



# The Buzzard Bulletin

Notes & Information for CREW Trust Volunteers

October-November, 2024

Volume 9, Issue 1

## Notepad

### Volunteer socials

Two socials are already planned for the 2024-2025 season. Information and registration will be posted in Track-it-Forward. Also, look for emails closer to the event dates.

- Dec. 11: Riptide Brewery  
Bonita Springs
- Mar. 12: RAD Winery & Cidery  
Estero

### Hunting seasons

FWC allows hunting in CDT and part of FPS. A map of the FPS hunting area is in the December, 2020, issue of *The Buzzard Bulletin* (CREW web site, volunteer library).

- Nov. 23-Dec. 1. general gun
- Dec. 7-Jan. 5 ... small game
- Feb. 22-23 ..... youth spring turkey
- Mar. 1-9 ..... spring turkey

### Guess what was there

The parallel lines below are common tracks on Poorman's Pass during drier times. Recognize them?

*Hint:* For size, the bird tracks in the lower left are Common Ground Dove. See page 2 for the answer.



## Help needed for season's programs

Information, times, and sign-up are posted in Track-it-Forward. Please check regularly for changes and additions to the calendar.

### Sweeps needed, Strolling Science Seminars

*All programs begin at 9AM unless otherwise noted.*

- Oct. 21 Mycology, CMT, 1PM
- Nov. 3: Geocaching, BRS
- Dec. 7: Birding for Kids, CMT
- Jan. 11: Edible/Medicinal Plants, BRS
- Jan. 18: CREW Trail cameras, CDT
- Feb. 1: Log Life for Kids, FPS
- Feb. 15: Biodiversity, CMT
- Mar. 1: Herpetology for Kids, FPS
- Mar. 15: Spring Blooms, CMT, 5PM
- Apr. 5: Arachnids, CMT
- Apr. 12: Bird Science, BRS, 8AM

### Help needed, special event

- Nov. 1: Golf tourney, Old Corkscrew

### Help needed, weekly walks

- November-April except holidays*
- Wednesdays: BRS
- Thursdays: alternating CMT-CDT-FPS
- 3rd Saturdays: BRS

### Help needed, bike riding

- December-March*
- 1st Saturdays: Bike the Loop, BRS

### Sweeps needed, bird walks

- Oct. 9: Fall migration, BRS
- Nov. 6: Fall migration, FPS
- Dec. 9: Winter birds, CMT
- Jan. 8: Winter shorebirds, FPS
- Feb. 17: Songbird migration, BRS
- Mar. 12: Swallow-tailed Kites, CDT
- Apr. 9: Spring migration, FPS

## Volunteer learning opportunities continue

Information, times, and sign-up will be in Track-it-Forward. Please check regularly for changes and additions to the calendar.

- Oct. 5: Fire /land management, FPS
- Oct. 19: Flora & Fauna at CDT
- Oct. 24: Butterfly I.D. (Zoom mtg.)
- Oct. 31: Butterfly hike, CMT
- Nov. 7: Butterfly count, CMT
- Nov. 9: Watershed Essentials, FPS
- Nov. 15: Flora & Fauna at CMT
- Nov. 21: Flora & Fauna at FPS
- Dec. 4: Interpretation, FPS
- Dec. 10: Tools & Trucks, CREW office
- Dec. 18: Flora & Fauna at BRS

## Members-only events range from socials to grand openings to full moon hikes

Volunteer assistance is *not* needed at member-only programs, but volunteers who are also CREW Trust members are invited to attend. Information and registration will be at [www.eventbrite.com/cc/members-only-2759009](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/members-only-2759009)

- Dec. 14: Grand opening FPS campsite
- Jan. 13: Full moon night hike, CMT
- Jan. 24: Morning Roll & Stroll, FPS
- Feb. 13: Sunset hike, FPS
- Feb. 19: Member appreciation social
- Mar. 14: Full moon night hike, CMT
- Mar. 29: New Moon Bat Watch, CMT
- Apr. 5: Member meeting, office
- Apr. 19: Morning Roll & Stroll, BRS
- Apr. 25: Nighttime Bug Watch, CMT

*Trail questions answered...*

# About how long can a (fill in the blank) stay under water?

## River Otter

A River Otter can stay under water for up to two minutes. An adult River Otter can swim up to a quarter mile under water with one breath.



## Turtle

It depends on the species of turtle.

Some pond turtles like the Red-bellied Turtle, Chicken Turtle, and Peninsula Cooter can stay underwater for 10-20 minutes.

Bottom-dwelling turtles like the Snapping Turtle and Soft-shelled Turtle



can stay under for 40-50 minutes before having to surface for another breath of air.

## Alligator

A slowly cruising adult gator that submerges and rests beneath the water surface can remain there up to several hours provided it remains at rest. Younger gators must surface sooner.

Vigorous underwater activity shortens the time to 20-30 minutes at the most.

## Frog

Aquatic frogs could stay underwater their whole lives. They have lungs to breathe atmosphere, but they can glean oxygen out of the water through what is called cutaneous gas exchange (breathing through their skin).

## Anhinga, Cormorant, Grebe

Anhingas and Double-crested Cormorants can stay underwater for up to one minute, but it's typically around 20-30 seconds. Pied-billed Grebes can dive, on average, for 12-15 seconds before having to resurface.



**Tracks answer:** The tracks were made by a Florida Ivory Millipede.

## Staying connected

### People

Bob Lucius  
831-236-5518  
[rlucius@crewtrust.org](mailto:rlucius@crewtrust.org)

Piper Jones  
239-229-1088  
[education@crewtrust.org](mailto:education@crewtrust.org)

Robin Serne  
919-649-7158  
[robin@crewtrust.org](mailto:robin@crewtrust.org)

### Web sites

[www.crewtrust.org](http://www.crewtrust.org)  
[www.trackitforward.com](http://www.trackitforward.com) (hours & events)

The Buzzard Bulletin contains notes and information for CREW volunteers and is emailed six times a year (September, November, January, March, May, July). Dick Brewer, editor.

## *More trail questions answered...*

# What's the difference between a pigeon and a dove, and which are found in CREW?

There is no difference. Dove and pigeon are common names for the same family of birds.

In general, there is a tendency for the term *dove* to be used for smaller species and the term *pigeon* for larger species, but there is no consistency or rule in the use of the terms.

Young doves/pigeons are called squabs.

The species commonly referred to just as pigeon is the feral Rock Dove, seen most often in cities and other urban settings.

In CREW lands, Mourning Doves are common, Common Ground Doves are frequently seen, and Eurasian Collared Doves and White-winged Doves are seldom seen. Rock Dove sightings are exceptionally rare.



Rock Dove      White-winged Dove      Common-ground Dove      Mourning Dove      Eurasian-collared Dove