

The Village Birders Calendar

March – April 2025

(as of March 19, 2025)

This schedule is subject to change.

Please check the website for updates and additional information.

<https://www.villagebirders.org/birding-trips>

All monthly meetings held at 9:00 AM at the Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center, 4505 Okahumpka Run.

March 2025

March 26 (Wednesday) Field Trip: Half Moon Wildlife Management Area, 8640 Sumter County Rd 247, Lake Panasoffkee. Leader: Liz Stackenborg. Meet 8 AM in parking lot at WMA Entrance Gate. Car pool for a drive through the area. Restroom.

April 2025

April 1 (Tuesday) All Day Field Trip: Cedar Key. Leader: Beth Sharlow. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Walmart Supercenter, 4085 Wedgewood Lane in The Villages, in the far Southwest corner of the parking lot. We will carpool to Cedar Key, bird three locations, then lunch at the 2nd Street Café followed by three more locations before returning back to The Villages. Questions contact Susan Pepper, cell 352-425-5661, email spepp336@yahoo.com. Trip itinerary will be provided to the drivers.

April 9 (Wednesday) Field Trip: Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 7200 Battlefield Parkway, Bushnell. Leader: Susan Pepper (cell 352-425-5661). Meet 8:30 a.m. at venue in the parking lot off to the right after park entrance. Entrance fee \$3.00 per vehicle or a Florida State Park pass. Easy walking on paved and grass paths. Restroom.

April 12 (Saturday) Annual Member Only Picnic: RSVP REQUIRED Lake Griffin State Park, 3089 US-441, Fruitland Park. Coordinator: Barb Peterson (email barbpeterson49@gmail.com). Bird walk at 9:45 a.m. meet in venue parking lot, leader Susan Pepper (352-425-5661). Lunch at 11:00 a.m. in the covered pavilion. Bring your own drinks, a side dish or desert to share, chair. Club will provide sandwiches. Entrance fee \$5.00 per vehicle or a Florida State Park pass. Restroom. More information to be emailed.

April 16 (Wednesday Overnight) Optional, make your own hotel reservations.

April 17 (Thursday) Field Trip: Fort De Soto County Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde. Leader: Mark Cudney, Jerry & Linda Bell. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the flag pole located at the park headquarters, at the intersection of Pinellas Bayway and Anderson Blvd. Entrance fee increased to \$6 per vehicle, paid at kiosks with credit card only and license plate number, no cash accepted. Food limited to concession stand if open, plan accordingly. Restrooms.

April 19 (Saturday) Monthly Club Meeting: Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. 9:00 AM. Program: Birding 101 presented by Bob Smidt. Bring your own Binoculars. After the program the club will have extra binoculars and spotting scopes as demos on the boardwalk behind the Rec Center. If you need help with adjustments or general binocular questions, see Susan Pepper.

April 24 (Thursday) Field Trip: Moss Bluff North Park, 16298 SE 95th Street Rd, Ocklawaha. Leader: Bob Smidt. Meet 8:00 AM at North Park. From SE Hwy 464C go past Dam Diner, across bridge over Ocklawaha River, turn right on first road. Park entrance fee increased to \$7 per vehicle. Restroom. Go to Moss Bluff South Park. Optional lunch at Duck's Dam Diner.

May 2025 – no events

June 2025 – All Month Long is the June Challenge
Coordinator: Alice Horst. More information to be emailed.