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Free Screening of “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air”

Thurs., June 20th | 5530 Sunset Dr | 7:30 p.m.

Chill out with Tropical Audubon Society on June 20th, feed your mind and learn to how attract and track hummers! TAS is hosting a special screening of the PBS Nature documentary “Hummingbirds: Magic In the Air,” part of Audubon’s new national program titled “Hummingbirds at Home.”

“Vanishing of the Bees” drew a remarkably large audience on May 16th, inspiring the inauguration of the free “Chill Out with Tropical Audubon Society Summer Film Series” intended to inform and raise viewers’ environmental awareness.

Hummingbirds can be elusive in the wild. In “Hummingbirds: Magic In the Air,” high-speed film technology enables us to enter their extraordinary world with stunning close-ups in thrilling HD. Though hummingbirds are the smallest warm-blooded creatures on the planet, they are also among the fastest. With wings that beat up to 200 times per second, they are among Nature’s most accomplished athletes -- the only birds able to hover, fly backward and even fly upside down! By using equipment that can capture more than 500 frames per second, the PBS Nature camera crew created an enchanting documentary that is as magical as these birds themselves.

The 45-minute film also conveys how to become involved in Audubon’s new Citizen Science Program, “Hummingbirds At Home.” The Web site and Smart Phone App of the same name make it easy and fun to track hummingbirds, while collecting data that will help Audubon research scientists increase their understanding of these remarkable birds and of how to better protect them.



Ruby-throated hummingbirds typically migrate through South Florida in fall and winter, arriving as early as mid-September and returning north as late as mid-April. When they are in residence, they require suitable habitat, so “build it and they will come.” Learn how to create a hospitable hummingbird environment in your yard by visiting www.hummingbirdsathome.org.

RSVP: Because the weather on June 20th may dictate that “Hummingbirds: Magic In the Air” be screened indoors in the air-conditioned comfort of the historic Doc Thomas House, seating may be limited. To better assure your seat, please kindly R.S.V.P. at events@tropicalaudubon.org and arrive on time.

A donation BirdBar will provide liquid refreshment and popcorn will be on the house (in this case, the Doc Thomas House).

Save the Date: The next free “Chill Out with TAS Summer Film” will roll on Thursday, July 18th (film title TBA).