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>>> CALENDAR <<<

There are no field trips planned for the summer months.

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October 29-November 2, 2005 – Panama Birding Trip. For information contact Carol Shields, 561-964-1522.

**Note from the Editor:** I would like to take this time to apologize if you have receive this issue in the mail late. I was late getting started this past month because of an illness which left me unable to work due to hospitalization. I am now well recovered and back into full swing again. Thank you to those who helped me during this past trying time.



### Don't Forget



The month of JUNE officially starts the Hurricane Season which runs until November 1st.

**Be prepared!**

You can find a small tracking map to help you be prepared on page 3.



Visit the  
National Weather Service  
Website for more information:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

## TUESDAY JUNE 7th, PROGRAM

**STORIES OF PANAMA**  
by Marcella Marohl

The isthmus of Panama conjures up images of Balboa seeing the Pacific Ocean for the first time and the tremendous engineering feat of the Panama Canal, but it is so much MORE! Panama runs about 350 miles East to West and the Canal runs almost north-South. Panama became independent from Spain in 1821 and then from Colombia in 1903 with the help of Theodore Roosevelt and his "gunboat" diplomacy. The Canal Zone reverted to the Panamanian Government in 1999.

"Panama" is a native word for abundance of fish and butterflies. Perhaps, it is because it is a land bridge between the North and South America that it has more species of plants and animals than the neighboring countries. The "Lonely Planet" guidebooks suggest that the best rainforest birding is in Panama - even right along the Pipeline Road where the Panama Audubon Society set a record of 360 species for the Christmas Bird Count. And remember, the Harpy Eagle - the world's largest - is the national bird.

We hope this fun and educational program about the culture of Panama will encourage you to sign up for our field trip in October. Marcella Marohl was born in Panama where her father, an Army Engineer from Massachusetts, married a beautiful Castilian lady. After being a Miss Panama contestant, Marcella moved to California to earn a degree in cosmetology and also attend Long Beach State University. With her dual citizenship, she is well-traveled in Panama and the U.S. and now lives in Florida.

Bring your Panama hat and please join us at 7:30 PM  
at the Howard Park Community Center!



As I prepare to participate in the "International Migratory Bird Day" at the Palm Beach Zoo, I am thinking of all the species that are the mercy of human behavior. I believe we can live comfortably and be respectful of other animals.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help throughout the year and to the new conservation committee volunteers: Carla Anchors, Alan Parmalee, Marcella Munson, Ben Kolstad, Susan and Roy Snyder. Marcella and Ben also agreed to work with Gloria Hunter to set up the field trip schedule.

Please note the change in our Program Schedule. We are featuring PANAMA! We are still hoping for "One Hundred Years of Audubon History" in July.

## Rising Above the Rainforest: A Trip to Panama

October 29-November 2, 2005

Join us on an adventure to Central America in beautiful, lush Panama. The trip includes air and transportation to/ from Miami Airport departing on Saturday, October 29. You arrive in Panama that afternoon for 5 days and 4 nights in the rainforests of Central America. All your meals and tips are included so you can relax and enjoy birding with experienced guides. Over 280 listed bird species are found in the rainforests of Panama. Experience the rainforests of Central America as we trek with experienced local guides -- Visit Summit Botanical Gardens where the world's largest eagle species, the harpy eagle is making a strong presence -- Enjoy a side trip to Panama City for lunch, shop at a local market, and in the afternoon stop for a view of the famous Panama Canal.

Accommodations are at the Canopy Tower Ecologe, located in the Soberania National Park. Canopy Tower is a converted radar tower that reaches over the rainforest for a bird's eye view from the 360-degree observation deck.

Double-occupancy sleeping quarters are at treetop level, no more than 40 feet from the birds perched right outside your window. Canopy Towers was highlighted in the August 2004 issue of Audubon magazine as one of the premiere birding locations in Central America. The Canopy Tower is also a great place for those with a general interest in exploring the tropical forest reflecting Soberania's extraordinary diversity.

If you're interested in joining this adventure, Audubon offers it at a very special rate of \$1800. There is room for only 10 people in order to provide a more personal and enjoyable experience for everyone. A \$1000 deposit is required to hold your reservation. Detailed trip information is available. For further information call Carol Shields, First VP, at 561-964-1522 or e-mail at [clsaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:clsaudubon@yahoo.com).



A message from our Treasurer  
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## SCOUT PROJECT



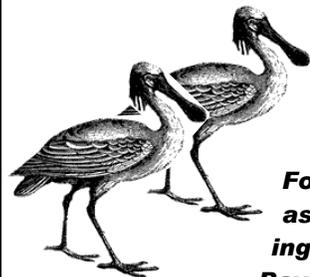
We received an email from Sean Brannen, a Junior at W.T. Dwyer High School, and an active member of Boy Scout Troop 150 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Sean is working on the final portion of his Eagle Scout project at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter. He is building a structure to house injured hawks. He is leading others in the preparation of the site and construction as well as securing all the necessary materials estimated at a cost of \$2500.

If anyone is interested in helping Sean, please send a check made payable to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and a note on the memo line: for Sean Brennan scout project. Mail the check directly to Busch at 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458.

We "passed the hat" at the May general meeting of the chapter and collected \$101. We hope those of you who were not there can help as well. Remember the donation is tax deductible.

## ROSEATE SPOONBILLS



**Miami, FL, May 13, 2005 - Audubon of Florida's Tavernier Science Center and Florida Coastal Island Sanctuaries are banding roseate spoonbill chicks in Florida Bay and Tampa Bay in order to learn more about this mysterious wading bird. Scientists rely on volunteers' reports of their sightings of these banded spoonbills to fuel what could be groundbreaking discoveries.**

**For the third year in a row, the Audubon Society of Florida is asking outdoor enthusiasts across the Southeast to think pink. The population of one of Florida's most striking, rare, and unusual birds, the roseate spoonbill, is growing in numbers in Tampa Bay while sharply declining in Florida Bay, and researchers want to know why.**

**By banding spoonbill chicks in both Tampa and Florida Bay, Audubon hopes to answer questions not only about the causes of success and failure of the populations in these areas, but also about the basic biology of the roseate spoonbill. Public reports of banded spoonbills will help researchers learn at what age spoonbills raise their first chicks, where the birds go when not breeding and even what roseate spoonbills look like at different ages.**

**For more information on the roseate spoonbill banding programs and how you can become involved, visit [www.audubonofflorida.org/science/spoonbills.htm](http://www.audubonofflorida.org/science/spoonbills.htm)**



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The Audubon Society of the Everglades General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at Howard Park Recreation Center in West Palm Beach. The phone number for the Recreation center is: 561-835-7055. The public is welcome to attend.

**Deadline** for submissions for the July 2005 issue is **May 10th.**

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