

# Jim McGinity

*Founder & Master Bander  
Florida Avian Conservation*



Mr. McGinity is a biologist and environmental educator with a life-long passion for birds. He started bird watching at the age of seven and has shared his love of birds with people of all ages while working at nature/environmental centers in four different states (Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida). He began a migratory bird banding station in Milwaukee

and has participated in a number of research and citizen science projects involving birds. In 2011, he began a migratory bird banding station in west central Florida (Dunedin) where he bands for 6 weeks every spring and fall. In 2019, he moved his research project out to Caladesi Island State Park. He is very interested in communicating the importance of native plants and healthy ecosystems to resident and migratory birds. A native of Indiana, Mr. McGinity has lived in Dunedin for 16 years where he enjoys exploring Florida's natural areas including paddling rivers/streams and bird watching on our beautiful beaches and in Hammock Park.

After an over 25-year career as an environmental educator in the non-formal world at nature/environmental centers in four states, (including at the Briggs Nature Center in Rookery Bay) he now is working in formal education at an environmental charter school (K – 8). He is very interested in collaborating with researchers and banders around the state of Florida to contribute to our knowledge of neotropical migrants and how we can conserve them for future generations.