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CALENDAR

Sun., Apr. 5, SUNSET/MOONRISE

Lake Worth Lagoon Cruise. For more information, call Claudine Laabs, 561-655-9779

Tue., Apr. 7, Annual Member Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. Doors open at 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Sat., April 11 8 a.m.-12 noon Workshop: More Tips for Better Birding. Fee: \$5. Spanish River Park. Meet 50 yards W of A1A on S side of Spanish River Blvd.

April 18-19 Fort DeSoto trip, April 18 thru April 19. Car pooling, space limited, for more information call Linda 561-742-7791.

Sat., Apr. 18, 8 a.m. Frenchman's Forest, Palm Beach Gardens. West side of Prosperity Farms Rd., N of PGA Blvd. Leader: Marvin Greenberg

Sat. Apr. 18 10:30 a.m. YOUNG NATURALISTS. Gumbo Limbo, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton, FL. The program will be a presentation on Turtles and their nesting on the beach. See them swim in their own pools. Call Linda at 561-742-7791 to register.

Sat. Apr. 25, 2009, 8 a.m. Spanish River Park. Meet 50 yards W of A1A on S side of Spanish River. Leader: Chuck Weber.

If you have moved and no longer want to receive this newsletter please contact Linda by email (hlinda@aol.com) or phone (561-742-7791).

If you would rather receive this newsletter via email instead of regular mail contact Ben Kolstad, ben@kolstad.com.

Thanks for helping us reduce our environmental impact and our printing/postage costs.

Annual Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the food will be served at 6:30 p.m. The annual meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. People with last names that begin between A-J please bring a main dish, K-R bring salads and veggies, S-Z bring desserts. Please bring ready to serve food, we have no kitchen. We will supply the drinks. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

We have a very special program on the history of Audubon in Florida, presented by Charles Lee, Director of Advocacy for Audubon of Florida. Mr. Lee received an A.S. degree from Miami Dade Community College in 1972, and in 1979 he was invited to participate in Harvard University's School of Public Health, Executive Program in Environmental Policy & Management.

Mr. Lee's awards include the 2002 National Audubon Society Staff Nature Picture Award, the "Charles H. Callison Award" in 1996 from the National Audubon Society, and the Conservationist of the Year Award from the Florida Audubon Society in 1989.

Please join us at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center this month for this exciting program.

Board of Directors Nomination Slate

2009-2011

Rosa Durando

Sheila Elliot

Ben Kolstad

Alan Parmalee

Clive Pinnock

Susan Snyder

Debbie Smith

Election of directors for the term 2009-2011 will take place at our annual meeting, Tuesday April 7 at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

Upcoming ASE Events

April 21, 2009, 2:00 PM:

Meeting at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

The fourth in ASE's new series of Tuesday afternoon "south county" meetings at Gumbo Limbo features a talk on Palm Beach County birds by ASE's own Claudine Laabs. Come learn about the birds in your backyard! Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is located at 1801 N. Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

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Audubon Society of the Everglades, incorporated in 1966, serves communities in Palm Beach County. Our purpose is to promote the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment and to advance human understanding of our place in the total ecological system.

Bird of the Month: Eastern Screech-Owl

The Bird of the Month for April is Eastern Screech-Owl. Bring pictures (if you have any!) to the meeting; come and hear special information about this denizen of the night that is far more frequently heard than seen. Is there any special bird you have been wondering about? Call Linda or email hlindaase@aol.com with your ideas.

President's Perspective

Linda Humphries

I find it hard to believe a year has passed since I became President. I would like to take a moment to tell you that I have really enjoyed my first year. Yes, sometimes it is work, but I really enjoy the challenge to try new things and new ideas. I could never have had such a great year if it was not for our excellent board. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and help.

I would also like to thank all of you for your membership, support, and participation in our meetings and field trips. I have received emails telling me how much people are enjoying our new afternoon meetings at Gumbo Limbo in Boca Raton. I appreciate all the encouragement you give me and I enjoy the emails you send.

A special thanks to those of you who have been able to help and volunteer for some of our events and educational programs. We still need more volunteers to help continue our success. We have events like Naturescaping, Okeehelie Earth Day, Daggerwing Nature Day, and Migration Day at the zoo coming in April and May. We need people at all of these events to help pass out information and maintain our table. This is one way we reach out to the public and seek new members.

Your board is all volunteer and we could really use some help as assistants in :

Education, Publicity, Programs, Conservation, Membership, Hospitality, and Grant Writing

I know everyone has special areas they enjoy, please contact me if you can help. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. This year I hope to start an email data base of our members that would like up to date information on our new adventures. It is almost time to start planning new field trips and programs, do you have any suggestions?? Thank you again; your help is what makes Audubon Society of the Everglades a success. Please call me at any time at 561-742-7791 or email hlinda@aol.com to volunteer or offer suggestions. I enjoy hearing from you!

Pine Jog Environmental Education Center presents the Green Gala

Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

6301 Summit Boulevard

West Palm Beach, FL33480

Join Pine Jog as they bring the annual fundraiser back home to their Gold LEED certified, must-see campus! Tickets are \$125.00 per person and include dinner, dancing, and silent auction. Featured entertainment is the local band, Mumbo Jumbo Sustainable and recycled "green" attire is encouraged. Come join in the evening of fun to support the educational programs of Pine Jog!

ASE PROPOSED BUDGET 2009-2010

Unrestricted Income

Investment	\$12,750.00
National Dues Incentive	3,000.00
Donations	4,000.00
Membership local	1,500.00
Merchandise Sales	1,500.00
Fund Raising	3,000.00
Field Trips	750.00
Total	\$26,500.00

Restricted Income

Everglades Day Grant	\$6,000.00
Foundation donations	5,000.00
Together Green Grant (National Audubon)	7,500.00
Total	\$18,500.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$45,000.00

Expenses

Administration

Office Supplies/Postage	\$350.00
Telephone	425.00
Storage	350.00
Website	200.00
Fees & Licenses	200.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Accounting	2,500.00
Fund Raising Expenses	1,000.00
Total	\$6,525.00

Programs

Newsletter printing	\$6,000.00
Newsletter postage	3,400.00
Conservation award	100.00
ASE brochure	1,000.00
Hospitality	500.00
Speaker expense	300.00
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary	250.00
Field Trips	750.00
Total	\$12,300.00

Education

Everglades Day	\$2,500.00
Library Purchases	250.00
Rent	425.00
Envirothon	300.00
Naturescaping	500.00
Conference/ Convention	1,000.00
Pathfinders Award	2,500.00
Other festivals	200.00
Total	\$7,675.00
Total expenses	\$26,500.00

Restricted Expenses

Everglades Day (PBC Cultural Council)	\$6,000.00
Together Green-Pine Jog (NAS Grant)	7,500.00
Education (Foundation donation)	5,000.00
Total	\$18,500.00

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES \$45,000.00

The first ever comprehensive report on bird populations in the United States was released in March, showing that nearly a third of the nation's 800 bird species are endangered, threatened or in significant decline due to habitat loss, invasive species, and other threats. At the same time, the report highlights examples, including many species of waterfowl, where habitat restoration and conservation have reversed previous declines, offering hope that it is not too late to take action to save declining populations.

"Just as they were when Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* nearly 50 years ago, birds today are a bellwether of the health of land, water and ecosystems," interior secretary Ken Salazar said. "From shorebirds in New England to warblers in Michigan to songbirds in Hawaii, we are seeing disturbing downward population trends that should set off environmental alarm bells. We must work together now to ensure we never hear the deafening silence in our forests, fields and backyards that Rachel Carson warned us about."

The report, *The U.S. State of the Birds*, synthesizes data from three long-running bird censuses conducted by thousands of citizen scientists and professional biologists. However, the report also reveals convincing evidence that birds can respond quickly and positively to conservation action. The data show dramatic increases in many wetland birds such as pelicans, herons, egrets, osprey, and ducks, a testament to numerous cooperative conservation partnerships that have resulted in protection, enhancement and management of more than 30 million wetland acres.

"These results emphasize that investment in wetlands conservation has paid huge dividends," said Kenneth Rosenberg, director of Conservation Science at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "Now we need to invest similarly in other neglected habitats where birds are undergoing the steepest declines."

"Citizen science plays a critical role in monitoring and understanding the threats to these birds and their habitats, and only citizen involvement can help address them," said National Audubon Society's Bird Conservation Director, Greg Butcher. "Conservation action can only make a real difference when concerned people support the kind of vital habitat restoration and protection measures this report explores."

Everglades Youth Conservation Camp

American Camping Association Accredited
Send Your Child for 5 Nights & 6 Days of Sleep-Away Camp.
Boys & Girls Ages 8 -14
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Low Student-to-Instructor Ratio

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Articles welcome! Send to ben@kolstad.com by the 10th of the month.

Join Audubon Society of the Everglades

There are now two ways to join ASE: Chapter-only membership, and membership through the National Audubon Society.

Chapter-Only Membership

When you become a member of the Audubon Society of the Everglades by using the form at right, all of your membership fees are put to use supporting **local** projects: Everglades Day; Education Programs such as model schools and field trips; Scholarships; and Conservation activities. Audubon Society of the Everglades members also receive 11 issues of the *Everglade Kite* newsletter.

National Audubon Society Membership

When you join ASE through the National Audubon Society, you also receive 6 issues of *Audubon Magazine*, and membership in Audubon of Florida. For details, visit www.audubon.org. To join the National Society, send your information as above, but make your check out to **National Audubon Society**. NOTE: The annual fee is \$20 for regular NAS membership. In either case, send your check, payable to ASE (\$15/\$10) or NAS (\$20) as appropriate, along with this form to

Membership, Audubon Society of the Everglades
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Audubon Society of the Everglades (ASE)

YES! I want to become a **chapter-only member** of ASE. Enclosed is my check made payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades for:

Regular \$15 Senior (62+)/Student \$10

I would like to save ASE postage and printing costs; please send my *Kite* via email

I would like to donate an additional

\$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

I would like to volunteer for:

- Education
 Conservation
 Everglades Day
 Fundraising
 Other: _____

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Audubon Society of the Everglades general meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7) at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, located on Summit Blvd, near the intersection of Summit and Jog, in West Palm Beach. The public is welcome to attend.