



HISTORY OF THE EVERGLADES

For the past year I have tried to present the very best programs and I know I will not fail you in presenting the final program of my term at ASE's next meeting on Tuesday, May 6.

Mr. J.R. Orsenigo, a former resident of upstate New York and a graduate of Cornell University with B.S. and Ph. D. degrees, will present a program entitled "A History of the Everglades."

He will tell of the geological origins and development of the Everglades and compare it with surrounding areas. His commentary covers the local ecology/environment, Indian utilization, and recent development, and will be accompanied by slide illustrations.

Mr. Orsenigo served for 19 years on the faculty of the University of Florida at the Everglades Experiment Station (now Agricultural Research & Education Center) in Belle Glade. He has conducted agricultural research on temperate and tropical crops from New York State to Venezuela. His rank is Professor-Plant Physiologist (Retired) and he now serves as Director of Research for the Florida Sugar Cane League.

Don't miss hearing this expert on the Everglades region. Join us and bring a friend to the West Palm

Beach Garden Club Center at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

The mini program will be presented by Pauline and Harry Mertz, who have visited (as I have) the Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin. They will show some very interesting slides and tell about the cranes from all over the world that are being raised in Baraboo.

I want to take this opportunity to wish my successor the best of luck and good programs. (Sy Magnus)

FIELD TRIPS FOR MAY

May is the most exciting month of the year for birders. Why? Because the warblers, all dressed up in their shining mating plumage, come through on their journey north. If you have ever had a yen to look at birds, now is the best of all times. These tiny birds are the greatest challenge for the avid birder; they flit so quickly high up in the trees and shrubs that it is difficult to catch them in binoculars.

The reward is great. The black and orange redstart, the yellow, the black-throated blue, the prothonotary warblers are treasures to see.

On Saturday, May 3, at 8 A.M., meet in the Royal Poinciana Chapel parking lot and Marge Eaton will take

along the Lake Trail. This is prime war-r area. You will be able to see some right the grounds of the Chapel.

The Spring Bird Count on May 10 has an emis on fun. If you have ever wanted to participate in a bird count, do this one. Skills identification are not necessary; we want to try it and see how you like it. Call ria Hunter, 585-7714, for a team assignment.

The Sanibel Island trip will be May 16, 17, Meet at 7 A.M. Saturday morning at the and Shopping Center parking lot. We should roseate spoonbills, waders, shore birds, tors, and lots of warblers. The shelling the beach at low tide is splendid. This l be a trip to remember all the days of r life! Be sure to make motel reservations . Some suggested names - Surfrider, 472-1; Westwind, 472-1541; Gallery, 472-1400; ly Roger, 472-1700. All are A.C. 813.
(Hank McCall)

NATURE TRAIL NEWS

A big THANK YOU from the Custard Apple ure Trail to everyone who, in one way or ther, has helped to make this trail a cess. The project was started by the Audu- Society of the Everglades in 1966 and usands of adults and children have bene- ted by it. May it continue on and on!

On April 11th, under the able leadership David Silverman and Howard Jeffrey, 50 ple from the Institute of New Dimensions nic were given the guided tour. On April h, Howard J. and Louise M. led a cute, well- mered group of young Girl Scouts through.

April 26th ends this year's guided trips. um sure next year's tours will be very suc- ssful, as Mr. Jeffrey has volunteered and n warmly accepted as Trail Guide Coordina- r for next season.

All the hard work is really showing now. erything looks lush, and trees, shrubs and wers are blooming. Come see how pretty we e. We will try to keep as many things as ssible labeled during the summer. Many es have been donated in honor of loved ones l are lovely living memorials.

Thank you all for your cooperation.
(Louise Morgan and Hella Wayman)

KITE STRINGS

The time of June weddings and college aduations is almost upon us. Consider giving e friends and relatives you wish to remember this time a membership to National Audubon ciety. The recipients of this membership, th the attendant subscription to AUDUBON, E FLORIDA NATURALIST, and our local news- tter, will receive a year-long remembrance om you. At the same time you will be fur- ering the AUDUBON causes with your support.

If you send your check, payable to National dubon Society, to Gloria Hunter, Membership airman, 1716 13th Ave. N., Lake Worth 33460, e membership will be processed more promptly.

If you are going north for the summer, re- member your KITE will not be forwarded under the bulk mailing rate. To assure that you do not miss an issue, mail a change of address notice to Gloria well before you leave.

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Nancy and Dick Harrington announce that they will have a supply of TRAVELER'S LIST AND CHECKLIST FOR BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA at the Sales Table at the May meeting. This small booklet, only 50¢, is invaluable for keeping a record of birds you've seen in your yard, in the various states you'll visit this summer, or for ones seen during the year. It's a handy size to tuck inside your field guide. Take extras for your bird watching friends. There will also be other new items at the Sales Table.

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Remember that the Spring Bird Count has been moved forward to Saturday, May 10. Every- one is welcome to the picnic (bring your own) and compilation that evening at John Prince Park at 6 p.m. We use the picnic area west and south of the auto bridge crossing the canal in the south end of the park.

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April 17th was Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Day in Dade County - in honor of her 90th birthday on April 7. Our Society adds its con- gratulations and joins her many friends with thanks and best wishes.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

FOX PROPERTY - Still time to write the Governor and Cabinet asking them to deny de- velopment. The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Water & Adjudicatory Commission, will decide on May 6 whether the Fox Property may or may not be developed as originally planned. This area contains valuable wetlands providing a habitat for endangered plants, birds and animals. It is urgent to get your letters in immediately.

BARRIER ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK BILL (H.R. 5981) - Amendments being incorporated; markup with changes expected to go before full com- mittee (Interior & Insular Affairs) within several weeks. It must go before Congress by May 15. Write Dan Mica urging him to support this bill. It includes Air Force Beach and Big Munyon Isaldn.

SANCTUARY ISLANDS, LAKE WORTH - We are awaiting word as to when the public hearing will be scheduled by the U.S. Army Corps and DER regarding development by Michael Berrows. We feel this property development will adversely impact the Sanctuary Islands which are leased to National Audubon until 2041 and for which we act as custodian.

REVISED LAND USE PLAN - The Palm Beach County Commission will begin holding public hearings on the revised Land Use Plan in May. Watch your newspaper for the meeting closest to you. This is your county - and the time to question our planners is during these hear- ings. Let your views be known.

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SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



County Commissioner Peggy Evatt presents resolution on Audubon Society of the Everglades Week in honor of our conservation efforts and 'Family Solar Energy Conference.'



Louise Morgan, who resigned as Trail Guide Coordinator, receives a rhymed resolution of thanks for her many years of service as a nature trail worker and leader.



The Society's Conservation Award of the Year is presented to Commissioner Evatt by outgoing President Leah Schadt.



New President Walter Gworek presents Leah with an owl bank from her Board to help her save for necessary conservation travels.



Outgoing Program Chairman Sy Magnus is honored with a cake on the eve of his 80th birthday. The delicious banquet, the excellent talk by Dr. Neil Frank, and all the extra activities added up to a truly entertaining and enjoyable meeting. So sorry so many missed our only fun evening.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As your new president, I would like to thank everyone who has given me encouragement and support. I hope this coming year will be a fruitful one for both the Society and myself.

The Audubon Ornithological Collection was dedicated on Thursday, April 17, at the Palm

Beach County Library on Summit Blvd. The event was well attended and Tom McElroy made an excellent presentation. Of all the statements I have heard expressing Audubon's purpose, I don't think anyone has linked together our interest in birds and the environment better than Tom. If you are interested in a copy of his statement, please contact me. I might
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MELALEUCA TREES (H.B. 51) - This bill before the Florida legislature, to prohibit sale or transport of this noxious tree, should get your support. In addition to its serious impact on our water supply and land (it takes over entire areas), it poses a real health threat because it can cause allergy and respiratory problems. Write the Palm Beach County legislative delegation.

For those wishing to keep informed on current state legislation, send \$5.00 to Idelle Marshall, 4104 Jackson Bluff Rd., Tallahassee 32304 and request the TALLAHASSEE REPORT. This is a weekly newsletter published by the Sierra Club while the legislature is in session.

The Conservation Committee usually meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. However, if more people (needed on the committee) are available at another time or day, we can surely consider a change. Please advise if you are interested in getting involved. Meanwhile, we will meet May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Museum's Discovery Room. The committee needs a secretary too, someone especially available to do correspondence as well as minutes - OR - if we can get a person for each job - Great!
(Leah Schad)

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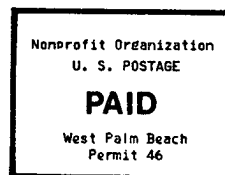
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also add that, if you are interested in helping expand the library by making a contribution or purchasing a book to contribute, please contact Tom McElroy at 585-6195.

The Audubon Solar Conference was attended by 45 adults and 8 children. Everyone left with a better understanding of the potential of solar energy. Many thanks to Leah Schad, Pat Orris, Cathy Laessig, Jack McLaughlin, Ruth Trumpower and others who put out a tremendous effort.

I would like to close with a few things I hope we can accomplish this year. First, I would like to see ASE increase its membership by perhaps 50%. Second, I hope for more participation by our membership. We have an active organization, but we need more people involved in our many activities such as conservation, education, exhibits, etc. Third, I would like to see us gain the interest and participation of more young people.

Finally, if you have any ideas or suggestions which you feel will improve the operation and accomplishments of ASE, please contact me. Remember, it's your Audubon Society.
(Walt Gworek)



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