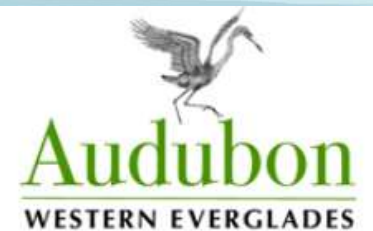


Shorebird & Burrowing Owl Update



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Shorebirds

WINTER

- Steward and biologist multiple surveys a week August 2025-April 2026.
- Resident's, Dickman's Island, Sand Dollar CWA, Pelican Bay/Clam Pass.
- "I give birds space" stickers.

Results:

2,414 citizens educated

139 surveys

44 total species

970 total band resights

68 rescued birds



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SUMMER

- Two summer stewards covering Dickman's Island every weekend from May 2026-September 2026.
 - Nesting species in Collier: Black Skimmer, Least Tern, Wilson's Plover, Killdeer and American Oystercatcher.
 - Second season AMOY nested without success. WIPL nested successfully.
 - BLSK and LETE nesting on Second Chance. LETE nested on Marco City Beach (only fledged 12).
 - Avian Flu monitoring.
- **Year-round water quality sampling and deceased bird collections.**



Burrowing Owls

- Year-round monitoring and maintenance of postings on Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Esplande/Fiddlers, and downtown Naples.
- 2026: 373 natural sites and 173 starter burrows on Marco Island.
- Cold and dry for beginning of season.
- First owl pair in Goodland.
- Owl banding-highest number on record!
- Rat poison outreach.
- Highest mortality on record-47 found deceased.
- Weed whack season!
- Starter burrow season!



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