



TREKING IN ALASKA

By canoe, kayak, and on foot, Anne Wilder trekked some of the Alaskan wilderness and will share her trip with us by slides and narration at the August 7th meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades.

Ms. Wilder, who is a reporter and Fort Pierce Bureau Chief for the Miami Herald, says "My interest in the outdoors started with a wilderness trek in the Wind River Valley of Wyoming. Since that time I have trekked in Greenland, Peru (the Inca Trail), and Alaska."

Saying that she treks in order to see areas which can only be reached on foot or by boat, she emphasized that hiking gives her a real feeling for the country being visited.

Her Alaskan trip included canoeing and portage through the lakes in Admiralty Island, one of the last refuges of the brown bear, and a week kayaking and camping in Glacier Bay, where she saw seals and whales.

The public is invited to attend the Society's meeting on Tuesday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, north off Summit Avenue on Dreher Park Trail North.

(Sy Magnus)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's hard to believe the lack of response to the plea for members to help out with the telephone tree - DID YOU FORGET? At the most, this small contribution of your time would take only 5 minutes whenever calls are needed. Please let me know if you will help. This is the only way we can get the word out between meetings and/or the newsletter.

A Turtle Walk has been scheduled for Friday, July 13, beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the north end of Jupiter Island. To get there, drive north on U.S. 1 to Hobe Sound, turn east at the S.R. 708 traffic light, then turn north just before the Hobe Sound Public Beach and drive to the end of the road. Bring snacks, blankets, or chairs if you don't like to walk, flashlights and insect spray. Small children are urged to nap before setting out. You can leave whenever you wish. Car pooling is suggested. If the gas situation worsens, we will cancel the trip. To get an idea of how many people will be coming, please call me at home, 848-9984, any evening after 6 p.m.

Doris Mager of Florida Audubon has completed her 6-day "Nest Sitting" to draw attention for the protection of the Bald Eagle and to raise money for the aviary on the grounds of Florida Audubon which will house the birds of prey Doris has had

at her home. She cares for several red-tailed hawks, a marsh hawk, a great-horned owl, a barn owl, nine screech owls (soon to be released), and six Bald Eagles. The most recent eagle, an immature, was brought to her Sunday, June 24, shot in the wing. Over 4,000 people visited the nest site while she was in residence 50 feet above the ground. To date, over \$7,000 has been donated. Anyone wishing to send a contribution may do so. Make your tax-deductible check to Nest Sitting-Florida Audubon and mail it to P. O. Drawer 7, Maitland 32751.

The Board of Directors voted to send \$50.00 to the Suwannee River Coalition to assist its efforts to preserve this historic river.

Dr. Russell Peterson, president of National Audubon, will be attending Florida Audubon's annual convention in October. The six chapters comprising the Southeastern Coalition, of which we are one, will host a reception in his honor at Doc Thomas House, South Miami, on Friday evening, October 26, beginning at 8:30.

The Board, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution wishing much happiness to First Vice President Mary E. Nye, who was married June 23rd to Joseph Egly.

Audubon members are encouraged to write their Congressmen urging support of H.R. 2249 introduced by Maine Representative Olympia J. Snowe. The bill supports deauthorization of the proposed Dickey-Lincoln Dams. The Dickey Dam, in the wilds of Maine, would be as large as the Aswan in Egypt. Lincoln is a bit smaller. If built, they would flood 278 miles of free-flowing streams and rivers, 86,000 acres of prime timberland and big-game habitat, and another 200,000 acres of timber would become inaccessible. The Massachusetts Audubon study in 1977 indicated that money spent on the project (\$688 million-now closer to a billion), if used for attic insulation in New England, would save

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WALKING THE BEACH

Summer strolling of the beach at the north end of Jupiter Island offers a spectacular show of diving birds. Time your trip to low tide and you will have a six-mile stretch of lovely, lonely beach to walk. Parking is difficult on weekends; if so, use the municipal beach parking one mile south.

Brown pelicans in single, diagonal file flap and sail along the wave tops. Their heads are tucked back on their necks, with their bills cutting the air. When they sight fish, the squadron breaks formation and they circle and flap, rising 20 to 30 feet above the sea. Then down they plunge in a full all-out dive. Their wings angle back, their necks and bills are pushed forward, and they hit the water with a mighty splash. Sometimes they stay under 2 or 3 seconds and, if successful, will surface stern first while the bill and pouch wrestle to control the fish.

Some miles north the little terns have a nesting area on the ocean dune. It is roughly fenced, setting off an area for their May to August nesting. The pair of eggs are laid right on the sand and mama incubates them by squatting down on them. The chicks are little balls of fluff, so carefully camouflaged that even with binoculars they are impossible to see without movement.

The adults are quite aggressive in defending their realm. Even as you watch, they will dive to within inches of your head, scolding in a high-pitched shriek. While the females hatch, the little males are busy fishing in the shallow edges of the sea. They too dive, but not with the plunge of the pelican. Their dive is a ballet. They first hover, then drop, hover, drop, and break the dive just before the water surface. They climb out of the sea with their fish held crosswise in their beaks.

This show of terns and pelicans goes on and on all through the long summer days. It is timeless and eternal, but full of split-second action. Promise yourself a real taste of beauty and go during the next low tide.

(Hank McCall)

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended March 31, 1979

REVENUES:

Membership Dues	\$ 2,927.63
Merchandise Sales, Net	112.96
Interest	
First Federal S. & L. Assoc.	659.20
Conservation Fund	4,453.43
Merrill Trust Excess	118.40
Subscriptions to Kite	26.00
Banquet Checks	226.00
Donation	1,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 9,523.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

Officers	
President	\$ 108.97
Secretary	72.99
Treasurer	17.00

Committees

Conservation	1,024.63
Everglade Kite	1,733.79
Program	529.51
Education	1,141.75
Scholarships & Donations	2,495.84
Hospitality	49.06
Conferences & Conventions	593.34
Publicity	15.93
Exhibits	225.00
Membership	36.93
Bird Count	116.90
Nature Trail	322.67

Audit	2,294.16
Telephone	61.26
Annual Dinner Meeting	232.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,072.38

Excess Disbursements over Revenues	- \$ 1,548.76
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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

FIRST FEDERAL OF THE PALM BEACHES

Balance March 31, 1978	\$12,518.01
Interest for the Year	+ 659.20
Withdrawals to Checking Account	- 1,800.00
Balance March 31, 1979	\$11,377.21

HOME FEDERAL S. & L. ASSOC. (MERRILL TRUST FUND)

Balance March 31, 1978	\$10,331.87
Interest for the Year	+ 536.53
Donation-Bd. of Co. Commissioners	- 10,750.00
Withdrawal to Checking Account	- 118.40
Balance March 31, 1979	\$ 0.00

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance March 31, 1978	\$57,500.00
Interest for the Year (1978)	+ 4,453.43
Withdrawal to Checking Account	- 4,453.43
Balance March 31, 1979	\$57,500.00

SAVE GAS! CAR-POOL

Now that Ye Ed., thanks to Elsie Baker, doesn't have to scurry to meetings early to do ospitality, I can take one other north Lake worth person to monthly meetings. Why don't you check your Audubon friends and work out a car pool?

ASSETS

First Marine National Bank & Trust Lake Worth, Florida	\$ - 128.62
First Federal of the Palm Beaches West Palm Beach, Florida	11,377.21
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$11,248.59
Investments (Conservation Fund)	57,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$68,748.59

LIABILITIES AND EXCESS DISBURSEMENTS

Liabilities	
NONE	
Excess Disbursements over Revenues	
Balance April 1, 1978	\$80,625.21
Current Year Excess Disbursements	-11,876.62
Total Liabilities and	
Excess Disbursements	\$68,748.59

Signed: Marcia Perry
Treasurer

CALIFORNIA COASTLINE BIRDING (A letter from Saul Rimberg)

Our California trip began on June 1st with a visit to Point Reyes Bird Observatory in Marin County, a hotbed of birdlife. The mild climate, varied and rugged topography, numerous habitats and coastal location all contribute to a diversity of birds almost unheard of at this latitude, especially in such a restricted area. We were fortunate in having Barbara Margolis, an Audubon field leader, as out guide. Among the birds we saw at Point Reyes were the pelagic and Brandt cormorants, surf scoter, common murre, pigeon guillemot, and western grebe.

Upon leaving the peninsula, we visited the Audubon Canyon Ranch located at Stinson Beach, where we viewed a large heronry of great blue herons and great egrets. The ranch consists of 1,000 acres of rolling grasslands, chaparral, woodlands and four rugged canyons. From the vantage point of Henderson Overlook, we saw the nesting birds.

The next day our guide took us to a mountainous area outside of Livermore and we became excited about spotting a ferruginous hawk, a phainopepla, Bullock's oriole, Lawrence and lesser goldfinches, rufous-crowned sparrow, rock wren, acorn woodpeckers, Hutton's vireo, western wood peewee and western blue bird.

At San Francisco in the Golden Gate Park we visited the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and sighted Anna's and Allen's hummingbirds, California quail, chestnut-backed chickadee, common bushtit, wrentit, etc.

Continuing our bus tour we rode along the coastline, sightseeing in Monterey, Carmel, Napa Wine Valley, etc., by-passing Los Angeles and finally arriving in San Diego. There we met Claude Edwards, Jr. (recommended by our own Al Liberman), a prominent Audubon guide. Claude took us to Point Loma, Cabrillo Park and San Diego River, where we saw Costa's hummingbird, brown towhee, avocet, marbled godwit and several species of western gulls and terns.

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Our trip was enhanced by seeing sea otters, harbor seals, deer, etc. in addition to birds. In San Diego one should not miss Sea World, the Wild Animal Park and Balboa Park which boasts of its famous San Diego Zoo, and the Space and Natural History Museums.

This wonderful trip produced sightings of more than 100 different species. My wife, Sally, and I added 35 new birds to our North American bird life list.

President's Desk - cont'd.

43 times as much energy as this hydro-electric project can produce. The bill is co-sponsored by Maine's other representative, David F. Emery. Senator Muskie also supports the deauthorization. Don't think that, because this proposed monster is in Maine, it's no concern for us in Florida. It is indeed our concern because, as taxpayers, we help foot the bill if the dams are built.

(Leah Schad)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jupiter: Q. Como

Lake Park: Andrew Margaritis

Lake Worth: Mrs. Helen Nelson

Lantana: Doyle G. Musselman,
Mrs. R. E. Purnell

Manalapan: James Grey

Palm Beach: Edward Hoffman,
Mrs. Henry A. Welcher

Palm Beach Gardens: Barbara Ann
Herrold

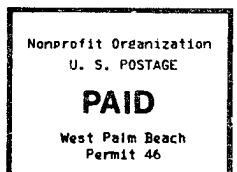
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West Palm Beach: Ms. Sandra S.
Bayless, Charles L. Bowden, Robert
E. Gould, Robert & Sara Raymond

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