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SUMMERTIME WHEN LIVING IS EASY

The August 1 general meeting will feature a two-part film presentation entitled "Journey Into Summer."

The camera takes us to Lake Erie, Niagara Falls, Yellowstone, the Arizona desert, the California coast, just to name a few.

The picture of nature is not always pretty, but there is hope in spite of pollution and the fact that nature has been subjected to man's abuse.

Be sure to join us for a most interesting program on Tuesday, August 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, 2601 10th Avenue North, Lake Worth. The public is invited.
(Mary Nye)

SOLAR ENERGY NETWORK FORMED

Audubon members interested in solar energy may be interested in the new Florida Solar Energy Users Network (Florida SUN), which has been formed to assist its members in the selection and purchase of solar units, to encourage increased use of solar energy, and to provide a forum for an exchange of ideas by members.

The Network will be publishing a bi-monthly newsletter aimed at letting the general public know about solar energy in Florida. The first publication, due in mid-July, includes articles on how to buy a solar water heater, tips for do-it-yourselfers, and the basics of pool heating.

Anyone interested in learning how to use the sun from a "do-it-yourself" standpoint may send \$3.00 to cover subscription costs for the remainder of 1978, plus name and mailing address, to Christine Beck, 1086 Coronado Drive, Rockledge, Fl. 32955. Checks should be made to Florida SUN.

BIRDING ON DEEP WATER CAY - BAHAMAS

This forgotten little island lies 120 miles due east of Southern Blvd. Bridge. It is on the east end of Grand Bahama Island across the inlet from McLeanstown and 5 miles from Sweetings Cay, both founded some 200 years ago. Conch is the staple food, and haystack-size piles of their shells decorate the town boat landings.

Deep Water Cay itself is about 2 miles long and ½ mile wide. This is the site of a pleasant, charming fishing camp, world famous for its bonefish and permit. It is owned and operated by Mr. Gilbert Drake. Along

KITE STRINGS

"Operation Nature Guide," started by the Audubon Society in Tacoma, Washington, as a list of knowledgeable persons to advise traveling birders and other nature lovers, has now grown to include contacts in 49 states and 13 foreign countries. The 1978-79 edition also includes state-by-state lists of nature centers, national parks and refuges, Audubon sanctuaries and much more. To order, send \$3.95 per copy to the editor, Ilene Marckx, Nature Guide, 34915 4th Avenue South, Federal Way, Washington 98003.

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There have been changes on our Board of Directors and, since it will be a couple of months before the 1978-79 ASE Program Schedule/Officer-Chairmen Directory is available, here is a list to clip for reference:

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SUMMER TRIP TO GEORGIA GARDENS

A letter from Audubon member Vera Johnson tells of a recent trip with her mother to Pine Mountain, Ga., noted for the Calloway Gardens which have both wild and cultivated areas that abound with birdlife.

While sitting in a dining area filled with plants and sunlight, they heard a noise at a nearby window and saw a red bird flying to the glass several times, then perching on a small ledge. He flew away but returned a short time later to try again to enter. Checking her bird book, she found that this new friend was a summer tanager.

Birds weren't the only things flying around the gardens, tho. As they were walking along one of the well-marked nature trails, she noticed a box and started to read the sign.... "We are trapping wild bees....," it began..... but she never finished. There was a humming sound, several large bees appeared, and she grabbed her mother's arm and got out of there!

In a cultivated area they saw large bushes with netting over them, which didn't deter the birds who were busily going in and out getting their share of ripe blueberries.

Other walks through flower gardens, orchards, greenhouses, a mushroom walk - and plantings changed seasonally - have drawn her back there several times. As she says, it's not too far - near the Alabama line 70 miles southwest of Atlanta - and she recommends it as a most enjoyable experience for bird and nature lovers not able to make far-away trips.

ON THE NATURE TRAIL

Sy Magnus, Nature Trail Chairman who is traveling the mid-west this summer, sent the following note:

"The Friends of the Custard Apple Trail wish to thank Mr. Sam Finglass of Royal Palm for the lovely sign he gratuitously designed and made for the nature trail grove and benches dedicated in honor of Alice Stearns."

the length of the island on the south shore rises a backbone of 15 ft. high limestone. Working to the north there is a valley of mangroves, with high spots of scrub forest on the shore. Miles and miles of open tidal flats drift off to the east. Hiding behind the south ridge is a surprising tropical forest, dense, with crowns up to 15 ft.

Here are the birds! "Black Billy" (Greater Antillean Bullfinch) is the boss of the scrub. "Blue Jane" (Red-legged Thrush), "Sin Bird" (Black-face Grassquit), and "Tom James' Bird" (Stripe-headed Tanager) are all vigorously present among the gumbo limbo. "Little Tom Fool" (Greater Antillean Peewee) is busy piping his blues.

In great numbers everywhere are Cuban Emeralds and Bahama Woodstars. These little hummingbirds are very tame and practically come to hand. The Woodstars are expert gnatcatchers. They hover in a swarm and daintily suck in the gnats.

Squeaking is most rewarding. The Bananaquit, "Black-eyed Bird" (Bahama Yellowthroat) and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers come charging out of the bush with blood in their eyes. They come in to 2 or 3 feet and let you know for sure to "shut up."

Don't overlook scratching in the ground debris. It may be a "Ghost" crab or it can be a "partridge" (Key West Quail Dove).

Mr. Drake, an astute observer of wildlife, tells me that on occasion he has seen, at conch-shell-throw from his dock, Roseatte Spoonbills, Greater Flamingo, and White-cheeked Pintail Duck. He keeps a copy of Bond's BIRDS OF THE WEST INDIES on the lodge bar and all bird watchers are expected to log in their lists.

This area is the only place that I regularly frequent that has not changed in 20 years. That Bahama Swallow flew there 100 years ago, today he is there, and will be there 100 years from now. It's splendid. Go soon. (Hank McCall)

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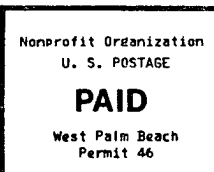
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Membership Chairman Cecil Kilmer, 689-1961, would appreciate hearing from a Mr. or Mrs. Jones of 410 59th Street, as this membership came through from NAS without any first name or initials.

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