

Mobile Bay Audubon Society

Summer 2021 Newsletter

Election of New Officers

A new board has been elected for the 2020-2021 term:

- Teresa Withee – President
- Jay Burdette – Vice President
- Jim Russo - Treasurer
- Linda Russo – Secretary

- **Board Members at Large:**
- Lynne Fitzgerald
- Kathy Hicks
- John Borom
- Helen Beers

Outreach and Programs Committee:

- Field Trip Coordinator - Lynne Fitzgerald
- MBA Young Birders Manager - Emma Rhodes
- MBA Young Birders Assistant Manager – Helen Beers
- Program Presentations - Carol Furman

Many thanks to our past board members for their hard work, dedication and wonderful programs!

Best wishes to our long-standing member, past VP, and hummingbird expert, Emma Rhodes as she leaves to pursue her doctoral degree at Auburn University! She will be continuing with the Young Birders Club and serving as Director of Conservation and Scientific Research – Banding Coalition of the Americas (BCA). Their banding event will be held October 1st-7th at Ft. Morgan. For more information see their website: www.bandingcoalition.org.



Photo by Linda W. Russo

MBAS Calendar - Summer 2021

Monthly meetings at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center - Blakley Hall, will resume, starting Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00am. www.MobileAudubonSociety.org and Facebook for updates.

Oct. 6 – 9: Alabama Coastal BirdFest
www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com

Important birding links:

www.hummingbirdresearch.net.

www.pascagoula.audubon.org.

www.alaudubon.org/events.

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Good News!

The MBAS has been awarded a grant! Treasurer Jim Russo applied for, and successfully received, a \$15,000 grant from the State of Alabama Coronavirus relief fund for Non-Profit Organizations. These funds have been earmarked to bolster operating costs, as well as, future events that include:

- John L. Borom Alabama Coastal Birdfest
- Purple Martin Riviera Project
- Audubon Eastern Shore Birders
- Mobile Bay Audubon Young Birder's Club
- Recycling project with the Boy Scouts to provide containers for fishing line recycling in several locations on the bay.

Mobile Bay Audubon Wants You! Join Today!

MBAS is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Every membership supports Audubon's vital efforts to protect birds, wildlife and natural habitats. When you join NAS, you will become a member of the nearest local chapter.

To join, go to the NAS webpage www.audubon.org click on Member Center or send your membership information to National Audubon Society, Membership Data Center, PO Box 422247, Palm Coast, FL 32142-6716. A one-year membership costs \$20.

For more information about MBAS, please see our website

www.mobilebayaudubon.org.

Young Birders

This year, MBAS is proud to announce that Mason Currier is the recipient of the 2021 Hog Island Scholarship for Young Birders and will be attending the Hog Island Camp this summer. We will look forward to hearing about his experiences at the camp!

Winter Birding

Our very own Theresa Withee has written a wonderful article on winter birding for the Master Gardener Newsletter.

<http://www.baldwinmastergardeners.com>

Bird Friendly Native Plants

Check out the National Audubon Society website for great information for planting native plants. The site includes an informative database for all areas by zip code. <http://www.audubon.org>

