



New Administrative Volunteer Coordinator at TLNC

Rachel Dellinger is an avian ecologist and instructor of biology at Lake-Sumter Community College. She holds a Ph.D. in Forest Resources from West Virginia University and has published several scientific papers, most recently including the Hermit Thrush species account for the Cornell University *Birds of North America* series. She previously taught at various post-secondary institutions and worked as a field biologist studying forest songbirds, raptors, and owls. She has been married for 10 years and has three children, aged 7, 5, and 2 who are all aspiring naturalists. Her husband Tim monitors Whooping Cranes for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Dellingers have lived in Lake Co. for three years and have enjoyed learning about the amazing flora and fauna of Florida.

Rachel is in training as a replacement for Barbara Loudon. Barbara plans to do some traveling, relax, and volunteer at Trout Lake Nature Center