

Save the Date!
Thursday February 28th
Fedder Community Lecture Series
Sainer Art & Music Pavilion @ 7:00pm (reception @ 8:00pm)
(5313 Bay Shore Rd. Just South of the Ringling Museum)

Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in the Pearl River Basin



Speaker Mike Collins
Annandale, Virginia

After growing up in the swamps along the Hillsborough River, the speaker was trained in mathematics at MIT, Stanford, and Northwestern and has been a scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory since 1985. His usual research is in ocean acoustics, atmospheric waves, and seismology. For the past few years, he has returned to the swamps in order to participate in efforts to find populations of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, which he has seen in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida. He has been a bird watching fanatic for more than ten years.

In 1997, he took a 12,500 mile trip around North America on a trip that included stops at several sites in Florida, along the Gulf Coast states, the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Big Bend in Texas, southeastern Arizona, up through the Rockies, the plains of North Dakota, the spruce bogs of Manitoba, and finally through Michigan to see Kirtland's Warbler. He has also gone on birding adventures (usually solo) in Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Australia, and Europe, but searching for the ivorybill has been the most exciting adventure of all.

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