



News from Serenoa Chapter
We have been missing our members, but Florida is blooming despite our lack of meetings!
We plan to work with a hybrid meeting format this Fall - with zoom meetings monthly (3rd Monday as usual) and field trips still going out the following Saturday - with masks and social distancing following CDC guidelines.
[Click here for Full Fall Schedule](#)
We hope you enjoy this newsletter packed full of good information. Read on...
~ Serenoa Board of Directors



Catbird on American Beautyberry Credit: Audubon Florida
Bringing Nature Home - Webinar ~ Doug Tallamy
September 22, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom
Here is a great way to kick off the fall season. Doug Tallamy's <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/> perspective is the foundation for Audubon's Plants for Bird program
<https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS>
You will learn why native plants are the key to the future!

[Register here](#) Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation with the link from Zoom. Thanks to Venice Area Audubon for making arrangements with Mr. Tallamy and to Audubon Florida for hosting the program so that Serenoa Chapter can join.



Liatris and Goldenrod at Oscar Scherer State Park Photo Credit: Fran Palmeri

Blazing Star --> *Liatris sp.* ~ Fran Palmeri

Blazing stars have been brightening up the heavens. Turns out that there are also plenty on the ground to cheer us. *Liatris*, a prince of plants, also known as blazing star and gayfeather, is in bloom in local parks and gardens. The tall spikes of purple flowers make a spectacular display [Read More + Photos!](#)



Kayak in Terra Ceia Bay, Emerson Point Photo Credit: Karen Willey

Vote YES for Water and Land in Manatee County



Serenoa Chapter has endorsed the Referendum that will appear on the November 3rd Ballot in Manatee County. If enacted, the funds will come from an ad valorem tax costing an average property owner \$29 per year. It will raise \$50million annually to manage and purchase environmental lands. [Learn more here.](#)



Karen Willey talks about Mangroves and Sea Level Rise Photo Credit: Matt Willey

Want to talk Climate Change?
~ Karen Willey will tell you how... FNPS Lunch and Learn

[Friday September 25, 2020 Noon - 1pm](#)
A recent study indicates that 73% of people living in the United States think climate change is happening now, yet less than 36% are talking about it! Karen Willey, a certified climate change communicator with the National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI) will share current research to help up talk about climate change with knowledge, hope, and community level solutions.
[Watch here](#) on September 25th
Learn about Mangroves and Sea Level Rise [Video Here](#)

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