

SCCF Member Update

Who Is Helping Bring Back the Barn Owls?

By Dee Serage, Living with Wildlife Educator

The Sanibel Island Golf Club has installed a new barn owl box from SCCF on their course and are hoping a barn owl will take up residence. The golf course owners had their pest control company switch to a more wildlife friendly rat poison. In addition, the president of the Beachview homeowners association emailed the new SCCF Bring Back the Barn Owls brochure to this community.

By not using rat poisons homeowners can protect our bobcats, hawks, owls, and eagles that might eat the poisoned rats. Killing all rats is impossible and should not be the goal. Ask your professional to find and seal entry points to your home, attic, and garage. The barn owls are back for the first time since 2005. Let's keep them and our other rat-eaters safe.



One of the Indigo project signs on North Captiva that contains important facts

and contact info to report sightings.

68% Decline in Red-shouldered Hawks on Sanibel and Captiva These numbers provided by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society (from Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count) show a 68% decline from the mid-'80s and '90s.

Red-shouldered

hawks counted Year(s) of count

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| 18 | — | 2017 |
| 21 | — | 2016 |
| 34 | — | 10-year average (2006-2016) |
| 46 | — | 30-year average (1986-2016) |
| 56 | — | Average count between 1987-1996 |

Eastern Indigo Snake Surveys

By Chris Lechowicz, Director — Wildlife & Habitat Management / Herpetologist

Eastern indigo snakes (*Drymarchon couperi*) have a winter breeding season. This is very different from the remainder of the native snakes in southwest Florida that breed in the spring and early summer. The breeding season of the eastern indigo snake usually begins with the first cold fronts in November and ends by the beginning of March, with the peak of activity in our area being be-



An eastern indigo snake crossing a road on Pine Island.

tween Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.

During this time, these large, docile, federal and state-listed species are most likely to be seen by people as they search for mates. Because of their large home ranges, this is also the time of year with the most indigo snake road fatalities due to the added traffic from the busy season in Florida.

Surveys for indigo snakes on the last known barrier islands in Florida to have these magnificent snakes are conducted by biologists with the SCCF Pine Island Sound Eastern indigo Snake Project (SPISEISP) and its volunteers on three islands. Permittees, island resident volun-

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Research on Bacterioplankton at the Marine Lab

By Eric Milbrandt, Ph.D., Marine Laboratory Director

A laboratory-based research project on the role of colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM) on bacterioplankton started at the Lab in December 2017. Colored dissolved organic matter is what causes the Gulf and bay to appear tea-stained during the wet season. There are several sources of CDOM, with the largest being the Caloosahatchee River. Other sources are less prevalent, such as mangrove tidal creeks or from bacterioplankton in the Gulf of Mexico, but may be important to the respiration rates and productivity in the waters around Sanibel.

Bacterioplankton are bacteria that live and respire in the water column. Each drop of seawater has 106 bacteria when counted under a powerful microscope (1000X). The Marine Lab's intern, Clair Cook, is interested in carbon and the effects on bacterioplankton. She has set up a temperature-controlled experiment to measure respiration rates of the bacterioplankton in light and dark conditions. Her incubations typically last 48 hours and typically have a 2X2 design. In other words, there are light and dark bottles, and there are different sources of CDOM (e.g., mangrove creek, Gulf of Mexico). Soon we will be adding treatments such as adding an alternative carbon source, dextrose and photobleaching the water.

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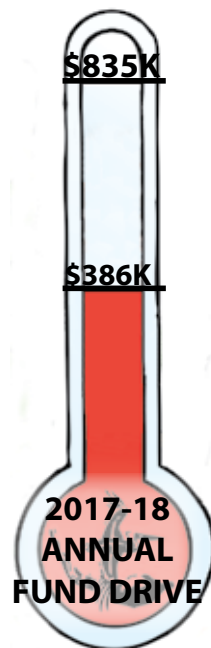
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Please call Cheryl Giattini at 239-395-2768 with questions and instructions for gifts of stock and wire transfers.

Thank you!!



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April 7 and 8, 2017
at the Sundial Beach Resort

SCCF proudly announces our new major sponsor and tournament venue, the Sundial Beach Resort. For information, please call: Dee Century (472-2329)

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teers that are under our federal permit, assist greatly with documenting occurrences of indigo snakes as well as being a point of contact on each island. Pine Island, the largest barrier island in Florida, has a land bridge connecting it to the mainland and is therefore easy to get to. Foot surveys are conducted on various conservation lands owned by Lee County Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. Road cruising surveys, in vehicles, are conducted throughout the island, especially Stringfellow Road, where the most fatalities have been reported.

The other two islands, North Captiva and Cayo Costa, do not have causeways leading to them and are accessible only by boat. Surveys on those islands are conducted on electric golf carts or gas-powered mules on small sand roads that traverse the islands. Both islands have residents and most are well aware of the project by either seeing our signs or pamphlets, coming to educational lectures, or by word of mouth by other residents.

When indigo snakes are detected they are captured and temporarily held by permitted SPSEISP representatives so data can be collected and the snakes can be marked and released. The data collected is sex, snout-vent-length (SVL), total length (TOL), tail length (TAL), weight (WT), injuries and the GPS coordinates.

After that is recorded, the snake is marked two different ways. The first is by scale-clipping (Brown and Parker 1976), where several ventral scales are clipped off in a numbering pattern. These removed scales are put in isopropyl alcohol and sent to the Orianna Society for genetic studies. The second method is to insert a pit-tag (microchip) under the skin so that the unique number can be read with a scanner. All snakes are also photographed for distinguishable characteristics such as scale anomalies or injuries.

This three-system approach helps us to positively identify previously captured snakes. Any deceased snakes are deposited with the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, Florida. If you happen to see an eastern indigo snake in Pine Island Sound, please take a picture report the sighting to Chris Lechowicz at 239-472-3984 or indigo@sccf.org.



Erick at the October 31, 2017 50th Anniversary celebration, cutting the cake with then-current and past SCCF Board Presidents.

Dear SCCF Members and Supporters:

Over the last year, at my request, I have worked with the Board of Trustees, its Executive Committee, and the current and most recent past SCCF Presidents in a very thoughtful exercise in strategic succession planning.

This work will continue throughout 2018, leading to my retirement as Chief Executive Officer of SCCF (the new title for the Executive Director) in January 2019 and the naming of my successor. The Board of Trustees has remained steadfastly supportive of me throughout this endeavor and has allowed Ellen and me to select the date with which we feel most comfortable.

My investment in and commitment to this organization will never allow me to completely step away. Among other things, I hope to volunteer on some future projects with the Hammerheads! That being said, I very much look forward to spending more time with Ellen, our children and our grandsons.

It would be impossible to summarize here all that my more than three decades at SCCF have meant to me and my family, so I will not try to. What I can share is that it has been an immense honor to be of service to SCCF's mission and its Members, providing countless proud and happy memories I will always hold dearly.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging one of the greatest assets I will be leaving behind at SCCF – this organization's staff. My successor will take the helm with the knowledge that a first rate group of deeply committed and talented professionals are ready and willing to help ensure a smooth transition. I will miss working with each and every one of them. Please support them with all your hearts.

In 2017, we reached SCCF's 50th anniversary of incorporation together. Going forward, I will continue to stand with my fellow SCCF Members, hoping to make the next 50 years even more noteworthy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erick Lindblad'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Erick Lindblad
Chief Executive Officer

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Her experiments are adding value to the RECON dataset. SCCF's in-water sensor network, the River and Estuary Coastal Observing Network, records CDOM and dissolved oxygen in real time. The results of the work with bacterioplankton will help our scientists determine the causes of low dissolved oxygen events and whether the source and concentration of CDOM is important to respiration rates in the estuary.



Clair Cook attended Evergreen State University in Olympia, WA. She is originally from Indiana but her father lives outside of Sarasota. She previously was an Americorps employee at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. She is planning to return to Washington for graduate school.

Left: Lab Intern Clair Cook working with her bacterioplankton experiment. Above: Dark, CDOM-rich water swinging out into the Gulf around Lighthouse Point.

Tracking Shorebirds through Banding: Evening at the Homestead

Join us for this season's first Evening at the Homestead on Tuesday, February 6 as SCCF's Shorebird Biologist Audrey Albrecht talks about what we have learned about individual birds through banding. For example, E24 (not pictured) is a piping plover, banded in North Dakota in 2012, that winters on North Captiva but returns to North Dakota to nest each year. In addition to learning about individual birds, topics will include the history and origin of bird banding, the many methods of trapping and marking birds, and the invaluable data gathered from these studies. Tuesday, February 6, at the pavilion in the Bailey Homestead Preserve, 1300 Periwinkle Way. Refreshments at 6 p.m.; program begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 per person available through Eventbrite — at scf.org go to Programs, then Calendar.



Left: XV4 is a red knot who was originally captured and banded on Sanibel in 2007, and continues to winter here each year. The code on the flag is faded but still legible. Right: Green/White is the only fledgling snowy plover from Sanibel in 2017. It moved north in August after fledging, and was last seen on Siesta Key on 1/1/18. (Photo by Holley Short from Florida Audubon).



SCCF Trunk Show Benefit: Jewelry with a Purpose

Well-known artist and jewelry designer Barbara Warner will be selling her one-of-a-kind pieces and re-purposed jewelry at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 San-Cap Rd on Tuesday, February 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Barbara has made a name for herself in the craft and jewelry world with her upcycled and wearable art. You're invited to browse and buy these beautiful,



creative pieces of jewelry and gifts created from cast-off fabrics, plastics and other materials. Barbara has generously agreed to donate a portion of her sales to SCCF!

Rekindle a Memory – Barbara creates custom heirloom pieces as well. Bring a treasured family fabric or item, and she will work with you to create something new and unique, repurposing beautiful dresses, baby clothes, hats, and more.

Purchase with a Purpose – A portion of the sales will benefit SCCF!

SCCF FEBRUARY 2018

HAPPENINGS
PROGRAMS
OPPORTUNITIES

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Shipley Trail Tour-10@ BHP Garden Walk-1 @ BHP Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 3 |
| 4 Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverfore Tour. Next cruises on March 11 and 25 | 5 Tides & Sea Level-10 | 6 Floral Design w/ Natives -10:30@BHP Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 Evening at the Homestead- Tracking Birds thru Banding-6: | 7 Bowman's Beach Walk-9 Making Land Work tour at Bailey Homestead-10 Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 8 Eagle & Owl Tales-10 Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 9 Shipley Trail Tour-10@ BHP Garden Walk-1 @ BHP Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Weeds Seeds-8:45 Hurricanes, Water Spouts & Lightning -10 | 13 Panthers/Corridors-10 Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 14 Bowman's Beach Walk-9 Making Land Work tour at Bailey Homestead-10 Gator & Croc Tales-10 Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 15 Turtle Tracks-10 Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 16 Shipley Trail Tour-10@ BHP Garden Walk-1 @ BHP Nature Ctr Trail Walk-11 | 17 |
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BAILEY HOMESTEAD: MAKING THE LAND WORK

This one-hour walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve blends SCCF's mission-driven work on the historic property, the history of the land itself and some stories about the Bailey family, which farmed the land for three generations. *Wednesdays at 10 a.m. No reservations. 1300 Periwinkle Way, meet at the Welcome Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail, near the entrance. Call Kristie or Dee at 472-2329 for more information. Free to members and children. \$5 for non-members.*

BOBCAT TALES

"Bobcat: Master of Survival" is how author Kevin Hansen describes *Lynx rufus*. While other wild feline species are in trouble, bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range and this adaptable feline's ability to survive close to humans is one of the reasons for the bobcat's success. Rats and mice can make up to 40% of the bobcat's diet. *Thursday, February 22 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF auditorium. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with members and children attending for free.*

BOWMAN'S BEACH & BAYOU WALK

Meet your SCCF guide at Bowman's Beach at the foot of the bridge that crosses the bayou on the way to the beach. Your guide will lead you along the beach towards Blind Pass and back along the back dune/bayou trail. Keep your eyes open for shorebirds and gopher tortoises. Learn about SCCF's 50-year role in island preservation. Free to all. You must pay to park. *Wednesdays at 9 a.m.*

CALOOSAHATCHEE OXBOW & RIVERLORE CRUISE

Come with us to experience the historic meanders of the upriver Caloosahatchee on this 2.5-hour cruise guided by Rae Ann Wessel. Departs at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam Park off SR 80 in Olga. In 2018, all on Sunday: February 4 and 18, March 11 and 25, April 15 and May 13. *Space is limited. Advance reservations and payment required. Register online: from sccf.org, click on Resources upper right and follow Oxbow Cruise dropdown. \$45 per person.*

THE CITY THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Chronicling over a century of preserving paradise, the program celebrates the forward thinking of many islanders from the early 20th century thru today. Learn of actions of Theodore Roosevelt through "Ding" Darling, establishment of the Refuge, founding of SCCF, lead-up to the incorporation and ensuing history of the City of Sanibel. Learn about many of the key steps islanders have taken and what lies ahead with most pressing issues for the future of these emeralds in the sea. We live in a rarified place and it is not accident. *Monday, February 26 at 10 a.m. Nature Center auditorium. Free to members and children, \$5 for non-members.*

CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHY: ETHICS IN PRACTICE

With the rise of digital cameras and smartphones, the world of photography has been made accessible to just about everyone. Wildlife and landscape photography are

especially popular in Southwest Florida with our access to unique environments and species. But these ecosystems are fragile and knowing the best practices to protect a species makes for an ethical photographer. Learn about conservation photography and what considerations to keep in mind when photographing the wildness around us. SCCF Public Outreach Coordinator Alexis Horn is a published professional photographer eager to share her knowledge and passion for this subject. *Tuesday, February 20 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF auditorium. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with members and children attending for free.*

EAGLE AND OWL TALES

Come and hear local tales of island eagles and owls and what is being done to help them thrive. SCCF erected a nesting platform 70 feet tall in place of a dead nesting tree for a pair of eagles and they continue to nest there today. Owls of the islands include the newly returned barn owls as well as screech and great horned owls. You are invited to learn about the life cycles of these silent night hunters and the adaptations that make them so successful in the dark. Learn about how rat poisons can harm our owls and eagles. *Thursday, February 8 at 10 a.m. Nature Center auditorium. Free to members and children. \$5 for non-members.*

FLORIDA PANTHERS AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Florida panthers are the rarest mammals in North America – and their future depends on wildlife corridors. While not found on Sanibel, they play an important role in maintaining the ecosystems of Southwest Florida. The last few years have seen record-breaking panther deaths, but there is hope in protecting their habitat and allowing the elusive cat to spread north into its historic habitat. Prior to joining SCCF, Alexis Horn ran the Sierra Club's Florida Panther program. Learn what makes Florida panthers unique and why they are so vital to our environment. *Tuesday, February 13 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF auditorium. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with members and children attending for free.*

GARDEN WALK AT THE HOMESTEAD

Take a guided walk through the native plant, wildflower, kitchen and tea gardens at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Learn about the uses of the plants by humans, butterflies, birds and pollinators. You will end your walk with a sip of tea from the gardens infused with sea grape honey from the island. *Fridays at 1 p.m. Meet on the deck at the Native Landscapes & Garden Center. Free to members and children, \$5 for non-members.*

GATOR & CROCODILE TALES

The biology of alligators and crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined. Learn about these living dinosaurs and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. *Wednesday, February 14 at 10 a.m. at the Nature Center. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with members and children attending for free.*

HURRICANES, WATERSPOUTS & LIGHTNING

Learn about some of this area's most lively weather phenomena including waterspouts, hurricanes and lightning

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storms. Volatile weather is not uncommon in any season. South Florida is the lightning capital of the country. Collisions of clouds, tropical storms and other severe weather events shape our islands and human existence. *Monday, February 12 at 10 a.m. Free to members and children, \$5 for non-members.*

NATIVE PLANT FLORAL DESIGN AT BHP

Create a native plant arrangement for your favorite Valentine! Tips and tricks for utilizing native plants in cut arrangements will be discussed in this hands-on workshop. All plant materials will be provided; bring your own container or vase appropriate for a variety of cut flowers and foliage. *Tuesday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Native Landscapes & Garden Center at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, 1300 Periwinkle Way. RSVP to the Native Landscapes & Garden Center at 239-472-1932. Registration: \$10.*

OPEN HOUSE

Meet the people who conduct SCCF's ongoing research during SCCF's Open House. How do we know about indigo snakes, shorebird populations, green sea turtle movement, sea grasses, oysters, and appropriate landscape choices? SCCF researchers collect data; confer with other scientists; and provide guidance for the future success of our native environments. Come, too, for the traditional Nature Sounds Contest, refreshments, activities and games, but the day's highlight will be the firsthand interaction with those who work so hard behind the scenes. *Monday, February 19 (President's Day) 10:30-1:30. Bring your questions.*

OTTER TALES

No one knows how many North American river otters live on Sanibel and Captiva. Some say there are fewer since 2004's Hurricane Charley. Come and learn about this large, aquatically adapted member of the weasel family. river otters are strong and graceful swimmers that capture the hearts of all who see them. Otter sightings have increased recently on SCCF trails. *Wednesday, January 31 at 10 a.m. The cost of the program is \$5 with SCCF members and children attending for free*

SHIPLEY TRAIL AT BAILEY HOMESTEAD GUIDED WALK

Take a guided walk on the SCCF Shipley Trail. Stroll across the Star Thomas Memorial Bridge and then connect with Pond Apple Trail. Learn how SCCF manages this property as wildlife habitat on Sanibel's populated east end. The walk will meander along Pond Apple trail around the man-made ponds that are home to wildlife such as alligators, anhingas, and woodstorks. Even eagles may be spotted. Park and meet your guide at the Welcome Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail, at the SCCF Bailey Homestead Preserve at 1300 Periwinkle Way. The kiosk is immediately to the left as you enter thru the gate into the preserve. This is a mostly shaded, easy walk lasting approximately one hour. *Fridays at 10 a.m. No charge for the walks.*

TIDES/WHERE IS SEA LEVEL?

Whether it is shelling, fishing, boating, birding or just enjoying the view of the water, tides and currents affect most of our lives daily. Have you ever wondered why the islands sometimes have just one tide a day or why you can see sea grasses when the tide chart says it is high tide? What and where is mean sea level? Why is it important? This is an introduction how water behaves as the earth spins, the moon orbits and the winds blow. *Monday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Members and children 17 and under are free. Cost is \$5 per adult, with members and children free.*

TRACKING SHOREBIRDS THRU BANDING

Join us for this season's first Evening at the Homestead as SCCF's Shorebird Biologist Audrey Albrecht talks about what we have learned about individual birds through banding. *Tuesday, February 6, refreshments at 6; program begins 6:30p.m. \$10 per person. See Page 4 for more info.*

TRAIL WALKS: EXPLORE SANIBEL'S INTERIOR WETLANDS

Sanibel Island is a unique barrier island in Florida because it still has an interior freshwater wetland ecosystem that has not been lost to development. Join us for a guided walk through the interior wetlands and mid-island ridges of the Center Tract with discussion of native habitats, natural and cultural history and preservation efforts. *Tuesdays through Fridays at 11 a.m. (no walk on Feb. 27) Meet at the Nature Center and proceed to the trails. \$5 per person for non-members.*

TURTLE TRACKS

Sanibel Island had one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country. Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles and shorebirds that nest on our beaches, SCCF's monitoring activities, and what we are doing to protect them. *Thursday, February 15 at 10 a.m. in the Nature Center auditorium. Free to members and children, \$5 for non-members.*

WEEDS AND SEEDS

We are a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Our walks, visiting different locations on Sanibel, last for two hours, and are guided by a leader with a plant list. The group will meet at the Nature Center porch. Depending on the location visited, you may need parking money. Please bring a hat, water, sun-block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks. *Mondays, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26. Meet at the Nature Center at 8:45 a.m., at the base of the porch and carpool to the site. Walks are free but donations to SCCF are welcome.*

PRIVATE WILDLIFE TOUR BY GOLF CART

Join Dee in a six passenger golf cart for a private wildlife tour at the Sanibel Island Golf Club in Beachview. Alligators and wading birds love the man-made lakes and the Sanibel River that winds through this golf course. If we are lucky a resident crocodile and eagle may be spotted. Call (472-2329) or email Dee (dserage@sccf.org) for more information. Cost \$125 per cart.



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Wildlife & Habitat Management: (239) 472-3984

SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed through:



- *Environmental Education*
- *Land Acquisition & Stewardship*
- *Marine Research*
- *Natural Resource Policy*
- *Native Landscapes & Garden Center*
- *Sea Turtles & Shorebirds*
- *Wildlife & Habitat Management*

Nature Center Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. from October - May
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June - September

Native Landscapes & Garden Center Hours:

at 1300 Periwinkle Way, Bailey Homestead Preserve
Monday - Friday — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. *(January through April)*

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- Trails & Observation Tower
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