservation efforts from local to global experts in their fields. This family-friendly festival also includes a variety of children's activities.



Festival registration gives you access to a wide array of **field trips** exploring both coastal and inland destinations in a five-county region on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 14-16.

Registration also includes more than 25 **on-campus programs** Friday and Saturday, on topics ranging from plants, insects, birds, reptiles, mammals, and more! There are presentations for all skill levels, including how-to workshops for creating wildlife habitat in your own back yard.

**Social events** are open to the public (festival registration not required), and they include buffet dinners along with captivating presentations at the historic Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – "Stewards of the Land," discussion with Hillsborough County eco-visionaries.

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – "The Global Owl Project," keynote by project director David Johnson.

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – "Florida Wildlife Corridors," keynote by explorer and photographer Carlton Ward, Jr.

### DETAILS AND REGISTRATION ONLINE

[www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org](http://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org)

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