



# EVERGLADE KITE

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## JULY MEETING WILL FEATURE AREA SNAKES

"Meet Your Neighborhood Snake" at the next meeting of Audubon Society of the Everglades, on Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park.

The four local venomous snakes and an assortment of non-venomous snakes will be discussed and displayed by Greg Longhurst of the Palm Beach Herpetological Society.

The public is welcome at all Audubon monthly meetings. You are invited to bring friends to this meeting about snakes and their identifying characteristics.

(Bob Bergen)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

With summer now officially here, things are slowing down a bit and many of you are off for well-deserved vacations. We hope that you'll have safe, enjoyable trips and will share some of your experiences with us upon your return.

At the June ASE Board meeting, it was decided that we could no longer get by without a telephone to take the many (30 to 50) daily calls. We will use automatic answering equipment to give out the meeting date, programs, and other general information which

people inquire about. The membership will be asked to vote at the July 1 meeting on the purchase of the answering equipment, as it is not a budgeted item.

The FAS Annual Convention this year will be on Endangered Species and will be held October 17-19 at Wekiva Springs State Park in Apopka. Accommodations will be either in dorms or in nearby motels. The Wekiva is a beautiful spring-fed river and will provide a most enjoyable meeting location.

Miscellaneous items: We will again have Audubon Society of the Everglades T-shirts with a beautiful drawing of a Kite by John Agnew. The Ornithological Fund has been established and any contributions toward future purchases of books would be most welcome. We are almost ready to put the ASE exhibit (which was out at the South Florida State Fair) "on the road" (banks, libraries, etc.) If you are interested in helping with this, please contact John Agnew at 683-6792.

Finally, there are tentative plans for a November trip to Yucatan for birding, photography, and relaxation. Our September program will feature Brian Thieman, who is the trip organizer and guide.

(Walt Gworek)

CONSERVATION NEWS

SECTIONS 16 & 21 - ASE took part in a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners regarding the application of Rubin Construction Company for a special exception for shell rock mining, etc., in these two sections. We requested several additions to the list of conditions imposed by the County Zoning & Planning Department. We won a few and lost a few. We will continue to be involved in this development on the state and federal levels as permit applications are made public.

FOX PROPERTY - It looks like the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the developer plan to appeal the recent decision by the governor and cabinet. According to Charles Lee at Florida Audubon, the recent decision by the United States Supreme Court regarding land use will have an effect on the Fox Property.

LAND USE PLAN - The last of three public hearings on the revised Palm Beach County Land Use Plan was held June 19th at the Palm Beach County Court House. We supported the plan and praised the county planners for a very much improved document. (It would seem the new Supreme Court ruling will be quite beneficial to land use plans everywhere.)

SANCTUARY ISLANDS, LAKE WORTH - We received a letter from the Corps of Engineers indicating that Michael Burrows had requested deactivation of his permit application to fill a portion of Lake Worth very close to the National Audubon Society island sanctuaries for which we are caretakers. We immediately checked with the Dept. of Environmental Regulations in West Palm Beach to find out this was true, but he had re-applied. Naturally we will request a public hearing again and can't help but wonder what the applicant is up to!

I-75 IN BROWARD COUNTY - On June 9, a suit was filed in Broward County by National Wildlife Federation, Florida Wildlife Federation, Broward County Audubon Society and a group of civic-minded individuals against the Federal and State Departments of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers. The environmentalists claim that the cumulative impact of the highway has not been addressed and that a supplementary EIS has not been done and is needed due to the pending effect on the Biscayne Aquifer. An injunction was not granted, but the judge did tell the state that proceeding with any construction was at its own peril - in other words, they would not be able to use the fact that construction was already begun as an excuse to continue work.

1980 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Some good things happened in Tallahassee, as well as some not-so-good things. Bills passed include those on Hazardous Waste, Fish Traps (signed 6-6-80), Regulating Seismic Exploration, DER Omnibus Bill (already signed), Biscayne Bay National Park, Cave Bill and Lobster Sanctuary Created, just to mention a few. Unfortunately the Melaleuca Bill and Cross Florida Barge Canal didn't make it. We'll have to try harder next year. Hydropower sites have, however,  
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AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS  
for the Year ended March 31, 1980

REVENUES:	
Membership Dues	\$ 3,330.40
Merchandise Sales (Net)	511.18
Interest: First Federal/P. Beaches	677.55
Conservation Fund	4,576.86
Subscriptions to KITE	17.00
Annual Dinner Checks	171.00
Solar Contributions	215.00
Donations	1,352.00
Miscellaneous Income	11.00
Commissions Earned	.57
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 10,862.56</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Officers:	
President	\$ 250.27
Secretary	73.51
Treasurer	84.66
Committees:	
Everglade Kite	2,168.37
Conservation	2,090.00
Program	573.16
Legislative	152.88
Education	1,464.14
Scholarships & Donations	1,610.41
Publicity	61.80
Bird Census	99.22
Membership	39.61
Nature Trail	200.00
Exhibits	1,231.57
Conferences & Conventions	556.04
Merchandise	385.06
Hospitality	59.35
Administrative	60.00
Misc. & Contingency	484.49
Sales Tax Paid	18.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 11,662.84</u>
Excess Disbursements over Revenue	\$ 800.28

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

FIRST FEDERAL OF THE PALM BEACHES	
Balance - March 31, 1979	\$ 11,377.21
Deposits	4,800.00
	<u>16,177.21</u>
Withdrawals to Checking	-6,900.00
	<u>9,277.21</u>
Interest for Year	+ 677.55
	<u>\$ 9,954.76</u>

CONSERVATION FUND	
Balance - March 31, 1979	\$ 57,500.00
Interest for Year 1979	4,576.00
Withdrawal to Society Account	-4,576.86
Balance - March 31, 1980	<u>\$ 57,500.00</u>

ASSETS

First Marine Bank & Trust	\$ 493.55
First Federal of P. Beaches	<u>9,954.76</u>
	\$ 10,448.31
Investments (Conservation Fund)	<u>57,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 67,948.31</u>

LIABILITIES

Liabilities - None	
Excess Disbursements over Revenues	
Balance April 1, 1979	\$ 68,748.59
Current Year Excess Disburs.	- 800.28
Total Liab. & Excess Disburs.	<u>\$ 67,948.31</u>

been dropped from the CFBC.

ALASKA LANDS BILL - According to a recent newsletter from the Alaska Coalition, Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) has given his commitment to do everything possible to make the Alaskan Lands Bill the first order of business when the Senate reconvenes July 21. Even if you have written Senators Chiles and Stone before, please do so again asking them to support the Tsongas-Roth substitute bill and the five strengthening amendments.

NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT - Another bill before Congress is the National Heritage Act. National Audubon has joined with many other concerned organizations to form the American Heritage Alliance in an effort to support this bill which will identify remaining natural, historic and cultural heritage resources, protect fine examples of our heritage, and promote citizen participation in the overall program. These are but a few of the goals included in the bill. Write Representative Dan Mica and Senators Chiles and Stone indicating your support for the bill. Brochures will be available at the July meeting for those interested.

ENERGY MOBILIZATION BOARD - Letters are needed on this one too! Let Senators Chiles and Stone know that you are opposed to the conference report for the Energy Mobilization Board. Ask them to vote against cloture (to shut off debate on bill) if there is a filibuster. The EMB bill can be stopped by rejecting it outright, referring back to committee, or the Senate can kill the conference report. If passed, the bill will threaten a good deal of environmental legislation obtained over the past 15 years.

BARRIER ISLANDS NATIONAL PARKS BILL (HR 5981) - This bill still needs support. Write Rep. Mica requesting him to support this legislation. Remember, Air Force Beach is included in this bill. Many South Florida representatives have become co-singers. Mr. Mica should join the list.

"GROWING NATIVE" (Native Plants for Landscaping in Coastal South

Florida) is a new book by Richard W. Workman. You may obtain a copy by sending \$9.95, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling, to Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Inc., P.O. Drawer S, Sanibel, Fl. 33957. The book addresses landscaping "without endless tending, waste of water, fertilizing and exotics." It teaches native vegetation identification, the history of each plant, transplanting from the wild, attracting birds, and many other interesting features. Mr. Workman is director of the foundation and a member of the FAS Board of Directors.

There is a man running for the Palm Beach County Commission by the name of Charles Lee. He is NOT the Charles Lee of the Florida Audubon Society.

Next Conservation Committee meeting - Wednesday, July 8, Science Museum & Planetarium, Discovery Room. (Leah Schad)

### A SNOWSTORM OF WARBLERS

A day in May at Point Pelee is a hot spot of world birding. The point extends south eight miles from Ontario into Lake Erie. Migratory birds make it their landfall as they fly north.

The second week of May brings these small birds in by the thousands and in great variety. We saw seven male scarlet tanagers, all in one tree, making it look like Christmas. Goldfinches and yellow warblers darted among them, giving an even more colorful effect.

In one meadow, Henslow's sparrows were working under the grass like snakes. They had no fear, permitting photographers to take shots from one foot away. Other ground birds were the veery, gray-cheeked thrush, and Swainson's thrush. What a trick it is to tell which is which in the slanting sunlight.

The warblers were superb. They floated through the woods in gangs of Blackburnian, chestnut-sided, Wilson's, bay-breasted, and magnolia. Our yellow rump was there, but in such a gorgeous coat of many colors

we had difficulty recognizing him. In the last hour of the last day, I saw a cerulian, a new lifer for me.

On the ground we were delighted to see vast beds of violets, little stands of Jack-in-the-Pulpit, and May apples.

Many rose-breasted grosbeaks were there, but the bird that attracted all the attention of the northern birders was a lone mocking bird high in the treetops. It's strange what a little switch in geography will do to values. (Hank McCall)

#### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Boca Raton: Celeste Goetz

Jupiter: Keith Pilsen

Lake Park: Corinne Mayers, Mrs. R.W. Simpson, Frost Sutherland

Lake Worth: Frances L. Deland, Terence H. O'Neill, Mrs. N.S. Powell, Marge Silvers, Johnnie Ruth Warburton, Mrs. L. Welch

Lantana: Ms. Linda K. Backstrom, Mrs. William T. Banning, Paul R. Doerr, Ms. Josephine V. Harper, Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Hoffman, Mrs. Diane L. McNamara

Longwood, Fl.: Christine Crosby

Loxahatchee: Charles Williams

North Palm Beach: Johanna Kitson, Jeanine Longtin

Palm Beach: T. Dennie Boardman, Katherine S. Bolton, Werner Bukofzer, Elliot R. Donnelley, George W. Phillips, Charles L. Woody, Jr., S. Paul Harrison, Mrs. Katharine Myers, Mr. & Mrs. I.C. Pollac, M. G. Savin, Mrs. Bailey B. Sory, Jules Von Rebhan, Jr.

Palm Beach Gardens: Thomas W. Hoppe

Palm Beach Shores: W. R. Van Horn

Palm Springs: Margaret M. Bell

Point Manalapan: Lanthrope S. Haskins

Pompano Beach: Debbie Fetzer

Riviera Beach: Mrs. Herman Gerngrohs

Royal Palm Beach: Milton Grey

Tequesta: Mrs. Peter Holcomb

West Palm Beach: Alice B. Citron, Ralph M. Edmonds, Joyce Alyce Honnett, Charles P. Houston, Lee Jackson, H.J. Jones, Arthur Kagle, H.B. & V.M. Lehto, George Marks, David McGowan, Alice W. Noah, A. Padilla, Edith M. Reiter, Theodore C. Schreiner, Mrs. H.F. Wilson

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Venila Van Voorthuyzen, long-time member and former KITE editor, has changed her membership to the Life member category. Many thanks, Venila, for this and for your active support through the years.

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