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OUR COUNTY PARKS - PRESENT AND FUTURE

Mr. John Street, County Naturalist for the Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department, will be the speaker at the November 4th meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades.

Dividing his subject into three parts, Mr. Street will use slides in presenting "Status of Palm Beach County Parks Today." He will then talk about "What's In The Future For Our County Parks?" and give his vision of his role as an interpretive naturalist in the county parks system.

Mr. Street, a native Floridian who grew up near Ocala, is a graduate of Central Florida Community College and the University of Florida. As a youth, he worked with Ross Allen's Reptile Institute.

He has been Wildlife Officer for the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission and was on the staff of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife at the University of Florida. He has also served as the natural resources director for the three Florida Indian reservations.

After six years with the County Parks & Recreation Department, he is now our first county naturalist.

Don't miss this interesting program on Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, Dreher Trail North (opposite the Science Museum). And bring your friends - the public is always welcome.

(Tom Cunningham)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 a.m. - Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Marsh Trail parking lot, Ann Ayers, leader.

The Sanibel weekend trip scheduled for November 28-30 has had to be cancelled because the motels, etc. at Sanibel are either filled or require at least three-night reservations for that holiday weekend.

If an alternate field trip can be set up for that Saturday, November 29, Field Trip Chairman Steve Bollinger will announce it at the November 4th ASE meeting. Or you may call him at 842-9931 (evenings) after that date.

ASE's 1980-81 Program Schedule, with additions and corrections, will be available at the November 4th meeting. Anyone who can help distribute them, please contact Ruth Trumpower at that meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As summer temperatures begin to fade away, the hint of fall is a welcome sign, and that means we are also moving into a busy season of Audubon activities.

By now most of you have received information on the Wildlife Film Series. I hope you'll decide to attend what promises to be an excellent series. Many people have worked hard to bring this program back to Palm Beach County and your support will insure that we can continue it in the future. Remember - tickets would make great Christmas gifts.

The membership drive started on October 1 and will continue until March 31. You'll find more details under "The Race Is On." Do hope that each of you will actively participate. If you need additional application forms, please contact Mrs. Hunter at 585-7714.

Peter Mott, our new FAS president, enjoyed a day of activities with us on October 3. In addition to a quick road trip around our area, he was on Channel 5's noon news for a short interview. The highlight of his visit was a 2½ hour flight in the afternoon, when he got a chance to see the many faces of change taking place in Palm Beach County. "Captain" Bob Bergen piloted our aircraft (in which we made an emergency landing in Pahokee for coffee). That evening 19 Audubon members joined Peter and his wife Lenore for dinner at Frederick's. We are indeed fortunate to have a person of Peter's caliber as FAS president.

And last - enclosed in your KITE is a questionnaire which I hope you will take time to fill out and return. We would like to tap some of your valuable resources and get you involved with Audubon activities that are of interest to you. Please take a moment to look it over, fill it out, and return to us.

CONSERVATION NEWS

SANCTUARY ISLANDS - The Conservation Committee met with developer Michael Burrows and his engineer Stephen Oenbrink on October 8th to discuss the drainage system designed for development of the Blossom Property in Palm Beach. We agreed to remove our objections contingent on four conditions which we presented to the Town of Palm Beach at Council Meeting on October 14. After slight modification - to our benefit - the Council approved our proposals. 1) That the proposed Homeowners Association maintain a periodic cleaning of the siltation traps and French drains which will be checked routinely by the Audubon Society of the Everglades, with expenses to be borne by the homeowners. Failure to perform periodic cleaning would constitute a lien against the property owners on a pro rata basis. 2) In order to create increased tidal flushing of the mangrove area, it should be cleaned out by manual labor. The remains of a past mosquito control ditch and diking should be made level. No heavy machinery or equipment is to be used from the water or the land side. 3) Present and future deeds must carry the restriction that the mangroves shall not be damaged, destroyed or removed in any way, shape or form, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida or the Town of Palm Beach, whichever is more restrictive. 4) Audubon

Society of the Everglades will be the custodian of the Conservation Easement which is outlined in the mangrove area.

CURRIE PARK - The next meeting of the Advisor, Council on Currie Park will be Monday, November 3, at 7 p.m. in the Club House. All future meetings will be held the first Monday of each month. The Arts Council is now scheduled to go before the West Palm Beach Planning Board on November 5 at 8 p.m. in City Hall with their proposal. Plan to be there if you can. We suggest you call the City Planning Dept. the afternoon of the meeting to confirm the date and time.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS - We have been invited by the Delray Beach Public Library Assn. to hear Mrs. Douglas speak at 8 p.m. November 12 at the Delray Beach Library, 29 S.E. 4th Ave. Long known for her tireless conservation efforts, she will speak on her favorite subject, the Florida Everglades. If you have never heard this great lady, now is your chance. I guarantee you will come away with renewed energy to carry on the conservation movement.

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK - And the Girl Scout Camp. The Hearing Officer's report concerning the park and the Martin County Connector Road has been submitted to Dr. Elton Gissendanner, Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Trustees deny Martin County's request. The report will be on the agenda of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for November 5. Prior to that meeting, Cabinet Aides will discuss the recommendation at 9 a.m. on October 29. Letters are now in order to Cabinet members urging that they approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation. (Leah Schad)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Delray Beach: Mrs. Ralbot T. Speer

Greenacres City: Vernon Raedisch & Family

Jupiter: Dr. Edwin J. Kawecki

Lake Worth: Dorothy Brindle, Michael Dubiner, Alan & Arlene Kurtis, P. N. Littlefield & Family, T. Marthes, Robert Murray, Mae Rand Susanne R. Warn

Lantana: Richard Grant, Martha Wade

Loxahatchee: Joan Averett

North Palm Beach: John & Cheryl Bauer, Wayne H. Haase

Okeechobee: Mrs. Edward Dearborn

Palm Beach: Mae B. Auslander Family, Donald L. Colvin, Mrs. Philip Hulitar & Family

Palm Beach Gardens: Curtis Anderson, Mrs. David Griffin, Anthony L. Thebaut, Daisy Sammons

Tequesta: Rollande Pagano

West Palm Beach: Mrs. Paul J. Brandly, Ms. Nancy J. Chapman, Deborah L. Cornwall, Tom Fitch, Louis K. Gautier, Pete Green & Family, Patricia A. Goldberg, Edwin F. Isenhour Jr. William H. Jones & Family, Ms. Sally Lieb, Monica Parker, Robert B. Pollock, Ellen Schiff, Gertrude K. Schneider, Howard L. Searcy, G. Smith, Harry M. Smith Jr., R. Stevens, Lisa & Jeff White

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES
Membership Questionnaire

As you know, there is always room for improvement in organizations such as the Audubon Society of the Everglades, and there is also a never-ending need for volunteers to carry out our objectives. We would like to know how you feel about the organization and its programs and if you would care to participate in some of those programs. PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE and mail it to us, or bring it to the December 2 membership meeting.

Name _____ Tel. Home: _____

Address _____ Bus: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1. Preference regarding degree of activity with ASE (Circle one)
- a) I am already doing as much as I can for ASE.
 - b) I would be delighted if someone contacted me to explain some of the needed tasks.
 - c) I have leadership potential which is not being fully utilized.
 - d) Leave me alone and let me read Audubon Magazine in peace!

2. Abilities which you possess or have access to which would be useful in carrying out ASE activities: (Circle all which apply)

Art (graphics, posters, etc.)	Broadcasting Skills	Biology
Clerical/Typing	Civil Engineering	Botony
Display Construction	Hospitality	Ecology
Field Trip Leadership	Legal	Geology
Grant Proposal Writing	Mailing Committee	Mammology
Journalism/Editing	Nature Trail	Ornithology
Landscape Architecture	Outdoor Education	Conservation Committee
Legislative Drafting	Photography	Exhibits (Booth hospitality)
Public Relations	Real Estate	Water Quality
Sanctuaries	Telephone Tree	Water Management
OTHER _____	_____	_____

3. My primary reason for being an Audubon member is (number in order of preference)
- () To obtain Audubon magazine
 - () Participate in field trips
 - () Attend monthly meetings
 - () Support National Audubon's cause
 - () OTHER _____
 - () Support & participate in an active, well-balanced conservation organization at the local level
 - () I like birds

4. Are you satisfied with recent ASE field trips?
- In number? YES NO Do you want more? YES NO
- In leadership? YES NO Would you lead a trip? YES NO
- In location? YES NO COMMENTS: _____

5. Would you like information on becoming a Nature Trail leader? _____

6. Are you satisfied with monthly membership meetings? YES NO
- If not, why not? _____

Suggestions for future programs. _____

CONSERVATION

- () I am anxious to get started; whom do I contact?
- () I would like to know more about issues ASE has been involved in.
- () I would like to work on the following issues: Land Use Planning, Energy, Water, Air, Pesticide Use (circle ones interested in). OTHER: _____
- () I have special knowledge or expertise in the following areas and may be called upon: _____
- () I am willing to write letters and/or send telegrams to support (or oppose) pertinent legislation or issues.

MEMBERSHIP

- () I would like to work actively on membership drive
- () I'll try to get some friends to join

NEWSLETTER

- () I would like to write articles for the KITE
- () I would like to contribute graphics or pasteup experience
- () I would like to contribute a guest editorial
- () I would like to read about the following in the KITE: _____

Suggested programs/activities that can be established and/or expanded if we find the people to do the work. Check any you would like to participate in:

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| _____ Establish a Nature Center | _____ Fund raising (for special projects) |
| _____ Speakers Bureau | _____ Programs for Children |
| _____ Environmental Education | _____ Other _____ |

Please list below any other suggestions, ideas or questions you may have. THANK YOU.

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THE RACE IS ON!

BIRDING

National Audubon has started a new incentive program to build chapter membership. Audubon Society of the Everglades has an excellent chance of winning one or more regional grand prizes, each of which will send one of our members on an all-expense trip to the National Audubon Society Biennial Convention in Estes Park, Colorado, next July.

Grand prizes in each region will be awarded to the chapter with the highest number of new members joining in the next six months, to the chapter with the highest percentage of new memberships, and to the chapter with the highest renewal rate during this period.

Our chapter, with a bit of effort from each member, could easily win all three grand prizes. We need your help! First, make sure that your own membership is promptly renewed. If all of us having membership payments due during the campaign period, October 1 through March 31, renew, we will be assured of one prize right there! Remember to renew gift subscriptions, too.

To win the other two regional grand prizes of trips to the Audubon convention, we have only to increase our membership more than any other chapter in the Southeast.

WHAT A GREAT GIFT AN AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP MAKES. Not only does the recipient get the AUDUBON Magazine, one of the most beautiful nature publications in the world, and becomes a member of Florida Audubon and ASE, but the donor has made an important contribution to all three organizations in helping to finance their many endeavors in education to protect our world from further environmental destruction. All this, and a tax deductible gift as well!

Consider Audubon memberships as Christmas presents to many names on your list; as a long-lasting, long-remembered wedding gift; as a "thank you" or as an ideal graduation present. Interest your friends, relatives and neighbors in joining. Bring someone new to each Audubon meeting. Spread the word.

Remember to use the membership application from our program schedule or the one at the bottom of this page. Send your check, payable to National Audubon Society, to me at 1716 13th Avenue North, Lake Worth, Fl. 33460, to assure that our chapter receives credit for these new members. (G. Hunter, Membership)

Although the temperature has moderated but little in October, local avian activity has given sure indication of the advent of autumn. There was no spectacular warbler migration, but frequent checking by members of some of our favorite areas for migrating landbirds produced a count of 25 species of warbler during the month, plus numerous sightings of Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, three species of vireos. Many members with backyard feeders have happily reported the return of Painted Buntings in good numbers, with an occasional Indigo to add interest.

The birds we all notice upon arrival, seeming to travel almost at the same time as the first autumn flow of tourists, are the Turkey Vultures. There they are again, soaring nearly out of sight in large kettles, lifted by the rising thermals along the beaches. The Kestrels are back, too. Have you spotted the one in your neighborhood yet? They use the utility wires as vantage points in their search for insects and small reptiles.

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Sales Chairmen Nancy and Dick Harrington have just received several copies of Roger Tory Peterson's long awaited, entirely new FIELD GUIDE OF THE BIRDS EAST OF THE ROCKIES. Make sure you get your copy at the ASE Sales Table at our November meeting. A bird field guide makes an excellent gift for every birder, camper, hiker or bird feeder-watcher on your list. Here's a guide no one already has. Remember, when you buy from Audubon, the proceeds support our education and conservation efforts. Do your Christmas shopping at our Sales Table.

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Good news for birders who have not been able to take previous bird identification courses at Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center because of conflicts with working hours. This season the lectures will be offered in the evenings, with field trips Saturday mornings. The course, with Ann Ayers as instructor, provides an excellent introduction to the birds in this area and their habitats. Enrollment is limited, get your application in early. For information, call Pine Jog, 686-6600. (G. Hunter)

NATURE TRAIL PLEA - We are very short of help for our Thursday mornings on the nature trail. Please come and join us at our workshop. For information, call Louise Morgan, 585-0496.

National Audubon Society
Audubon Society of the Everglades

Please enroll the following as member(s) of the Society

NameName
AddressAddress.....
City.....Zip.....City.....Zip.....

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____, payable to National Audubon Society.

Send check and form to Membership Chairman, 1717 13th Av. N., Lake Worth, Fl 33460
__ INDIVIDUAL \$20 __ FAMILY \$25

FALL BIRD COUNT

A record number of records were broken during our Fall Bird Count on October 18. Forty-one participants from ASE and Royal Palm Audubon, the largest number ever, reported a record number of species (129) during the day, despite complaints from most parties that birds were few and hard to find. A very satisfying total of 21 species of warblers was tallied, with several gold stars due Brian Hope (a new member of our group, recently come from Ft. Lauderdale) for his sole sightings of both Worm-eating and Wilson's Warblers. A report of Bay-breasted Warblers, never before recorded on a fall count, was made by two groups.

Paul Sykes and Ann Ayers tallied an all-time, all-seasons high count of 41 Purple Gallinule in the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. We are all accustomed to seeing Purple Gallinules one by one or in small family groups. Imagine this party's amazement when a flock of 35 were flushed from the marsh and settled again a short distance away!

Stilt Sandpipers, only two previous records, were seen by two groups covering the pasturelands. The good turnout of birders willing to work a bit harder on an unseasonably hot, bird-scarce day surely portends a highly successful Christmas Count on December 20. (G. Hunter)

PINE JOG PROGRAMS

WILDFLOWER FIELD TRIP - Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Join Sally Black as she acquaints you with this year's Fall beauties. Pre-registration required, cost \$3, call 686-6600.

OPEN HOUSE AT PINE JOG - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m., 6301 Summit Blvd. Staff members will

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answer questions and take you on a guided walk. Slide programs, etc. Rain or shine. No charge.

A birding course, native plants course and all-day bus trips are scheduled this winter. If not on the Pine Jog mailing list, call and ask for inclusion or for program details.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE NEW ZEALAND THIS WINTER?

Join ASE at the 1981 Wildlife Film Series, four exciting films narrated in person by the photographers. The series begins in January and season tickets are only \$10 each. Send in your check today and bring your tickets to the November meeting to be validated. For information, call Larry Horning at 582-8275.
(Pat Orris)

ASE TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Exhibits Chairman John Agnew advises that ASE has again reserved space for our educational exhibit at the South Florida Fair from January 23 thru February 1. We have a larger space for the 1981 fair and will be located next to the Channel 5 space in Bldg. 6. Hopefully we will gain some new Audubon members as we have done in the past.

Members who like to meet people and who would like to represent the Audubon Society are needed to staff the exhibit for day, half day, or evening sessions. Volunteers receive free admission tickets or may pay their own way as a contribution toward ASE's education program. Materials from NAS, along with our own program, etc. will be available for distribution.

Please call Chairman John Agnew, 683-6792 evenings, if you can give some time to this important ASE project.

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