

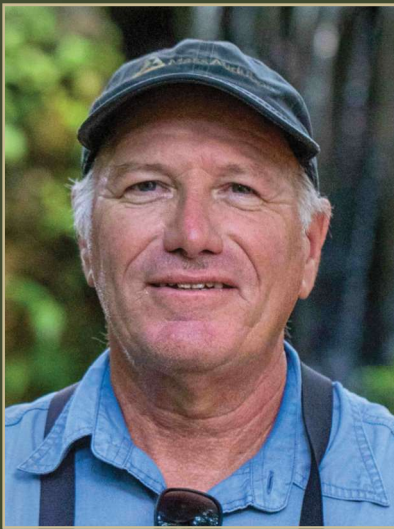


Exploring Florida's Birding Hotspots with Tropical Audubon Society



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Brian Rapoza was, until his retirement in 2018, an environmental science teacher, outreach specialist and internship coordinator at MAST Academy, Maritime & Science Technology High School in Miami. During his tenure with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system, dating to 1988, he has led thousands of school children on bird-watching expeditions through Everglades National Park and other area birding destinations. In 2006, he was named MAST Teacher of the Year. He has served as Tropical Audubon Society Field Trip Coordinator since joining the TAS Board in 2001. In this role, he leads birding field trips throughout Florida, the U.S. and the Neotropics. Brian is the author of *Birding Florida*, a bird-finding guide to more than 200 locations throughout the state. Since 2001, he has also served as the Christmas Bird Counts compiler for both Miami and Coot Bay/Everglades National Park.

He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served in the Philippines from 1983 to 1985, and is past president of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida. Originally from New Bedford, Massachusetts, Brian attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated in 1980 with a B.S. in Marine Biology.

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