



LONGLEAF RIDGE MASTER NATURALIST NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO APRIL 2020



APRIL HIKE- Aldridge Sawmill trail

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2020

Tuesday April 7, 2020 Chapter Meeting and Program- Dragonflies by Sharon Lamoreaux

SERVICE HOURS

Martin Die Jr. State Park work days-

Wed - April 15 Please contact Sharon Lamoreaux

Thurs- April 16 sherlx@gmail.com for times/ details

Wed- April 22

Thurs- April 23

ADVANCED TRAINING

APRIL 16 –Word Press training 1:30-3:30pm

APRIL 16-17 Virtual Birding Seminar (LRMN website
for more details)

Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalist Photo Gallery



LRMN Bird of the Month

Scarlet Tanager

Piranga olivacea ORDER: Passeriformes

FAMILY: Cardinalidae

Male Scarlet Tanagers are among the most blindingly gorgeous birds in an eastern forest in summer, with blood-red bodies set off by jet-black wings and tail. They're also one of the most frustratingly hard to find as they stay high in the forest canopy singing rich, burry songs. The yellowish-green, dark-winged females can be even harder to spot until you key in on this bird's *chick-burr* call note. In fall, males trade red feathers for yellow-green and the birds take off for northern South America.

The female Scarlet Tanager sings a song similar to the male's, but softer, shorter, and less harsh. She sings in answer to the male's song and while she is gathering nesting material.



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Passion Flower-(Passiflora incarnata) - *Incarnata* is derived from the Latin word ‘carn’, meaning flesh and ‘atus’, meaning like.

Passion vine flower is rich with reverence. Called "Espina de Cristo" (Christ's thorns) by Spanish Christian missionaries who first discovered it in South America, each part of the flower holds symbolic meaning in recognition of the crucifixion story - the passion of the Christ. Five sepals and five petals refer to the ten faithful apostles (excluding Judas and Peter). Three stigma represent the three nails that held Christ to the cross, while five anthers represent his five sacred wounds. The tendrils of the flower are said to resemble the whips used in the flagellation, while the filaments, which can number in excess of a hundred depending on the flower, depict the crown of thorns. This powerful symbolism has led to the inclusion of the Passion Flower among the ornamentation of various churches, such as in stained glass window designs, altar frontals and lectern falls.



LRMN: QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Birds will give you a window, if you allow them. They will show you secrets from another world— fresh vision that, though it is avian, can accompany you home and alter your life. They will do this for you even if you don't know their names— though such knowing is a thoughtful gesture. They will do this for you if you watch them.”

— **Lyanda Lynn Haupt**, [Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds](#)

“With my new habit of carrying binoculars everywhere, I feel imbued with a readiness to see, an attitude that my life itself is a kind of field trip. The urban naturalist has the terrific luxury of stepping out her door and into "the field," without long rides or carpools, or putting money in for gas and Dairy Queen. When does the field trip begin? Whenever we start paying attention.”

— **Lyanda Lynn Haupt**, [Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness](#)



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Big Thicket National Preserve
<https://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm>