

# Southeast Florida Shorebird Partnership Meeting

## 2017 Pre-season Meeting

Location: Port Administration Building  
1850 Eller Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Date: February 16, 2017  
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

### Attendees:

Renata Schneider, SFWC  
Shelby Proie, SFWC  
Kelly Martin, PB County  
Grant Carpenter, SF Audubon  
Scott Tedford, FPS  
Andrea Pereyra, FWC  
Dan O'Malley, FWC

Erik Neugaard, Port Everglades  
Yaritza Acosta, PHSS  
Christopher Boykin, PHSS  
David Anderson, Gumbo Limbo  
Doug Young, SF Audubon  
Ricardo Zambrano, FWC  
Shea Armstrong, FWC

### AGENDA

- 11:00 – 11:15 Introductions – All
- 11:15 – 11:40 Round robin updates and highlights from 2017 Winter Shorebird Surveys – All
- 11:40 – 12:00 Predation and disturbance: Ft. Lauderdale and Port Everglades colonies – Ricardo Zambrano
- 12:00 – 12:20 Sign up to monitor routes and rooftops for 2017 (bring your calendar) – All
- 12:20 – 12:30 Florida Shorebird Database Custom Search Option & FSD Trainings – Shea Armstrong
- 12:30 – 12:45 Critical Wildlife Area/Imperiled Species Management Plan Update – Ricardo Zambrano
- 12:45 – 1:00 Wrap-up – Shea Armstrong

### Notes:

Winter survey round robin was shared by all. If you haven't yet completed data entry: Locate [Instructions](#) for the survey and data entry. Then enter your data [here](#). Of note Snowy plovers had record early nesting in the Panhandle.

Ricardo gave a presentation about the FWC imperiled species management plan updates. In addition to the Least Tern and Snowy Plover, the Black Skimmer and American Oystercatcher are now state listed as Threatened. This expands protection for the birds and active nests. . (The FWC "take" entails more now and this will improve protection for the threatened species.). Also of note, the brown pelican, white ibis, limpkin and snowy egret were removed from the

threatened list, but the species plans created should help to keep them off of the list. See the pdf for more details or read the full [Imperiled Species Management Plan](#)

## 2017 Breeding Season Preparation

Group signed up for routes and rooftops. Shea will follow up with people who weren't able to attend. Many of the rooftops need a complete address to be entered into the spread sheet. Shea will add them and tidy up the spread sheet so that we can fill in any blanks.

FSD Webinar Trainings:

March 7 (1-2 pm): **FSD Webinar for new surveyors.** Learn the basics of the Breeding Bird Protocol and how to enter surveys in the database.

March 8 (1-2 pm): **FSD Webinar for returning surveyors.** This refresher includes 2017 updates to the database and protocol review.

March 9 (1-2 pm): **FSD Webinar for rooftop monitors.** Learn the basics of monitoring seabirds and shorebirds on rooftops.

Email [Shea](#) to sign up for any webinar. Explore more [resources](#) on the FSD website.

## Survey Count Windows

Count Date	Primary purpose	Reason
1 March 18-24	Locate early shorebird nests.	Many plovers and oystercatchers are on nests by mid-March.
2 April 15-21	Locate early seabird colonies; check status of shorebird nests.	Some seabird colonies begin forming in early April. Plover, willet and oystercatcher chicks begin to appear.
3 May 13-19	Locate new nests & colonies and check status of existing ones. Locate shorebird chicks.	May and June represent the peak of nesting season.
4 June 10-16	Check the status of all nests & colonies. Count shorebird and seabird chicks.	Seabird chicks present at most colonies by June.
5 July 8-14	Locate new nests & colonies and check status of existing ones. Count chicks and fledglings.	July is often the time when second clutches and renesting attempts are initiated.
6 Aug. 5-11	Count chicks and fledglings.	August represents the tail end of the nesting season when recent fledges are most apparent.

We demonstrated the new [Custom Search](#) option on the FSD. Users can now download more specific data, rather than the entire raw data set. [Google Chrome](#) is the preferred web browser for using the database and downloading data.

Renata and her crew need chick-a-boom materials and instructions. Shea will send those out. Ricardo and Renata to coordinate on purchasing materials.

Erik and crew will monitor LETE colonies at port this year; going to monitor T26 colony before, during, and after air show. Possible failure last year due to close fly overs.

Disturbance and predation: Upcoming Miami boat show to occur at CWA. Need more boat patrols/volunteers in area during the show.

Ricardo introduced the topic of predation management for some ground nesting colonies (at least one in Broward county failed last year because of foxes). He had success in mitigating crow predation last year. Topic tabled for now.

Next Meeting:

At the fall post-season meeting, we will sign up for 2018 winter survey routes.