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Flock to Tropical Audubon Society for BIRD DAY —
presented by Leica Store Miami, Saturday, February 17, Noon-4pm

MIAMI, Fla. — The 2.2-acres that comprise Tropical Audubon Society and its near-native Steinberg Nature Center campus will be the site of the **6th Annual Bird Day**, an engaging, educational afternoon filled with activities for children and families, and an enriching outdoor experience for naturalists of every age.

Featuring interactive games and prizes, the free Bird Day festival is also an ideal venue for school ecology clubs and scout troops. Participants can learn how to identify birds by their silhouettes, take part in Owl Pellet dissection, craft Piping Plover "chicks" and experience a microscopic view of the colorful world of feathers.

Bird Day coincides with "Great Backyard Bird Count" weekend, and celebrates the annual northbound "flight" of nearly 350 species of migratory birds stopping in South Florida on their return to North American nesting habitats from non-breeding grounds in the Caribbean, South America and Mexico. Bird Day will highlight our avian visitors, and will illustrate our region's role in worldwide bird conservation. Despite shrinking habitat, our peninsula remains a prime refueling station for birds migrating on the North/South Atlantic Flyway. To help roll out the welcome mat, attendees can learn how to create an attractive "rest stop" in their own yards.

Great Backyard Bird Count Workshop, 2pm: TAS Board Member and Field Trip Leader Brian Rapoza hosts a Great Backyard Bird Count Workshop in collaboration with Leica Store Miami. Bird watchers of every age can learn how to count and contribute to the national GBBC tally.

Bonus: Nature lovers the trails that thread the restored Tropical Hardwood Hammock and Pine Rockland habitats; history buffs can tour the 1932 Doc Thomas House, a "Florida Heritage Site" that serves as TAS headquarters.

Date/Time/Location: Saturday, February 17, Noon-4pm; 5530 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143
Parking: Limited free parking via 55th Avenue auto entry gate; nearby metered parking; various garage and valet parking options within 1-3 blocks; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

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