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Evening Birding Classes offered at Bonnet House

FORT LAUDERDALE, F.L., August 10, 2009 - *Bonnet House Museum & Gardens* has expanded its extremely popular Birding Classes for beginner to skilled bird watchers this year. The classes are now offered on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Bonnet House's evening bird walks are planned during fall and spring migration when our important grounds, which are part of the east-coast flyway, are full of warblers, vireos and other migratory birds. The evening walks are held from 5:30 to 7:30pm. This is an excellent time to see the day birds (diurnal) feeding and chasing emerging insects and also to look for nocturnal birds, such as owls, Nighthawks, Nightjars and migrating hawks and other migrants. Bring your binoculars and quiet shoes!

The classes are offered individually and are guided by birder extraordinaire Paddy Cunningham. Paddy will show you how to spot the birds with a focus on bird identification and behavior. All classes are aimed at learning new skills, exploring local and regional birding locations—and having fun!

The schedule is as follows:

Evening Walk at Bonnet House – Friday, October 30, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Field Trip to Tree Tops Park – Saturday, November 14, 8:30 – 11:30am

Birding at Bonnet House – Saturday, January 9, 8:30 – 11:30am

Field Trip to Fern Forest – Saturday, February 6, 8:30 – 11:30am

Evening Walk at Bonnet House – Friday, March 5, 5:30-7:30pm

Cost for the morning classes are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, the evening classes are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. For registration or more information, please contact Linda Schaller at 954-563-5393 ext. 137 or lindaschaller@bonnethouse.org.

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Bonnet House Museum & Gardens -- 900 North Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale
Open for tours Tues. - Sat. from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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