



FLORIDA'S MARINE MAMMALS

Dr. Daniel Odell of the University of Miami will present a slide program on the biology of marine mammals in Florida, with particular emphasis on the Manatee, at the March 3rd meeting of the Audubon Society of the Everglades.

An Associate Professor in the Division of Biology and Living Resources, School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, Dr. Odell has been with the University since 1973. He received his B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology from Cornell University in 1967 and followed this with an M.S. in Mammalogy and a Ph.D. in Biology at the University of California, L.A.

Dr. Odell has done extensive work on marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He has published at least 17 articles and 33 technical reports on many different types of marine mammals, including sea lions, manatees, false killer whales, elephant seals and dolphins.

Dr. Odell has received several fellowships and grants from the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, among others.

Bring your friends and join us on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at

the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center, Dreher Trail North.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - March 27, 28 and 29 - Highlands Hammock State Park at Sebring. Group will meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Ranger Station at the park entrance. Those interested should sign up at ASE's March 3rd meeting. Based on the number of people who sign up, the Park Service will provide a naturalist for a guided walk - maximum of 15 persons per naturalist. If we have more than that, the Park Service will increase maximum group size or provide another naturalist.

No formal itinerary is planned other than to bird the various nature trails and take the tram ride. A list of motel accommodations follows:

Safari Inn, 1406 U.S. 27 North, Sebring, FL. 33870, (813) 382-1148
**Sun-En-Sand Motel, 2930 S.W. Lakeview Drive, (813) 385-7841
Sunset Beach Motel, 2221 S.E. Lakeview Drive, (813) 385-6129
Holiday Motel, U.S. 27 South, (813) 385-6111
Highlands Hammock State Park Campground, (813) 385-0011

** Least expensive and closest.

(All accommodations require reservations at least two weeks in advance)

PROPOSED NOMINATIONS AND BUDGET

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article VI, Sec. 3 - Finance Committee, the following items are prepared and submitted to the membership for its consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 1981.

PROPOSED
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
1981 - 1982

President Walter Gworek
1st Vice President Leah Schad
2nd Vice President Peggy Teahan
Secretary Position open
Treasurer Don Braender

Directors
1981 - 1984

Cissy Durando Jan Terhune
Ray Plockelman Hella Wayman

Whoever fills the position of Secretary for 1981-82 will be the 5th director for this 3-year term. In accordance with ASE's Bylaws, the president, with Board approval, appoints directors to fill the unexpired terms of any resigning directors.

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Peggy Teahan, chairperson; Susan Korzenewski and Frost Sutherland.

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KITE STRINGS

If you are interested in car pooling for meetings or field trips, contact Dr. Harry Goldberg, 833-3100, on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays during the day.

It didn't take long for Interior Secretary James Watt to back out from promises made at his confirmation hearing. The Sunday, Feb. 22, issue of the MIAMI HERALD reports that he has a conflict of interest with the recent decision to hold regulatory action against former clients. A word to your Senators and Congressman about this would be appropriate before the mid-March action is taken. Contact President Walt Gworek for more information.

A unique Florida Environmental Song and Slide Presentation will feature Dale and Linda Crider on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 & 9 p.m. in the Allied Health Auditorium, Palm Beach Junior College; \$5.00 donation, tickets available at P.B. County Parks & Recreation Dept., 964-4420.

PROPOSED BUDGET
1981 - 1982

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 600
Interest from Conservation Fund	4,670
Dues	2,500
Wildlife Film Series Ticket Sales	2,000
Sales Receivable	300
Sales Profit	200
Anticipated Donations & Bequests	1,530
Retained Excess Revenue	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$14,800

EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 200
SECRETARY	100
TREASURER	100
EVERGLADE KITE	2,500
PROGRAMS	800
LEGISLATIVE	250
PUBLICITY	100
BIRD CENSUS	150
FIELD TRIPS	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
MEMBERSHIP	75
HOSPITALITY	125
EXHIBITS	600
SANCTUARIES	100
CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, TRAVEL	700
CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	\$ 200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Tall Timbers Association	100
General Conservation Expenses	<u>600</u>
	1,200
EDUCATION	
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	300
Student Ed. (W.F.S. Matinees inc.)	700
Educational Workshops	500
Wildlife Film Series	<u>2,900</u>
	4,600
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, DONATIONS	
Explorer Post 290	50
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	300
School Memberships, Udell Gift	300
West Palm Beach Garden Club	720
Florida Audubon Society	505
Awards	<u>200</u>
	2,075
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	
Property Maintenance	25
Stationary & Supplies	200
Audubon Telephone	<u>350</u>
	575
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES	\$14,500
CONTINGENCY	<u>300</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$14,800

I would like to thank all the people who helped with our booth at the South Florida Fair, especially Ray Plockelman. We handed out a lot of programs and talked to a lot of people about the Audubon Society. The only disappointment was the fact that the day after the show closed, someone vented their feelings (about Audubon?) by ripping the colored photographs off of the exhibits.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work replacing the Board members whose terms are expiring, but it needs a little HELP! We haven't found anyone to serve as secretary as yet. If you are interested in this position, please contact Peggy Teahan, 586-4462, or myself, 964-3209. We are also still seeking an editor for the KITE and would be happy to hear from anyone interested in this important part of ASE's operations. (Walt Gworek)

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM

Thursday, March 19 Grant Foster
"WILDERNESS TREK THROUGH NEW ZEALAND"

Although a small country, New Zealand's approximately 1000 miles of land hold an extraordinary variety of wilderness and wildlife. It has both alpine and tropical environments. The native bird life is abundant and distinctive, and there are intriguing wildlife oddities like the Tuatara lizard and the flightless Kiwi. A montage of several of Grant Foster's award-winning films, these works form a program conveying the contrasts which compose this green and pleasant land.

SHOW TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: JOHN I. LEONARD AUDITORIUM
TICKETS/INFORMATION: LARRY AT 582-8275

"There's Trouble In Paradise" says the title of an article about Florida in the Feb. 9th issue of SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. Statistics show Florida had a population of 2.7 million in 1950. By the year 2000 we are destined for a population of 14 million. Can our fragile environment withstand the stress?

The article goes on to say that Governor Bob Graham is dedicated to bringing in more industry; that in Tampa more new construction was announced last year than had been completed in the previous 50.

"The sad fact is that Florida is going down the tube," say authors Robert Boyle and Rose Mary Meecham. "Indeed, in no state is the environment being wrecked faster and on a larger scale." They cite phosphate mining, housing developments, drug smuggling and the failure of the state to manage water sensibly as a few of the leading causes.

The authors interviewed Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, Charles Lee, Nat Reed, Marjorie Carr, Dr. Robert Livingston and Art Marshall, all noted Florida environmentalists. The article is most thought-provoking and should be read by everyone. If you missed it, perhaps you can borrow a neighbor's or go to the library.

Letters to the Governor and Cabinet are urgently needed before their meeting on March 3 requesting they deny the permit application of Getty Oil to drill for oil in East Bay near Pensacola.

An environmental impact statement developed by Dr. Robert Livingston outlines the potential for severe impact on the estuarine system in event of an accident. The outcome of the Cabinet's decision will set a precedent for all Florida's estuaries. At stake will be whether oil companies will be required to perfect directional drilling techniques to reach oil (cont'd. page 4)

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

This year we are again holding an annual dinner meeting for ASE members and guests. Date - Tuesday, April 7th. Time - 6:30 p.m. Place - Ramada Inn on the Golf Course, Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Those who do not want to attend the dinner, but wish to hear the speaker and attend the Annual Meeting may do so by arriving at 8 p.m.

Reservations for dinner (note choice of entrees) must be made by Friday, March 27th. The evening's schedule is as follows:

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| 6:30 p.m. - Social Hour, cash bar | 8:00 p.m. - Guest speaker, Nathaniel P. Reed |
| 7:00 p.m. - Dinner | 8:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Elections |

Please clip below, mail reservation to: Ms. Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman Road, W.P.B. 33407
Questions? Call 848 after 5:30 p.m.

Check choice of full course dinner, note how many of each (price includes tax and gratuity).
Roast Sirloin of Beef au Jus - \$12.00 _____ Broiled Fillet of Sole - \$10.00 _____

My check for ___ dinner(s) is enclosed. (Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

under the estuaries or whether direct drilling will be allowed.

Getty Oil will be generating lots of mail, so be sure every letter from us counts. Write Governor Graham, Attorney General Jim Smith, Comptroller Gerald Lewis, Secretary of State George Firestone, Treasurer Bill Gunter, Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner, Education Commissioner Ralph Turlington. All are at The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL. 32301.

The Osceola National Forest is being threatened with strip mining (phosphate). Four companies claim preferential lease rights in the Forest based on their claims of findings of significant deposits.

Representative Don Fuqua has introduced H.R. 9 which would pay just compensation for the lease rights or exchange them for mineral rights in less sensitive lands in western U.S. We need to support Rep. Fuqua, as well as write Senators Chiles and Hawkins, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, for a companion bill in the Senate.

The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced the appointment of Col. Alfred B. Devereaux, Jr. as district engineer effective July 1981. He will succeed Col. James W. R. Adams.

The Kissimmee Prairie - its vast 6,000 acres - waving grain, Spanish moss covered trees, sawgrass, hammocks of cypress and oak, scrub, ponds, animal tracks, bromeliads, a barred owl, black-crowned night heron, deer, red-breasted mergansers, robins, yellow-rumped and palm warblers, tree swallows and a Cooper's hawk! Just some of the observations of the prairie during the Nature Conservancy Conference field trip. Some beautiful sights and the knowledge that the area will be preserved for all time.

NEXT CONSERVATION MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 11, SCIENCE MUSEUM. (Leah Schad)

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MERRITT ISLAND/COCOA BEACH FIELD TRIP

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge near Cape Canaveral is one of the most outstanding areas for birds and birders. Members of ASE who visited this area during the Jan. 23-25 weekend will corroborate this fact. With a variety of habitats - fresh water, salt water estuaries and brackish marshes - it provides for many species of birds and is a refuge for endangered species.

We were fortunate in having Capt. Ken Bennett as our guide. A security guard at the Kennedy Space Center, he is also an avid bird-watcher. Through his efforts we obtained passes to enter areas in the Kennedy Space Center which are forbidden to the general public. Furthermore, he knew all the best places for birdwatching, guiding us to areas where there were nesting bald eagles and ospreys. We also sighted a great-horned owl in a nest once occupied by an eagle.

At one of the marshes we were thrilled to see three king rails, two sora rails and a clapper rail all within a short distance of each other. These rails posed for us for more than half an hour, much to our delight.

Our guide took us to a holding pond near the beach. Here we were surprised to see 67 loggerheads and one Ridley turtle. These sea turtles were salvaged from the Mosquito Lagoon where the temperature at one time had dropped to 28 degrees, at which temperature the turtles would have perished. The holding pond was small, but more temperate and favorable for their existence.

This trip was most rewarding, since we sighted 86 species of birds in a comparatively short period of time. (Saul Rimberg)

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