



A DIFFERENT VIEW

Bob Bergen, biologist at Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center, will give us "A Different View - South Florida Thru A Naturalist's Eye" at ASE's October 7th meeting.

With the help of slides, Bob will give an idea of the way biologists look at natural systems. He hopes to present enough information about ecological interactions so that you can make your own decisions on questions such as: Are endangered species necessary? or Does it make a difference whether we have septic tanks or sewers?

Bob, a former ASE president and now program cochairman, has been with Pine Jog for eight years. He received his B.A. in Science Education from Florida State University and his Masters in Biology from Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

In addition to an overall look at the South Florida area, he will start at the ocean to provide a look at the various communities of plants and animals, how they operate and how humans interact with them.

For those who missed our Sept. meeting, there will be a mini-program with more information about the November trip to Yucatan co-sponsored by ASE and arranged by Bryan Themann.

Bring your friends and join us on Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, North Dreher Trail (across from the Science Museum in Dreher Park).

FIELD TRIP

CARLIN PARK, SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 7:30 a.m. (Approximately one-half mile south of intersection of ALA and Indiantown Road, south of Jupiter.) Bring (if you have) bird book, binoculars, telescope, bug spray. On this trip last year, a Peregrine Falcon was aboserved at length.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

First I would like to offer my apology for the late mailing of the KITE. Some unforeseen delays and the long Labor Day weekend meant that many of you received the KITE a day or two after the meeting. Because some of you expressed interest in seeing the Yucatan program, we are going to present it again, in a shorter version, at the October 7th meeting.

I had the pleasure of attending the Florida Wildlife Federation meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20, and their banquet that evening. Among the speakers were Art Marshall, who

spoke on the need to restore sheet flow to the Everglades; Jane Yarn, who is a member of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who gave a lively and interesting account of the history of the Everglades.

Mr. Peter Mott, our new Florida Audubon Society president, will be visiting us on October 3. In addition to giving Peter an aerial view of Palm Beach County, we have made arrangements for him to appear on Channel 5's noon news program with Cheryl Jones. We have changed plans slightly and will have dinner for Peter and his wife at the Ramada Inn (on the golf course) at 8 p.m. that evening. If you are interested in joining us for dinner, please call me at 659-7644 so that we can plan appropriately.

National Audubon has announced that they will again have a membership drive starting October 1 through March. There are 54 prizes in all, with grand prizes and honorable mentions to be awarded in various categories to the winning chapters. The grand prize in all categories will be an all-expense-paid trip for a chapter delegate to the NAS Convention in Estes Park, Colorado. The details will be outlined in the next issue of the WEE, so start thinking about potential new members for our chapter. You are reminded that our chapter receives a portion of members' first-year dues ONLY if they use one of our chapter's membership applications. (Walt Gworek)

ALL ABOUT BIRDING

The annual Fall Bird Count will be taken on Saturday, October 18 (make a note of the change of date on your new annual program). If you are interested in participating in this census, call Gloria Hunter for assignment to an experienced leader. Those who have counted before are reminded to contact their area leaders for instructions.

The compilation will be held at the home of Ann Ayers, 2944 Creek Road, W.P.B., at 7:30 p.m.

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Palm Beach County birders have added two more species to our county bird list recently. Paul Sykes discovered a Seaside Sparrow along the shore on Hypoluxo Island on August 30. Paul conjectured that the immature bird may have overshot its destination farther to the north.

Howard Langridge spotted a Long-billed Curlew on recently drained fields at Duda Farms, Belle Glade, on August 24. This impressive large sandpiper, with its very long decurved bill, was seen by everyone participating in the weekly census.

Duda Farms continued to produce record numbers of many species of migrating shore birds. A new high of 120 Wilson's Phalaropes was counted on August 31. That same date produced a new record of 76 American Avocets, a species only recently added to our county lists.

Elsewhere in the area, a second record of

Buff-breasted Sandpipers was made in early September when Brian Hope discovered a flock of more than 20 feeding in the Boca Raton Polo Grounds. (Gloria Hunter)

AUDUBON EXCURSION TO THE YUCATAN PENINSULA

A walk through lush jungle rainforest, observing exotic birds and wildlife - visiting little-seen ruins of a once proud and fabulous civilization. Spending your evenings in a deluxe resort hotel amidst romantic tropical gardens sipping pina colodas and listening to the guitars of mariachis.

If this adventure sounds appealing to you, then the Audubon Society of the Everglades invites you to join its Yucatan Adventure from November 12 to November 21, 1980.

The tour will be led by Walt Gworek, president of the Society; John Agnew, wildlife artist and naturalist, and Bryan Themann, director of Concept Tours, Inc., who is an authority on the Mayan civilization and the Yucatan peninsula.

The Society's tour will not be a rigorous jungle trek or an exhausting experience, but will be enjoyable for people of all ages. We have three VW micro-buses at our disposal, so we are flexible and do not necessarily have to keep a regimented "get up at 6 a.m." type of schedule.

The group will be limited to 26 people and will have two pre-trip meetings in which handouts with concise background information and a slide lecture are presented. It also gives you a chance to meet the other people who are going and to have all your questions answered beforehand.

The trip price will be \$700 and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, call Concept Tours (305) 832-0965 or 833-7885.

GOSHAWK

A happy accident gave us a long look at the world's meanest bird in action. A goshawk makes its living by gobbling up other birds. They are so ferocious that only a few are made.

These birds are loners; they hunt and nest in thick conifer forests. We were bushwhacking through a thick spruce stand on the lower slopes of the Tetons in Wyoming. Our search was for blue grouse, which I needed for my life list.

Sharp-eyed Irmie spotted a nest about 25 feet off the ground in a thick spruce tree. The brown debris of the nest made it look old and abandoned, but after watching it we noticed a little movement. One white chick lived in it and he would stretch his neck over the edge.

We decided to wait to see what develop. We found a wet log on the damp forest floor, and there we sat. Thousands of mosquitoes came to visit. Ants were living under the

bark, and they came pouring out. But we were brave, and after two and a half hours we heard a screech through the woods. Then we saw a gray streak flying close to the ground swoop up into the nest. It was a huge gray hawk. It was so big it could have been a goose. There was no fear in this bird; she saw us and she didn't care. For twenty minutes she stuffed meat down the chick's throat. There was no doubt; this was a goshawk.

As a result of this sight, we added a goshawk to our life list and a blue grouse to our missed list. (Hank McCall)

CONSERVATION REPORT

SANCTUARY ISLANDS - Corps of Engineers still waiting for additional information prior to issuing a public notice. Steven Oenbrink, engineer with Hutcheon & Company and representing Michael Burrows, the developer of the Blossom property, will come to the next Conservation meeting (October 8) to explain their plan to deal with storm water runoff and answer other questions we may have.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK - Senator Lawton Chiles has introduced SB 3056 which would shift the boundaries of Everglades National Park, involving some 8,000 acres. This "quickly-put-together" legislation would benefit airboaters and hunters as well as several in-holding property owners. To date no public hearing has been called, no environmental impact statement prepared, and no public notice given on the proposed change. If this legislation fails, Senator Chiles will try to tack his bill, as an amendment, on Representative Phillip Burton's bill to designate more Wild & Scenic Rivers.

Two letters are needed. One to Senator Chiles saying we do not want the park boundaries changed. According to Park Superintendent Jack Moreland, other routes through the preserve could be used to reach the private property. Moreland believes the real issue is hunting (and we are inclined to concur).

The other letter should go to Representative Phillip Burton urging him not to allow any amendments to his Wild & Scenic River legislation. In addition to Senator Chiles' ENP bill, Representative Chappell (Fla.) is trying to hitch his bill, HR 184, which would designate selected parts of the Oklawaha as Wild & Scenic. According to Charles Lee of FAS, the problem here is that Mr. Chappell leaves out areas that would be obliterated by the canal. We want to oppose this amendment! He is working to keep the Cross Florida Barge Canal alive.

CURRIE PARK - The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council on Currie Park will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 6, in the park club house. Hope you all saw Doris Henriquez interviewed by Channel 5 after the September 15th meeting. Plans are underway for a "Discover Currie Park Day" on Sunday, October 12 (Columbus Day). Please try to come, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon in the park. There will be live music and games for everyone.

RESOLUTIONS passed at the Florida Audubon Board meeting include: reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act; request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dispense with the General Permit Applications and return to specific areas when filing a public notice; request the Governor and Cabinet not to open the Tosahatchee Wildlife Preserve to hunting AT THIS TIME. The area needs to be more carefully studied before making such a move. The Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission will hold a public hearing on October 8th in Orlando to hear opinions whether to open the Tosahatchee for hunting this year.

BITS & PIECES - Only six Dusky Seaside Sparrows, all male, have been found. Five are in captivity and plans now call for creating a gene pool for future cross breeding. . . The DER hearings on Marco Island began September 22nd. . . New stringent regulations now in effect for the phosphate industry require elimination of above-ground slime ponds and total restoration of all wetlands to their original state.

LOVERS KEY - a small, fragile barrier island formed after a 1946 hurricane is under threat from a developer who wants to build condominiums there. Florida Audubon has joined Audubon Society of Southwest Florida in urging the U.S. Coast Guard to deny permits for a bridge needed for access to the island.

NEXT CONSERVATION MEETING - Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., Science Museum Discovery Room. (Leah Schad)

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TURTLE WORKSHOP

A letter from Sue Haines, chairman of the Sierra Club Ioxahatchee Group, sends a special thank you to all Audubon members who helped with the turtle census this summer. It also includes the following announcement:

Turtle Workshop (sponsored by Loxahatchee Group), Saturday, October 18, at Pine Jog. Coffee at 9 a.m., workshop from 9:30 to noon. Primarily for volunteers of the turtle census so they can question the panel of local turtle experts - and so the group can consider possible roles for volunteers next summer. But anyone interested in learning more about turtles is welcome to attend.

KITE STRINGS

The Florida Ornithological Society will hold its Fall Meeting in Daytona Beach October 10-12. If you are not now a member of FOS and are interested in Florida natural history, particularly its abundant bird life, you may join by writing Caroline Coleman, Treasurer,

1701 N.W. 24th Street, Gainesville 32601. Membership to Florida Audubon Society members is \$5.00. You will receive the Florida Field Naturalist. Any questions? Call Gloria Hunter, 585-7714.

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Maggy Bowman, President of Pelican Island Audubon Society, Vero Beach, recently won the Democratic nomination for County Commission, District 1, in Indian River County. We wish her the best of luck in the November elections.

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ATTENTION - teachers, naturalists, youth leaders, etc. Pine Jog invites you to enroll in a workshop introducing the internationally acclaimed environmental education program, ACCLIMATIZATION, to be held at Camp Welaka in Jupiter from 7 p.m. Dec. 12 to 1 p.m. Dec. 14. Steve Van Matre, founder of the program, will conduct the workshop. A \$50 charge includes cabin (bring own sheets, towels, etc.) plus Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast. Pre-registration is required - call or write Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., W.P.B. 33406, (305) 686-6600.

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FLORIDA AUDUBON NEWS

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Florida Audubon Annual Convention and Meeting on October 24-26 at Weliwa Springs State Park Youth Camp in Apopka (just outside of Orlando).

EVERGLADE KITE
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This year's theme is ENDANGERED SPECIES. Guest speakers include FAS staff member Dr. Peter C.H. Pritchard; Patrick M. Rose, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Michael Bean, Environmental Defense Fund; Dr. Herbert W. Kale II, FAS Ornithological Research, and Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy, World Wildlife Fund, just to name a few.

Cabin accommodations are available at the park for those wishing to stay there; motel accommodations may be had at the Quality Inn North, I-4 and 434, Longwood, Fl. For those staying at the park, bring your own linens (blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, etc.). All meals (dinner Friday through breakfast on Sunday) will be provided at a most modest price of \$25 per person. Cabins are \$10 per person. For a total of \$35 per person, you can have a beautiful weekend. Choice of field trip, lecture, etc. will be available Sunday morning. Everyone will receive a notice by mail, along with the notice of nominees to the FAS Board of Directors. Why not make plans now to attend the convention?

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