

EVERGLADE KITE

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CALENDAR

Sat, Oct 4, 2008, 8 a.m.

Frenchman's Forest, Palm Beach Gardens. West side of Prosperity Farms Rd. 1.5 miles north of PGA Blvd. Leader: Marvin Greenberg.

Tues, Oct 7, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting: Introduction to FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. Pat Welch, Pine Jog.

Sat, Oct 11, 2008, 8 a.m.

Spanish River Park, Boca Raton. Meet at SW corner of Spanish River Blvd and A1A (a bit west of A1A). Leader: Chuck Weber.

Sat Oct 18, 2008, 8 a.m.

Wakodahatchee Wetlands, Boynton Beach. Bird walk for kids 7 and older. Leader: Clive Pinnock.

October 23-25, 2008

Audubon Assembly, Homosassa, FL Accommodations at the Plantation Inn. Details: www.audubonofflorida.org

Bird of the Month: Sandhill Crane

We're bringing a new focus to our meetings: every month, we will feature a different bird from our area. You are invited to bring your Sandhill Crane pictures to our general meeting where they will be displayed while we learn interesting facts about them. Please submit any ideas for future birds you are interested in to hlindaase@aol.com or call me at 561-742-7791

Introduction to FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center

Pat Welch, Pine Jog

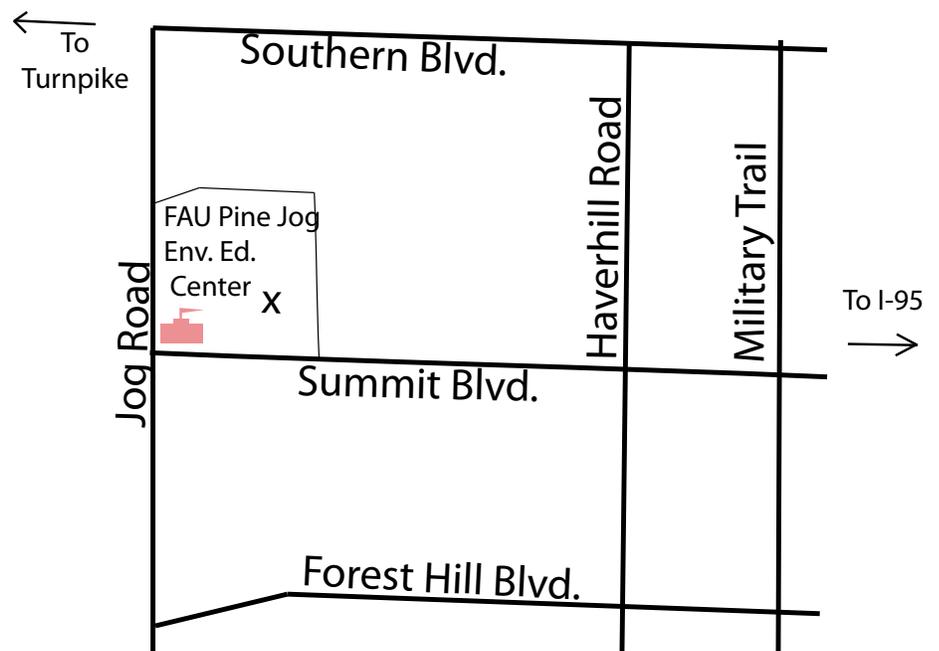
Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

This month will be our very first general meeting at **FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, located on Summit Blvd. just east of Jog Rd. in West Palm Beach.** For those of you who don't know, the Audubon Society of the Everglades has had a long association with the Pine Jog site from the time it was first established in 1960, so we're very excited to begin holding our general meetings here.

The Pine Jog property is representative of the natural communities of South Florida and of the changes which take place in these communities over time. The biotic communities located at Pine Jog include pine flatwoods, sawgrass marsh, pond, field and hammock. From 1960 to 1970, Pine Jog was administered by Florida Audubon Society. In 1970 the authority for Pine Jog transferred to Florida Atlantic University, College of Science and in 1987 to the College of Education.

The program for our October meeting will be presented by Pat Welch, of Pine Jog. She will provide us with an introduction to, and a behind-the-scenes look at, the new environmental education center.

A map of the meeting location is below.



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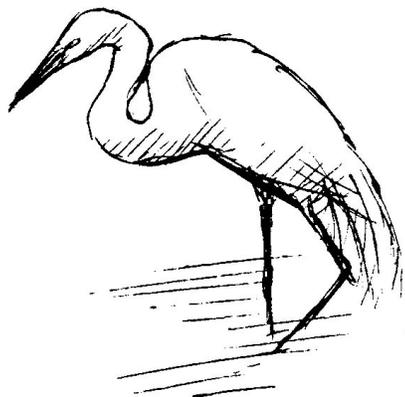
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President's Perspective

Linda Humphries

This is an exciting month. Our general meetings are moving to Pine Jog. Although it was nice being near downtown, the new location will offer much more for our group, particularly since we are a conservation organization, and the entire mission of Pine Jog is environmental education. Pine Jog has built a beautiful new green school with a nice conference room. The speaker for this month is going to be Pat Welch, Director of Pine Jog. She is going to give us a private tour of the new school, explaining how it was built and the benefits created for the children. Come join us for a special "behind the scenes" tour.

We are also starting our new Young Naturalist Program this month. Clive Pinnock, manager of Okeeheelee Nature Center, will be leading a bird walk at Wakodahatchee for children between the ages of 7 and 15. The birds are so close to the boardwalk that binoculars are not necessary. The walk will be from 8 am to 9 am. We are limiting the walk to 12 children so please call 561-742-7791 to sign up. Please leave your name and phone number on the answering machine. The children will have a short birding explanation before the walk. If parents decide to stay, we are asking that you go ahead or behind the group of children. We are sure the children will have fun learning and seeing the birds up close.

Some of you will be getting our newsletter for the first time since you signed up months ago. We apologize for the delay. There was a membership glitch that has been fixed. Thank you for your support! As you read this newsletter, birds are migrating through our area to their winter homes. Please come out and join our bird walks. They are informative, great exercise, and lots of fun. Thanks to all of you for your comments, support, and the great bird pictures that were emailed. I greatly appreciated your help.

Tomorrow---

As migrating birds see daylight

Remember your binoculars

And ponder their long flight

Newsletter/Membership Update

We are redoing our membership list. Unfortunately some of you are receiving this newsletter for the first time. There was a glitch in our system from National Audubon but this has been fixed. Some of you will be receiving this newsletter for the last time, since your Audubon membership has expired. There is a membership form in this newsletter telling you about our 2 memberships that you can fill out and send in. If you have any questions or are not sure if you are expiring or not please call me, Linda at 561-742-7791 and leave a message or send me an email at hlindaase@aol.com

Newsletter Update

Unfortunately, due to ongoing difficulties with National Audubon and our newsletter printer, some of you are receiving this newsletter for the first time. There was a glitch in our system, but this has been fixed. Others of you may be receiving this newsletter for the last time, since your Audubon membership has expired. There is a membership form in this newsletter telling you about our 2 memberships that you can fill out and send in. If you have any questions or are not sure if you are expiring or not please call me, Linda at 561-742-7791 and leave a message or send me an email at hlindaase@aol.com

Education News

ASE is reviewing the educational program, exploring new activities, and planning new projects.

- ASE is initiating a Young Naturalist program with monthly activities in cooperation with local nature centers.
- A partnership to develop a residential native landscape program to attract birds and butterflies is in the works.
- Science Fair judges are needed.

The small board of ASE cannot do all this by itself. WE NEED A LITTLE HELP!

If you have interest, skills or talents in education, science, publicity, writing, birding, butterflying, gardening, etc., perhaps you would like to find out more. Contact Susan Snyder at roysue@bellsouth.net or 561-762-7528.

ASE Website News

For those of you who haven't been to our website (www.auduboneverglades.org) recently, check it out. Up-to-date field trip lists, meeting announcements, events, calls for volunteers, field trip reports: it's all online.

Here are a few of the recent headlines posted on the News page there; for the complete article, visit the website!

September 17th, 2008: ERM newsletter reports on Oystercatcher in the LWL

September 8th, 2008: Miami Herald Q&A about Lake O

September 8th, 2008: SFWMD to meet about land acquisition

September 4th, 2008: FWC proposes increased penalties for seagrass violators (again)

Report: Bird Class at Spanish River

The morning was hot and still when Paddy Cunningham led the workshop 'Birding by Behavior and Habitat' at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton. Birds were sparse in species and number, but the group was able to study some species carefully. Giving good looks were the American redstart, pileated woodpecker, prairie warbler, Northern waterthrush, spotted sandpiper, great crested flycatcher, and least flycatcher.

Paddy believes in birding by observation, eliminating birds by knowing their habits. Use a field guide after you narrow down the choices.

Suggestions included:

- Study before hand.
- Know what habitats you will find in the birding area.
- Know which species frequent those habitats at that time of the year.
- Learn the bird's habits and characteristics. How does it fly? What does it eat?
- Where does it find food?
- Does it soar, glide, hop, walk, swoop, bob, flick or pump its tail, etc.

Contact Paddy at <http://www.birdadventure.com> for more information on upcoming birding workshops.

Migration in Palm Beach County

Although the North American Migration Count was held on Saturday, September 20, it's not too late to celebrate migratory birds! Green Cay Nature Center in Boynton Beach is holding their Migration Day Celebration on **Saturday, October 18**. ASE will have a table there, and our own Ben Kolstad will give a presentation on the potential effects of global warming on Florida's migratory birds. The celebration lasts all day (call 561-966-7000 for details); the presentation is at 11:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, October 18

Migration Day at Green Cay Nature Center

Saturday, October 18

Lantana GreenFest, Lantana Town Hall

Wednesday, December 10

Science Fair Judges, South Florida Fairgrounds

These are fun events, and the volunteers are always very well treated! Please contact Susan Snyder, roysue@bellsouth.net or 762-7528.

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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

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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 \$_____

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I would like to volunteer for:

- Education
 Conservation
 Everglades Day
 Fundraising
 Other: _____

Audubon Society of the Everglades general meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 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.