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Wildlife News: Swallow-tailed Kite



The Swallow-Tailed Kite is a large black and white raptor with a deeply forked tail that migrates annually from South America.

The [Avian Research and Conservation Institute](#) (ARCI) has studied Swallow-tailed Kites for 25 years and maintains Eyes on Kites, a sighting database. Help them monitor annual populations and pre-migration roosts in Florida before the birds fly south to Brazil and Bolivia for the winter.



Click [here](#) to register and get started!

FWC Hosts First Florida WildQuest

From May 1 to May 9, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is hosting the first

Registration open: Ecotour Provider Webinar Series



ECO-TOUR Provider Webinar series

Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism annually offers webinars to inspire and educate our members, Ecotour providers preparing for certification, students and other interested friends.

They are offered monthly from May-October and are conducted by FL SEE Board members or professional educators from area universities and the tourism industry. Topics this year include: *The Mangrove Ecosystem, Ethical Angling, Sustainability for EcoTour Business and more...*

Registration is open for the May & June webinars. Once registered, participants receive information on how to join the webinars. To view the topics and register, Click this [link](#).

Florida [WildQuest](#), a unique scavenger hunt experience on wildlife management areas throughout the state.

Participants who register and earn at least 2,000 points on one scavenger hunt can enter a drawing for wilderness-inspired prizes including a pair of binoculars and a field guide set!



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Red Tide Monitoring in Florida

A red tide, or harmful algal bloom, is a higher-than-normal concentration of a microscopic alga (plantlike organism), and in Florida and the Gulf of Mexico, the species that causes most red tides is *Karenia brevis*. FWC's [Fish and Wildlife Research Institute](#) (FWRI) and [Mote Marine Laboratory](#) work together to monitor *Karenia brevis*.

FWRI processes dozens of water samples every week and reports their [findings](#) to the public. Mote Marine Laboratory's [Beach Conditions Report](#) provides up-to-date information about the effects of red tide on Florida Gulf Coast beaches, including reports of dead fish, respiratory irritation among beachgoers, water color, and wind direction.



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