

# Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife

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meets the second Tuesday of each month from September to May at  
Rotary Park Environmental Center 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral  
(Pelican Blvd @ El Dorado Pkwy)

Becoming a member of Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife is easy. We welcome full-time, part-time, or even non-residents of Cape Coral who love wildlife and want to contribute their time and energy to our cause. Go to our website to access the membership application.

### 2012-13 SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

November 13 7 - 9 PM

Dan Tudor, wildlife photographer, will present a preview of creative images & candid video moments of burrowing owls and other Cape Coral wildlife.

December 11 7 - 9 PM

Cheryl Anderson, an experienced Purple Martin landlord and CCFW member, will give her presentation on the Purple Martins, how you can attract them to your yard with the proper nesting housing as they return to Cape Coral as early as January.

January 8 7 - 9 PM

"All About Manatees" with Maija Gadiant, educational specialist. Learn about these slow moving aquatic mammals which are an endangered species and considered Florida's gentle giants.

February 12 7 - 9 PM

Charles Sobczak, award-winning Sanibel author, will be offering a power-point presentation based on the impact of climate change on the Sunshine State. The presentation will include looking into the impact of ocean acidification, rising sea levels, changing bird migrations and more powerful hurricanes. From increasing insurance premiums to hidden carbon taxes this presentation should prove to be of interest to all environmentalists striving to preserve the natural beauty, flora, and fauna of this vulnerable peninsula.

## HAPPENINGS

On September 11th, Dr. Jerry Jackson, FGCU professor & wildlife biologist, gave his presentation on the "Burrowing Owls - their past, present and future in Florida". Dr. Jackson started with how the species was named and spoke of the first published report of Burrowing Owls in 1782 by Molina in South America. He finished his interesting talk with a question and answer session.



Dr. Jackson answers a question from CCFW member Carl Eason

### All About Butterflies



At our October 9th meeting, Nick Bodven, member of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), enlightened CCFW on butterflies and their migration. Nick explained about the South-west Florida Monarch Monitoring Program which is used to track their migration patterns. He also informed us about the *Ophryocystis Elektroscirra*

(OE), which is a parasite affecting monarch populations in North America and have been constant for many decades. To learn about this parasite, visit <http://monarchparasites.uga.edu/whatisOE/index.html>

Gayle Edwards, a Master Gardner, went on to educate us about the host and nectar plants necessary to attract and breed butterflies in our garden. There is nothing more relaxing then to sit outdoors and enjoy the beauty of these little creatures and watch their graceful fluttering throughout the gardens. To learn more about butterfly plantings, please visit <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/ButterflyInformation.shtml>



## SAVE THE DATE!

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# 11th Annual Burrowing Owl Festival

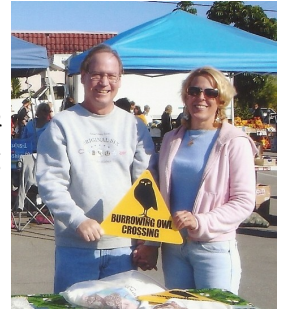
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Many thanks to Amy Bardelman, of BJ's Corporate Sales, who helped to raise \$80 through a discounted BJ's membership drive. CCFW members and friends were able to get a 15 month membership (normally 12 months) at a cost of \$40 (regular \$50). Amy also sponsors the fund raiser at our Burrowing Owl Festival and any money raised is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our members and friends who participated in this and made it possible.

### Good Bye & Good Luck

Longtime members, Kurt & Nancy Van Drie, have recently moved from Cape Coral to the Jacksonville area in northern Florida to allow them to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. Kurt & Nancy have been so helpful to CCFW in many ways. They've always been eager to help at the Burrowing Owl Festival and other events. So many people have enjoyed Kurt's musical and singing talents where he graciously donated his time at the festival and the Mangrove Gathering Eco Café, to name a few. CCFW wishes this lovely couple a world of happiness in their new venture. It has been our pleasure to know them and they will truly be missed.



### EAGLE NESTING SEASON

The Bald Eagle nesting season has begun in Cape Coral. It officially runs from October 1 through May 15.

This beautiful bird, which is our National Symbol, is one of the largest birds in North America with Florida having one of the largest populations.

To learn more about these wondrous birds, visit <http://fl.audubon.org/audubon-eaglewatch>

Do you want to see a beautiful Bald Eagle in its Cape Coral nest? Visit with Sue Scott at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3kPAWcMcHk>



### PINE ISLAND

A limited advance printing of 100 copies of the 2013 Edition of the Nature Lover's Guide to Pine Island is available. It covers every commonly found fauna and flora on Pine Island, as well as maps and details of every nature preserve, hiking trail, etc. Pine Island environmental conditions, problems and solutions, and the environmental organizations that are working on them are covered in detail. Also included is a full copy of the Pine Island Land Use Plan and its implementing regulations. The book will be on sale for \$25 by Pine Island environmental and civic organizations at fundraisers and other functions this coming season, and all profits go to those organizations.

If you prefer not to wait, send \$30 (which includes \$5 for postage) to me at the address below and I will (as long as supplies last) mail you an advance copy.

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## Get Involved

### Starter Burrow Program

Habitat loss is of major concern for the Burrowing Owls in Cape Coral. Learn how you can install a starter burrow on your property and attract this species of special concern to your home.

### Adopt – a – Burrow

Do you enjoy seeing the Burrowing Owls in your neighborhood? Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife can use help to maintain these burrows. Learn how **you** can safely maintain a burrow in your neighborhood. Call 239 980-2593 for more information

### Staking Days

Once a week the "Burrow Patrol" goes out into the community to monitor and maintain the nearly 2500 Burrowing Owl Burrows in Cape Coral. Join this fun group of volunteers and do your part to help the Burrowing Owls. Meet Wednesday at 9 AM at the south west corner of Target's parking lot at Santa Barbara & Veterans' Parkway.

### Public Outreach

Need a speaker for your school, or organization? Call 239-980-2593 for more information, or email us at [contact@ccfriendsofwildlife.org](mailto:contact@ccfriendsofwildlife.org)

### Burrowing Owl Festival

The Burrowing Owl Festival is the major fund raiser for Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife. It will take place on February 23, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral. A \$5 donation is suggested, children under 16 are free. Parking is free.