LAKE OKEECHOBEE AND THE AUDUBON SOCIETY
by Paul Gray, Ph.D.

Lake Okeechobee has been in the news again because of lingering effects of the hurricanes, so the Audubon expert on the Big "O" is preparing a special program for us. Dr. Gray is the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Science Coordinator. He is the sixth person working on Lake Okeechobee for Audubon since 1936.

Paul Gray earned his doctorate from the University of Florida working on Florida's Mottled Duck in the Okeechobee area. He then worked three years for the Florida Game and Fish Commission in Okeechobee, and now has been with Audubon for 10 years, first as Manager of the Orway-Whittell Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary, and now on regional issues with Okeechobee and its watershed.

Please join us July 5 at 7:30 PM at the Howard Park Community Center.

Note: We may be announcing the "Swallow-tailed Kite Field Trip" at this time.
As the summer solstice approaches and our rainy season is upon us, I find myself marveling at the subtleties that mark our change of seasons. The migratory birds have passed through and our resident birds are finishing their nesting. I am looking forward to the long hot summer when our clouds are our mountains.

Thank you to the new volunteers! And thank you to everyone who helps set up and take down the chairs at our meetings.

Note: We are interested in your bird stories. Please consider sending stories to our newsletter. See the back page for email address.

ASE would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Independence Day.
Hear ye, Hear ye!!!

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*Ruth Harrison
author of Animal Machines*

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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 Community Center in West Palm Beach. The phone number for the Community Center is (561) 835-7055. The public is welcome to attend.

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