

# KEITH LAAKKONEN

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**Keith Laakkonen is the director for Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Southwest Florida. He oversees management of the 13,450-acre sanctuary and its 25 full- and part-time staff responsible for land conservation, research, policy, and public engagement. Laakkonen is charged with advancing Audubon’s science-based conservation mission to protect the Sanctuary and its watershed. He serves as a key Audubon spokesperson for conservation of the Western Everglades and works closely with Audubon Florida leadership to achieve Audubon’s conservation goals in the region.**

**Laakkonen, a Florida native with more than 20 years of environmental management experience as a public servant, most recently worked for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as Director at the 110,000-acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples and as regional administrator for the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection.**