



# EVERGLADE KITE

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## LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

We will have a small film festival at the March 7th general meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades.

Our first film will be a 17-minute color film titled "Big Cypress: Partnership With Nature." This film, produced by Exxon Oil Company, should be of particular interest to most of us, since the Big Cypress has been the topic of controversy ever since oil drilling permits were approved.

The main feature is a 50-minute color film narrated by Robert Redford and titled "The Predators." We'll travel the high country and the swamp through all seasons of the year to view grizzly, bob cat, bald eagle, cougar and coyote as they struggle for survival. The film is not intended to shock you. It's matter of fact. It's the business of living.

Members and guests are reminded of the new meeting place - First Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n. of Lake Worth, 2601 10th Avenue North, Lake Worth, at 7:30 p.m. (Leah Schad)

## LOXAHATCHEE TRIP

Some of Florida's visitors had a fine, though chilly, view of Loxahatchee's wildlife on the February 18th field trip led by Paul Sykes.

Of the 16 people participating in the refuge walk, about half were from out-of-state.

They saw 59 species of birds in the marshes, including nine species of herons, two of ibis and four of ducks. There were excellent views of two Everglade Kites and Purple Gallinules. The best bird of the morning was a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Several days after this trip, Paul Sykes reported that he and Dr. Noel Snyder discovered 24 active Everglade Kite nests in all stages of development while on a survey of Conservation Area 2 on Monday, the 20th. Paul noted that this is the largest number of nests he has ever found in one day. We can only hope that it may indicate a successful nesting season and a growing population of these endangered kites.

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Concerning another trip, Saul Rimberg reports that an excellent spot for viewing shore birds, particularly at low tide, is the Air Force Beach at Singer Island. Ann Ayers, Gloria Hunter and Marge Eaton led a large group from Pine Jog's birding course to this spot on February 15th.

They saw both black and yellow-crowned night herons, many other herons, egrets and ibis, great black-backed gulls, willet, skimmers, and Royal and Forster's terns.

# PROPOSED NOMINATIONS AND BUDGET

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article IX - Budget Committee, the following items are prepared and submitted to the membership for its consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 1978.

## PROPOSED

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1978 - 1979

President	Leah Schad
1st Vice President (Programs)	Mary Nye
2nd Vice President (Sanctuaries, Exhibits)	Ray Plockelman
Secretary	
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Education	Jack McLaughlin Fran Thew
Conservation	Doris Henriquez
Sales	Jim Husky
Membership	Cecil Kilmer
Publicity	Pat Gleason
Field Trips	Tom McElroy
Everglade Kite	Ruth Trumpower
At Large	Marge Eaton
At Large	Alice Stearns

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Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee are Mary Nye, Chairperson; Ann Ayers and Leah Schad.

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### CONSERVATION NEWS

The Conservation Committee has joined local groups in the Sebastian Inlet area to urge refusal by the Corps of Engineers of two applications for permits to fill an area where shore birds feed and another to put a new road right through virgin mangrove territory. Following an informal hearing attended by Chairman Doris Henriquez, a second protest urged further study and more environmental planning before permitting such potentially destructive development in the Sebastian Inlet State Park.

ASE is again protesting the proposed development of the Fox property on the western edge of the West Palm Beach water catchment area. As in our 1974 protest, proposed density is one reason for objecting; another strong reason is that inspection of the property shows the majority of the area is wetlands. ASE will provide an

## PROPOSED BUDGET

1978 - 1979

### INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 600
Interest on Conservation Fund	4,500
Sales	100
Dues	<u>2,200</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	<u>\$7,400</u>

### EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 100
SECRETARY	
Telephone	\$ 60
Supplies	<u>100</u> 160
TREASURER	75
EVERGLADE KITE	1,600
PROGRAMS	500
CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Publications, Memberships, Misc.	<u>300</u> 800
SANCTUARIES	50
EDUCATION	
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	200
Junior Audubon	<u>200</u> 600
SCHOLARSHIPS & DONATIONS	
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	600
Memberships to Area Schools	<u>300</u> 900
PUBLICITY	35
BIRD CENSUS	150
FIELD TRIPS	50
MEMBERSHIP	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	25
EXHIBITS (S. Fla. Fair, etc)	300
MERCHANDISE FOR SALES TABLE	300
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	<u>300</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES	\$6,195
CONTINGENCY	<u>1,205</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	<u>\$7,400</u>

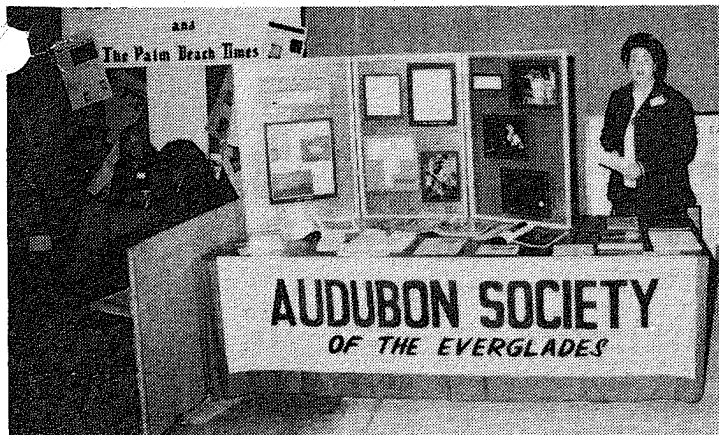
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Members of the Budget Committee are Ruth Trumpower, Chairperson; Margery Eaton and Ray Plockelman.

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expert witness at the protest hearings to start March 20. FAS and the Florida Wildlife Federation are also cooperating in opposition to this proposed development as it is presently planned. Hearings on other problems are coming up; volunteers to observe same are welcomed.

## AT THE FAIR



Leah Schad was among the many volunteers staffing the ASE booth at the South Florida Fair. Lots of people picked up Audubon brochures and inquired about everything from birds to conservation efforts. At least six persons attended the February ASE meeting as a direct result of this public contact.

Exhibits Chairman Ray Plockelman put together this excellent temporary exhibit pending the creation of a

larger permanent screen-with-pictures which will be moved around from schools to libraries to banks, etc., as a conservation education tool with continuous public exposure.

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And - speaking of exhibits - here is a chance for Lake Worth members to help the Audubon cause. ASE will have an exhibit and dispense literature at Lake Worth's Spring Festival in Bryant Park on March 10 and 11. How about volunteering to baby-sit the exhibit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. either day. Call Ye Ed. at home, 585-3968, in evening or at the Chamber, 582-4401, during the day. It's a great opportunity to assist the cause as well as enjoy the many people you'll meet.

### FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 5 p.m. Evening Fly-in over Fisherman's Island, meet at Flagler and Greenwood Drives.

WEEKEND, MARCH 17, 18, 19 - Cancelled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 7:30 a.m. Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge, Marsh Parking Lot.

### ANNUAL MEETING

This year we are again going to hold an annual dinner meeting for ASE members and guests. Date - Tuesday, April 4. Time - 6:30 p.m. Place - Holiday Inn of Palm Beach Gardens (on PGA Blvd. near end of I-95). Those who do not want to attend the dinner, but wish to hear the speaker and attend the Annual Meeting may do so by arriving at 8 p.m.

Reservations for dinner (note choice of entrees) must be made by March 27th. The evening's schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m. - Social Hour, cash bar	8:00 p.m. - Guest speaker, Richard Tillis
7:00 p.m. - Dinner	8:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Elections

Please clip below, mail to: Ms. Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman Rd., W.P.B. 33407  
Questions? Call 848-9984 after 5:30 p.m.

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Check choice of entree, note how many of each (includes tax and gratuity)

Steak - \$8.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Grouper - \$6.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner(s) is enclosed. (Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades)

Name

Phone

Address

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Atlantis: Sara and Irv Larner

Jupiter: Diana Newcomer, E. Schoemer

Lake Park: Patricia Lugin, J. Whiteway

Lake Worth: Pam Marietta, Emily M.  
McLane, Mrs. Esther T. Sax, D. H.  
Smith, Mark Swanson

Lantana: Mr. & Mrs. John Boronski

North Palm Beach: Mr. & Mrs. John  
Coulter, Johann Fraungruber, Mrs.  
J.W. Gibson, Ms. Marilyn Robson,  
Willard H. Shiffert

Palm Beach: Rev. & Mrs. H.M. Carlson,  
James Gorfinkle, Lorraine Kidder,  
Arthur D. Leidesdorf, Mrs. Gus  
Nelson, Mrs. R. Hasbrouck Shradly,  
Mr. Bev Smith, Julia H. Walton

P. B. Gardens: John J. Zura, Jr.

P. B. Shores: T.L. Otten, D.L. Silvers

Riviera Beach: Pearl & Murry Weinman

West Palm Beach: John Agnew, Sandy K.  
Bernstein, G.B. Bowman, Sharon Drug-  
man, F.D. Hewitt II, Mrs. Robert  
Keller, Allal Krim, Mrs. Edna  
Messinger, G.D. Nale, Harris Stanhill

Tequesta: Mr. & Mrs. George H. Flynn

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN - Brief  
written report on your committee's  
year needed for April Kite. Please  
bring to March Board meeting.

## BIRDING IN ARANSAS, TEXAS

The whooping cranes alone are  
worth the effort and expense of this  
trip. Their size is stunning. They  
are to a sandhill crane as a Boeing  
747 is to a 707.

Approximately 65 individuals sur-  
vive in this world. On one afternoon,  
from the deck of the very comfortable  
"Whooping Crane," we saw 37. Each  
family has its own territory staked  
out by the inland waterway. Ma, Pa,  
and Junior graze placidly and allow  
excellent viewing for both photo-  
graphers and birders.

The boat sails each day, at  
1:30 p.m., from the Sea Gun Marina at  
Rockport, Texas. The trip lasts four  
hours and offers a continuous feast  
for the eyes of shore birds, ducks,  
geese, gulls, and terns.

Ms. Rose Anne Rowlett of Victor  
Emanuel Nature Tours led us through  
the expanse of Aransas. The sight of  
white-tailed kites, white-tailed  
hawks, and literally thousands of  
ducks and geese was exciting. At tw-  
light we saw small herds of javelina  
and white-tailed deer at close range.

For a great break in your rou-  
tine, kick up your heels and go to  
Aransas.  
(Hank McCall)

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