



Have you seen this bird around the center?

It’s a swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) is a pernine raptor which breeds from the southeastern United States to eastern Peru and northern Argentina. It is the only species in the genus *Elanoides*. Most North and Central American breeders winter in South America where the species is resident year round. It was formerly named *Falco forficatus*. Such a great photo from Dolly Cummings and you can really see the unique shape of this beautiful bird’s tail. The morphology of the Swallow-Tailed kite's wing and tail structure allows the bird to glide effortlessly for long distances.

When the Weather Heats Up—Make Sure You Stay Hydrated

Consume Sea Salt—Did you know that sea salt can help you stay hydrated? You want to do is get all-natural sea salt — either Celtic sea salt or Himalayan salt — and sprinkle a little bit on your food as well. The benefits of sea salt all center around hydration, because when you drink water, you also need sodium and potassium. Sea salt helps balance your water and potassium levels due to its sodium content, in addition to alkalizing the body, and research shows that sodium and potassium enhance hydration.

Some of the most hydrating foods include: Celery, Watermelon, Cucumber, Kiwi, Bell peppers, Citrus fruit, Carrots, Pineapple, Iceberg lettuce, Radishes, Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Spinach, Berries, Broccoli

Cat Caption!

These furry felines are ready for your funny caption. A couple of them are the little kittens adopted by Becky Willis from our farm cat that thankfully is now fixed, so no more babies for her!

Did you know? Unlike dogs, cats do not have a sweet tooth. Scientists believe this is due to a mutation in a key taste receptor.

When a cat chases its prey, it keeps its head level. Dogs and humans bob their heads up and down.

The technical term for a cat’s hairball is a “bezoar.”

A group of cats is called a “clowder.”

A cat can’t climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat’s paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

Cats make about 100 different sounds. Dogs make only about 10.

A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph over a short distance. Me -WoW!




GCREC Employee News


May 2019

May Birthdays

- 2 Laurel Chambers
- 10 Marco Suarez
- 12 Zhanao Deng
- 12 Angelita Arredondo
- 21 Jose Rubino
- 24 Jean Coggins
- 27 Cheryl Dalid
- 29 Homan Regmi



May Day is a public holiday usually celebrated on 1 May. It is an ancient Northern Hemisphere spring festival and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the festivities. In the late 19th century, May Day was chosen as the date for International Workers' Day by the Socialists and Communists of the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago. International Workers' Day can also be referred to as "May Day", but it is a different celebration from the traditional May Day.



Honors and Awards 2019



Proud and pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate the Best of the Best at GCREC this past month with our annual Honors and Awards Banquet. This year’s winner are featured in the photo above along with Center Director, Jack Rechcigl. From left to right: Lexi Sanchez, UnderGrad Winner; Katie Britt, TEAMS Winner, Shinsuke Agehara, Faculty Winner; Jose Rubino, TEAMS Winner; Natalia Salinas, Grad Winner; and inset photo of Bill Wang, OPS Winner. We also award James Mertely with a 20-year service pin. The last pin to be awarded at GCREC as UF changes up it’s year’s of service award program. In addition, three grad students were awarded with \$500 Travel Awards for future conferences—Ravneet Sandhu, Krishna Bhattarai and Michelle Oliveira.



New Gator Faces Roaming the Halls this Month

Meet our new staff members and we have quite a few new people that started recently. Top row: Hunter Thorn and Victoria Souther are two new member of Koeser's Lab. Next we have Chastity Perry who is working with our new entomologist Dr. Lahiri. The Vallad lab welcomed a new staff member as well, Sharla Antonia. Bottom row: Erin Downey who is working with the Nematology Lab with the Desaegeer group. Finally, two new employees with the Whitaker lab who have been here for a little while—Joanna Trejo and Guadalupe Garcia. *Welcome to you all!*



Wedding Bells were Ringing

Congratulations to Rodrigo Onofre with the Peres Lab and his lovely bride, Kelsey Anderson, as they became man and wife on Saturday, 4/27. After their big event they headed to Brazil for a long-awaited honeymoon. Best wishes to the new couple!

Rodrigo and Kelsey are both PhD students in the plant pathology department with UF. Rodrigo has been a part of the GCREC Team since he was a recruited as an intern by Dr. Peres.



May is Graduation Time for UF Students

Dr. Zhanao Deng is pleased to report that his student, Xinjie Xu, will be graduating from UF with her Masters Degree this month.

All her hard work and dedication is about to pay off as she continues with her endeavors. Originally from China, Xinjie has been at the center studying with Dr. Deng for the last two years. She was our Grad Student Award winner for our 2018 Honors and Awards event and has been living in the student housing during her stay. Best wishes to this new graduate!



FY2019 Year End Closing Deadlines

Plan ahead for the end of the Fiscal Year—it's coming quickly!

Travel Authorizations: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – Last day to input a Travel Authorization (TA) or Expense Report to ensure payment from FY19 funds. It is also the deadline to cancel all TAs not needed in the Travel and Expense Module.

Requisitions: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – Orders above \$75,000 on appropriated funds that require competitive bidding should be submitted by this date to ensure that FY19 funds are encumbered. A sealed bid/solicitation requires at least 30-45 days to specify, advertise, open, evaluate, award and post, before a purchase order can be issued.

Friday, June 14, 2019 – All appropriated fund requisitions for FY19 must be entered into myUF Market by this date to ensure POs are encumbered against FY19 appropriated funds. For FY19 requisitions on appropriated funds after this date, contact Procurement Services to coordinate any requests to encumber appropriated funds.

Procurement Card: Because of timing issues with vendors submitting procurement card transactions to their bank, there is no way to determine the exact date a transaction will be sent to UF by our bank and loaded into the PCard module. It is suggested all pcard transactions, to be charged to FY2019 funds, be done before Monday, June 3, 2019.

Cash Based Funds (171, 181, 211, 212), and 201/209 Funds: The cumulative budget feature of these funds will allow for POs to remain open across fiscal years. Note: cash based fund with an end date do not carry over beyond the end date.

Payroll: Thursday, June 20, 2019 – last day for FY2019 distribution changes and last day for retro's.

Don't Miss these GCPSA Events Coming this Summer!

Seminars: 5/16 Jialin Yu

5/30 Xiaobao Ying

6/27 Khanal Churamani

7/11 Saket Chandra

7/18 Youngjae Oh and Jeehye Sung

7/25 Juliana Baggio

8/8 Dolly Cummings

5/22 Syngenta Field Trip

6/13 Workshop

