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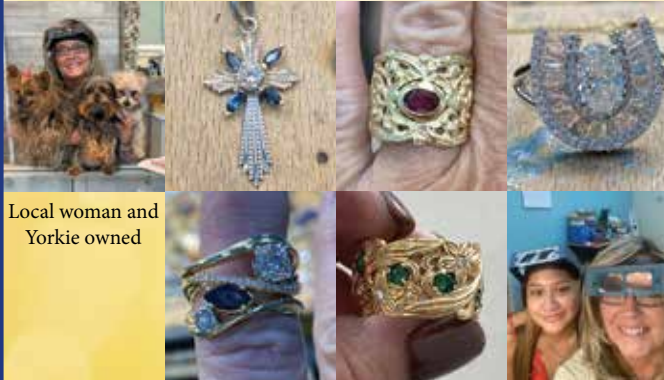
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ON THE COVER: *This is a great area to be a bird watcher. 445 bird species have been documented in the Alabama, and 420 have been observed in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, according to Cortney Weatherby the Coastal Outreach Manager at the Alabama Audubon. Photo provided by Alabama Audubon*

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Cortney Weatherby is the Coastal Outreach Manager at Alabama Audubon. Photography provided



BALDWIN BIRDERS

BY LINDA WILLIFORD

Bird watching, also known as “birding,” is one of the most popular hobbies in the United States. While it attracts people of all ages, it often appeals to older adults because it is inexpensive and easy to begin. Birding can be done almost anywhere, even in your own backyard. Many enthusiasts say the hobby is a natural stress reliever that encourages people to slow down, observe their surroundings, and connect with nature.

Cortney Weatherby is the Coastal Outreach Manager at the Alabama Audubon and has been in that leadership position for three years. Active since 1927, the Alabama Audubon’s mission is to promote conservation and knowledge of birds in their habitat and the natural world. Weatherby helps to support and advance that mission. She says, “I love my job because it gets me out in the field. I lead bird walks and give presentations. I work with school programs and summer camps.”

Weatherby says, “The primary work we do on the coast is monitoring and protecting beach-nesting birds.” They focus on six species considered threatened in the state of Alabama, including snowy plover, Wilson’s plover, least tern, black skimmer, American oystercatcher, and reddish egret. She said that these are species of birds will lay their eggs on top of the sand in small divots called scrapes. They don’t bury their eggs like sea turtles do.” She added that 445 bird species have been documented in the state, and 420 have been observed in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

Weatherby said that the most prevalent birds that most people will see in this area are backyard birds, such as cardinals, blue-jays, tufted titmouse, Carolina chickadee, Carolina wren, mourning dove, and red-bellied woodpecker. She said, “These are bird species that stay year-round and utilize habitat found in many people’s backyards. If you get closer to the water, our common birds include osprey, great blue heron, pelicans, gulls, shiny black birds

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called grackles, and shorebirds like sanderlings (they are the ones that look like they are running from the waves on the beach).”

The Gulf Coast, including areas around the Gulf of America and coastal Alabama, is one of the most important bird migration routes in North America. Weatherby said, “Millions of migrating birds stop here each spring and fall, going to or from South America, North America, and Canada.”

Weatherby said there is a statewide program called “Project Safe Flight.” Volunteers monitor buildings with lots of windows and look for bird collisions, especially during the spring and fall migration, and they identify problem buildings. Weatherby said, “We work with property owners to install window treatments that will reduce window collisions. This is the 2nd leading cause of bird deaths. The 1st leading cause is outdoor cats. We highly advocate indoor cats for pets.”

Weatherby said they also do banding, which involves affixing a band to the bird’s leg to collect important data. This is not to be confused with the Banding Coalition of the Americas.

Emma Rhodes, Director of Conservation and Scientific Research and co-founder of the Banding Coalition of Americas (BCA), said this organization was founded in 2020 and is based in Baldwin County. We are a non-profit organization that is volun-

teer-operated and is supported by the public to make research and outreach goals possible. “We study migratory birds for research and conservation with a focus on songbirds, hummingbirds, and some raptors. We band approximately 1500-2000 birds a year,” she said.

Rhodes also talks about tracking birds equipped with tiny nanotags. These little tags are transmitting information to a Motus tower. Motus towers are innovative antenna towers that are part of a global network designed to monitor bird migration patterns and behaviors. The Motus system consists of numerous receiving stations that detect signals from tagged birds as they fly by. Data is collected to help researchers understand various aspects of bird life. More info is available at Motus.org. There are towers located on Dauphin Island and Orange Beach.

These bird banding events are free to the public: April 8-12 (8-2 p.m.) on Dauphin Island by the BCA organization and April 20-25 in Fort Morgan at the Historic Site by the Alabama Audubon.

For locals who want to do some birding during the migration season, Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Morgan, and Gulf State Park are a few great places to visit. To learn more about Alabama Audubon, visit alaudubon.org.

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1 TABLESPOON WHITE MISO
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1/8 TEASPOON PEPPER
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1 CUCUMBER, SLICED INTO HALF MOONS
5 GREEN ONIONS, SLICED
1 AVOCADO, SLICED
1 TEASPOON SESAME SEEDS
2 TABLESPOONS CILANTRO, CHOPPED

DIRECTIONS

- Cook quinoa according to package instructions. Set aside.
- In medium bowl, whisk orange juice, hot sauce, honey, soy sauce, vegetable oil, lime juice and miso until combined. Pour one-quarter of liquid into separate bowl. Set aside.
- Add shrimp to remaining mixture and marinate 15 minutes.
- Heat large skillet over medium heat with butter. Add shrimp, salt and pepper. Cook 2 minutes on each side until pink. Add mushrooms and cook until tender.
- In two serving bowls, divide quinoa, bell pepper, cucumber, onions, avocado and shrimp. Sprinkle sesame seeds and cilantro over both bowls.
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