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Celebrate Nature, Renewal & the Conservation Community

APRIL 29: Birdstock Concert

• *Acoustic Anarchy, Polina & Guaico*

APRIL 30: “Don’t Trash Our Treasure” Members Migration

- *WPLG Local 10 News Anchor Louis Aguirre to deliver
Keynote Environmental Advocacy Speech*
- *Roost & roll with “Ricky Valido & The Hialeah Hillbillies”*

@Tropical Audubon, 5530, Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143

Birdstock [TICKETS](#) | Members Migration [TICKETS](#)

MIAMI, Fla. — Tropical Audubon Society invites its members and friends to gather on the last weekend of April at its enchanting, 2.2-acre wooded campus for a celebration of Nature and Renewal. Every spring South Florida’s leading Birding and Conservation organization stages this two-day community party anchored by **Birdstock** and **Members Migration**. A Silent Auction bridges the Saturday and Sunday events.

Birdstock | Saturday, April 29, 7-11 pm

A playbill of top-flight talents will headline the much-ballyhooed **Birdstock**, anchored by "ACOUSTIC ANARCHY" with appearances by promising young troubadours "POLINA" and "GUAICO." Be sure to catch these generous-spirited singer-songwriters as they jam for the Birds. This much-anticipated event serves as the finale to the society’s 13th annual Conservation Concert series. Door proceeds help fund stewardship of the near-native Steinberg Nature Center grounds. *(Special thanks to Acoustic Anarchy for underwriting/staging Birdstock's sound system!)*

Food & Drink: Grab some fan-tabulous Mexican dished by Nacho Bizness Food Truck. Belly up to the RNDC Donation Bird Bar, featuring a bevy of divine wines and bodacious brews. **CASH ONLY**

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BIRDSTOCK EVENT DETAILS & PROTOCOLS

- Bring a Blanket, bring a Friend!
- \$10 minimum Donation p/p, children 12 and under FREE
- A limited # of folding chairs are available on a first-come basis.

NO FUMAR: Our Steinberg Nature Center campus is a strictly enforced SMOKE-FREE environment.

Parking: Limited free parking via our 55th Avenue auto gate and along 56th Avenue; metered parking on Sunset Drive; various garage and valet parking options within 1-3 blocks; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

“Don’t Trash Our Treasure” Members Migration Sunday, April 30, 4-7pm Presented by LEICA STORE MIAMI

4-5pm, Music, Food, Silent Auction

Members and friends will gather in the shady picnic grove to enjoy live music by local sensation “Ricky Valido & The Hialeah Hillbillies” and savor *Sports Grill* sliders and refreshing Bird Bar libations. Between bites attendees can duck inside the Historic Doc Thomas House to browse and bid on a tempting array of Silent Auction items.

4:30-5pm, Bird Walk with Brian Rapoza

TAS Field Trip Coordinator Brian Rapoza will lead an on-site Bird Walk through our near-native Steinberg Nature Center grounds. Expect Spring migrants to be darting among the Tropical Hardwood and Pine Rockland demonstration forests that comprise most of the sanctuary. A limited number of **LEICA** binoculars will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis.

5-6pm, Keynote Speaker, Conservation Awards Presentation & Annual Meeting

Louis Aguirre, Emmy-award-winning WPLG Local 10 News Anchor and a passionate environmentalist, will deliver the Keynote speech titled “The Accidental Advocate.” He’ll talk about why education and messaging are crucial to saving and restoring South Florida’s most precious habitats, his transition from an entertainment reporter to environmental journalist, and his *Don’t Trash Our Treasure* series (designed to enlighten and engage viewers about doing their part to save our challenged ecosystems).

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A Conservation Awards Ceremony hosted by TAS President José Francisco Barros will follow Aguirre's Keynote address. The ceremony will recognize outstanding environmental role models in their respective fields of endeavor. These citizen volunteers and public servants have dedicated themselves to protecting and preserving area wildlife, critical habitat and/or our region's natural resources. Award recipients and their presenters will include:

- **Amanda Prieto**, Polly Redford Citizen Conservation Award
 - Presented by Tropical Audubon Society Advisory Board Member Cindy Lerner
- **Elizabeth Golden**, Daniel Beard Government Conservation Award
 - Presented by Tropical Audubon Society Advisory Board Member Dennis Olle
- **Javier Prat & Martha Kent**, TAS Board Appreciation Award
 - Presented by Tropical Audubon Society Events/Grounds Director Amy Creekmur

ABOUT Louis Aguirre: On Earth Day 2021, Aguirre became WPLG Local 10's Environmental Advocate and the face of a station-wide *Don't Trash Our Treasure* campaign. A longtime, staunch defender of the planet, he brings awareness to South Florida environmental issues with the purpose of seeking solutions. His work on *Don't Trash Our Treasure* has been recognized with numerous accolades, including four Emmy awards for Environmental Reporting, an Esserman-Knight Foundation Journalism award for the primetime series "Saving Biscayne Bay" and the "Good 2 Green" award from the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

6-7pm, Silent Auction & Closing Set by Ricky Valido & The Hialeah Hillbillies

Tickets: [Members Migration](https://tropicalaudubon.org/members-migration-2023) is FREE to active TAS members. Not a member? Join at the door! Or make a \$10 minimum CASH donation p/p for admission. Ticket link:
<https://tropicalaudubon.org/members-migration-2023>

Sponsorship opportunities are available. E-mail events@tropicalaudubon.org to inquire.

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TROPICAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MISSION: To conserve and restore South Florida ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats.