

Naples Botanical Garden – Birding Tower Walk

Date: **Friday**, January 13, 2012

Focus: **Birding** – This field trip will focus on the identification and biology of birds. You will also get the opportunity to tour through portions of the Naples Botanical Garden. Please bring binoculars and a bird field guide (if you have one).

Field Trip Description: Join us for this special opportunity to observe birds from the James and Linda White Birding Tower at the newly expanded Naples Botanical Garden. The Tower overlooks a brackish marsh community that is in early stages of restoration. The diverse habitats visible on this tour include mud flats, marsh, mangroves, ponds, and a hammock. We should see a good diversity of wading birds, ducks, and other wintering birds. We will walk approximately 1 mile on sidewalks from the Visitor's Center through the Garden to the Tower. This is not an advanced birding trip but please take note of the walking distance. Cost of the trip includes all-day access to the Garden.

Maximum Group Size: 15

Time Begin: 8:00 am

Time End: 10:00 am

Where to Meet: Meet at **7:45 am** in the **Naples Botanical Garden** parking lot.

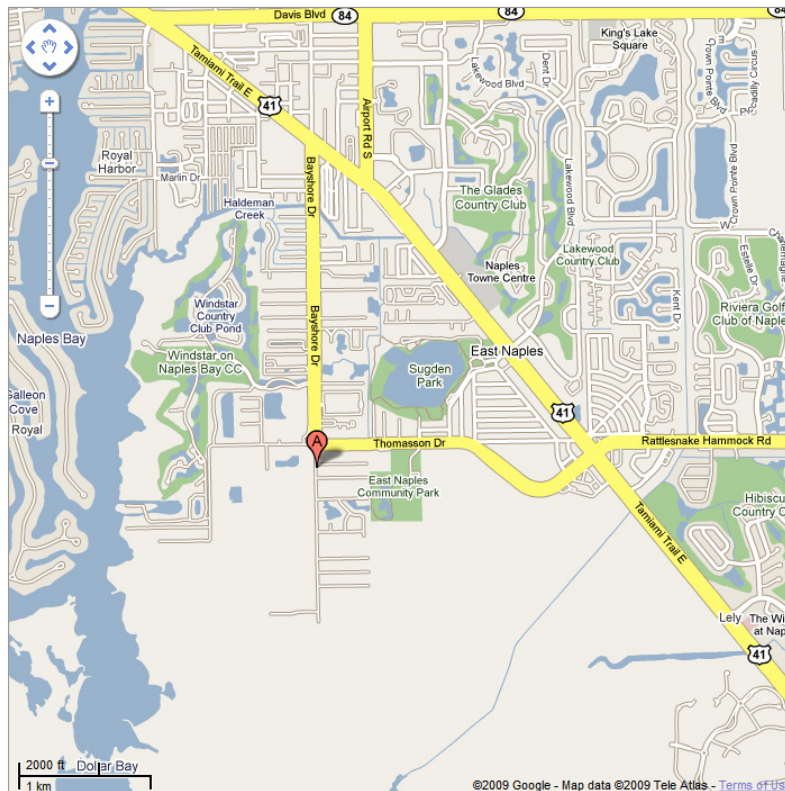
Directions to Meeting Place: **The Naples Botanical Garden is located at 4820 Bayshore Drive.** The Visitor's Center is the single story coral-colored building that you will see straight ahead as you come in the main entrance. Please park in the main parking lot and meet in front of the Visitor's Center.

From Naples: Take Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) South to Bayshore Drive. Turn right (south) onto Bayshore Drive. The Garden is located at 4820 Bayshore Drive.

From Rookery Bay: Take Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) North to Thomasson Drive. At the intersection of Bayshore Drive and Thomasson Drive, you will see a large stone wall with the Garden's name, turn Left/South onto Bayshore Drive. The Garden is located at 4820 Bayshore Drive.



Map



Trip Leader: This trip will be led by Jim White, nature photographer and avid birder.

Field Trip Cost: \$20

Additional Information: There are bathroom and water facilities available at the Naples Botanical Garden. Handicap access to the tower is available; this tour is a walking tour covering approximately 1 mile over paved terrain.

What to Bring: Binoculars, water, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a bird field guide. A spotting scope will be helpful if you have one that you are willing to carry (please consider the walking distance).

What to Wear: Comfortable walking shoes, clothing appropriate for the weather, long sleeved shirt and long pants if you are susceptible to insect bites (typically not too buggy in January) or sun, sunglasses, and a hat.

Web: www.naplesgarden.org/

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