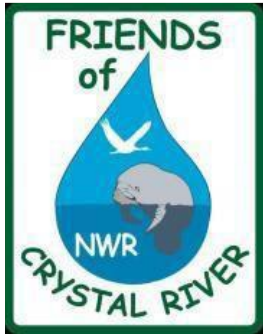


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A Nature Coast Lecture

Crystal River Coastal Region Library
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Southeastern American Kestrels Dr. Ken Meyer and Marcie Clutter



The American Kestrel is the smallest falcon that occurs in the United States and those kestrels that live year-round in Florida are a subspecies that is smaller than northern kestrels. Breeding in Florida and southern Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, these kestrels are particularly adapted to life in the south. Dr. Meyer and Ms. Clutter will describe the kestrel's special adaptations, current population numbers, and measures to protect this bird, listed by the State of Florida as "Threatened". Meyer will also describe efforts of the Avian Conservation and Research Institute to protect several other rare Florida birds.



Dr. Ken Meyer, educated at the University of Maine with his Ph.D. in Zoology and Behavioral Ecology from the University of North Carolina, has worked on the conservation biology of Florida birds since the 1980's, beginning with the University of Florida on Red-cockaded Woodpeckers for the National Park Service. In 1997, Ken co-founded the Avian Research and Conservation Institute and is a well-known and respected expert on the rare birds of the southeast United States and a leader of bird conservation efforts.

Marcie Clutter is a longtime activity leader of the Florida Trail Association, who enjoys connecting adults and young people with nature. A noted local conservationist, she is a Florida Master Naturalist, a Hernando Audubon Society Board member, and Board member of the Citrus County Native Plant Society.

