



Feathered fiefdoms and family living in the Brown-headed Nuthatch



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7 - 8 pm FSUCML Auditorium

Free & Open to the Public

Refreshments Available Before Lecture

By Jim Cox, Director of the Stoddard Bird laboratory at Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, Florida

Gram for gram, few birds pack as much interesting biology into their feathered frames as the Brown-headed Nuthatch. Nuthatches are one of the only birds known to use tools. They also gather and store food in prep for winter and live in small groups that consist of related and unrelated members.

Nuthatches have helpers that assist breeding adults during the nesting seasons, and, if all of this wasn't enough, they also create cavity resources used by dozens of other animals. The Stoddard Bird Lab at Tall Timbers has studied this unique pineland species for over a decade to help unearth more on its little-known social life. Join us for the lecture and learn more about the intriguing biology of these arboreal squeaky toys.



Speaker Bio:

Jim Cox is the Director of the Stoddard Bird Laboratory at Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, FL. He spends most of his time studying bird species that are declining in southern pine forests. He is thoroughly engaged in conservation efforts designed to work closely with private landowners to protect habitat for rare species. In addition, Jim continues to lure new recruits into the birding community- something you already fully appreciate if you've ever taken a course from him or heard one of his lectures.



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