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IN PERSON - A WOLF

Slick, a Canadian timber wolf, accompanies John Harris to the January 2nd meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, where Mr. Harris will show the film, "Death of a Legend."

Founder and past president of the North American Association for the Preservation of Predatory Animals, Mr. Harris has been traveling the continent since 1969 carrying the message that the wilderness must be saved now. Slick has been on tour promoting preservation of his species and other threatened and endangered species of wildlife since he was a puppy.

A book by Mr. Harris, "Endangered Predators," (A. Pahl, co-author, Doubleday, 1976) was chosen by the Children's Book Council as one of the outstanding science books of 1976. He and his work were features in the National Geographic publication, "Vanishing Wildlife."

Ann Ayers will present another in her series of mini-programs on "The Nature of Florida."

Bring your friends and neighbors to the ASE meeting on Wednesday, January 2 (note day change), at 7:30 P.M. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, North Dreher Park Trail, off Summit Blvd. just east of the Zoo.
(Sy Magnus)

FIELD TRIPS

On Saturday morning, January 5, at 7:30 we will depart on foot from the junction of State Road #7 and Okeechobee Blvd. This walk will go north to explore the wetlands of the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area and adjacent flood areas. The hike should last 3 to 4 hours and it will be in water up to 30 inches deep. The walk will be wet, cold, dirty, and physically demanding, but the birding will be rewarding.

On the weekend of January 11, 12 and 13, we will have a field trip in the Titusville area. Participants will meet Saturday morning at 8 A.M. in the Holiday Inn, Titusville, parking lot. Bob Barber, an outstanding birder, will lead us through the swamps and sanctuaries, traveling in private automobiles. On Sunday, scheduled as a free day, it will be possible to do an ocean trip for pelagic birds. The boat will be the Canaveral Queen at Port Canaveral and the cost will be \$20 per person -- out at 8 A.M., return at 5 P.M. Since advance reservations are necessary, let me know by Monday, January 7th, if you want to go to sea.

Motels and campgrounds in the Titusville area are:

Holiday Inn, 4951 S. Washington Ave.
Titusville, (305) 269-2121

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Econo-Lodge, I-95 & State Rd. 50
(305) 269-7110
Howard Johnson's, U. S. #1
(305) 267-7900
Siesta Motel, 2006 S. Washington Ave.
(305) 267-1455
Whispering Pines Mobile Park, 359
Orlando Rd. (305) 267-2081
(Hank McCall)

SHARK VALLEY BUS TRIP

The bus leaves Pine Jog Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 9, and returns at 6 P.M.

Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a lunch and beverage.

We will be taking an open-air, canopied tram ride into the Shark Valley sawgrass wilderness. The tour lasts two hours and permits a 30-minute opportunity mid-way to get an elevated view of this wild land from an observation tower with a circular access ramp.

There are also short self-guided trails we will walk on, pictures to be taken, birds to look at, alligators and otters to find, and covered picnic tables where you can eat your lunch.

I will sell tickets for this bus trip at the January 2 (Wednesday) meeting. The cost will be \$15.00 and includes the park entrance fee and tram trip. Questions? Call me at Pine Jog, 686-6600, before 12 noon or 2 to 5 p.m. at 965-6147.
(Ann Ayers)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Atlantis: J. W. McDermott
Hobe Sound: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel T. Griffin
Jupiter: Mrs. Pamela Parker
Lake Worth: Bertha Cote, Dr. Charles J. Manby, Mrs. Arthur L. Smith, P. Walter

Lantana: William F. Hopkins, Mrs. William Levis, Josephine C. Sheldon
North Palm Beach: Peter Holnback II
Palm Beach: Mable R. Franklin, Robert W. Hill, Susan Korzenewski, Wilson C. Lucom, Miss Ethel Lindsey, Gladys Sackville
Palm Beach Gardens: Russell Hawkes, Donald L. Kiselewski, Mrs. William Quigley
Palm Springs: Gary McGhan
Riviera Beach: Gladys I. Cochran
Royal Palm Beach: Mrs. Rhoda Marantz
Tampa: Cathy Tortorici
West Palm Beach: Barry A. Belder, Ronald M. Dupont, Edwin W. Irby Jr., Barbara McMahon, Michael Mulleavet, Arthur & Sylvia Radwin, David Robertson, B.M. Shevory, B.C. Sutton
Out-of-State: Mrs. Christine Murphy, Groton, CT.

NEW-TO-AREA BIRDS IN CHRISTMAS COUNT

Fifty-three observers for the West Palm Beach Christmas Bird Count spent 129 hours in the field. They observed from foot, car, boat, airboat and canoe to total 154 species.

Undoubtedly, the black rail, flushed by the airboat by Paul Sykes, was our best bird, as it was a first for the county and the Christmas Count records.

Another new bird for our count - five jaegers on the ocean, seen by Allan U. King and William Matthews.

An immature stripe-headed tanager, our second count sighting, by Brian Hope and Wally George, drew James Vardaman from Mississippi and Larry Peavler from Indiana by plane the next day. The location of the bird startled experienced observers as the area, west of 441, was several miles farther west than any other sighting of the stripe-headed tanager.

Other good birds were a short-tailed hawk by Paul Sykes and Ann Ayers, an avocet and purple martins

by Marge Eaton, Lee Wilson, Susan Craft, and Sonia and Steve Bollinger; a Wilson's and black-throated green warblers by Hope and George, two barn swallows by Sarah Schenck, a field sparrow by Gloria Hunter and Marge Plymire, a clay-colored sparrow by Al and Barbara Liberman, the Western sandpipers by Hank McCall and Cecil Kilmer, a yellow-breasted chat by hpl and Tadziu Trotsky.

Sadly, we saw during the count period, but not on our count day, the following species: magnificent frigatebird, Cooper's hawk, broad-winged hawk, short-billed dowitcher, Bonaparte's gull, Western kingbird, empidonax, cedar waxwing and brown-headed cowbird.

(H. Langridge)

WINTER HAPPENINGS AT PINE JOG CENTER

Pine Jog has an entertaining and educational list of events open to the public this winter. For more information on the following, write the Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., W.P.B., or call 686-6600. Some require pre-registration; all have a small fee.

Starting Friday, January 4, a course in identifying birds in the field will be taught by Ann Ayers from 8 to 11 A.M. for 6 Fridays. January 8th starts a 4-week evening course explaining earth phenomena such as earthquakes, drifting continents, etc. The Ecology of South Florida will be the subject of courses starting Friday, January 18, from 3 to 5 P.M. And for bird owners, an in-depth course on Aviculture will start Tuesday, February 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

The weekend Wilderness Workshops, backpacking trips for the whole family, newcomers or veterans, are still being scheduled. Call, because you must attend both preparation nights for the trip you choose.

BIRDING IN PERU

The ancient ruins and superb birding make southern Peru a travelers land of enchantment. Three weeks under the guidance of the National Audubon

Society made this a vivid, unforgettable learning adventure.

The trip exposed us to over 400 species of birds, the ruins of Machu Picchu, penguins on the Guano Islands, the mysterious Lines of Nazca, the unique costumes and customs of the mountain Indians, and the jungles of the Amazon.

We traveled by small chartered airplanes, commercial jets, bus, railroad, and dugout canoes. Each day was so exciting that we thought that particular day would be the highlight of the trip, but the next day would be even better.

Every day was strenuous because the birds started their activities at 5:30 A.M. and the day's tally seldom finished before 11 P.M. Mr. Bruce Sorrie, the ornithologist, was a superbly cheerful man who knew his birds by sight and sound.

Some of the outstanding sightings were the Humbolt penguins in the caves of the Ballestas Guano Islands, the tens of thousands of Peruvian boobies, Inca terns, and red-legged cormorants swarming above the Islands, the Arctic terns migrating to Antarctica at Paracas, the 10-inch giant hummingbird, and the beautiful rare bearded mountaineer at Cuzco.

Also the scarlet-bellied mountain tanager at Machu Picchu, Andean and James flamingos in a saline lake at 12,000 feet, the huge Andean condor poised at eye level on updrafts as we stood on a precipice, and the noisy, beautiful blue and yellow macaws, red and green macaws flying over our cottage at the Explorers Inn down in the jungles.

This inn had a pet javelina named Pepita who thought she was human. On our hikes through the jungle, she would circle around an unseen singing bird and flush it to us.

To cap the trip, on the last day, Irmie saw from our cottage porch the complete mating ritual of a splendid pair of Cuvier's toucans.

(Hank McCall)

KITE STRINGS

A Florida painter of particular interest to Auduboners is one of four exhibitors at the Lake Worth Art League Gallery, City Hall Annex, through Tuesday, January 8th. She is Edrye Burdine, who is outstanding among painters depicting little-seen Florida landscapes, especially her paintings of the Big Cypress Swamp area and Fish Easting Creek. She participated in the National Audubon Society's "Art of the Everglades" exhibit in the Society's Corkscrew Swamp Center. The Art League Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

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Audubon West announces the following 1980 tours: California in the Spring, April 15-29; Southeast Arizona: The Second Spring, July 16-26, and The Hawaiian Islands, September 2-15. For details and registration, write Audubon West, National Audubon Society, Western Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA. 94920

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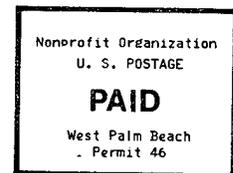
VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED to staff our Society's booth at the South Florida Fair the last of January and first of February. Particularly need couples for evening hours because we ladies have done it alone, but are a little hesitant when faced with the dark parking lot at night. Please contact ASE's Exhibits Chairman, John Agnew, at the Science Museum, 832-1988, as soon as possible.

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LIMPKIN RESEARCH - (1) Observers requested to report color-banded limpkins by indicating which leg, color sequence from top to bottom, date and location of sighting, and your name and address. Send to Dana Bryan, Tall Timbers Research Station, Rt. 1, Box 160, Tallahassee 32312. (2) Dr. David Stock, Dept. of Biology, Stetson University, DeLand 32720, is researching limpkin nesting locations and habitats. Advise him if you know the location of any nesting sites, either tree-nesting or open-marsh nesting (shrubs or trees less than 10 ft. high).

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