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Birdstock concert finale & Members Migration celebration crown Earth Month

MIAMI, Fla. — Four-hundred+ Tropical Audubon members and friends perched with the Birds on the final weekend of April to celebrate Mother Earth at the 2.2-acre Steinberg Nature Center that serves as the environmental organization's green campus.

Three captivating musical acts headlined the Birdstock concert on April 29: Acoustic Anarchy and solo singer-songwriters Guaico and Polina. All of these generous-spirited musicians lent their beautiful musical talents to the society's conservation cause.

At April 30th's annual Members Migration meeting sponsored by **Leica Store Miami**, sensational home-grown country artist Ricky Valido & The Hialeah Hillbillies opened the festivities with a foot-stomping, hour-long concert. Emmy-award-winning WPLG Local 10 News Anchor Louis Aguirre followed Ricky with the afternoon's Keynote address. The founder of the "Don't Trash Our Treasure" series gave a stirring, heartfelt speech about why education and messaging are crucial to saving South Florida's precious habitats, and how he was personally inspired to champion our region's natural treasures.

Next, four South Florida conservation heroes were honored in an awards ceremony that recognized them for going the extra mile to protect and preserve area wildlife, critical habitat and/or our region's natural resources. *TAS volunteers Javier Prat and Martha Kent each received a Tropical Audubon Society Board Appreciation Award; MDC resident Amanda Prieto received the Polly Redford Citizen Conservation Award; Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park Biologist Elizabeth Golden received the Daniel Beard Government Conservation Award.* **Continued on page 2 >**

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Between the program, grazing on *Sports Grill* sliders, sipping cups of Doc Tonic Punch and enjoying a Bird Walk led by TAS Board Member and Field Trip Coordinator Brian Rapoza, attendees also bid generously at the Silent Auction.

Hospitality sponsor [Republic National Distributing Company](#) graciously stocked our Bird Bar to overflowing at both events.

Net proceeds from the jam-packed weekend will help protect our region's precious wildlife, their habitats and South Florida's crucial water resources.

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Conserve and restore South Florida ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats.