



# EVERGLADE KITE

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## THE EVERGLADES

"Repairing the Everglades" will be the subject of discussion when ecologist Arthur R. Marshall speaks at our meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

The Everglades have long been the life blood of South Florida. Yet with each passing year the waters which are that life blood are being diked, ditched and drained, cutting off the sheet flow necessary to keep the system alive.

At a recent meeting of the South Florida Water Management District, Marshall presented his plan to restore that sheet flow. The proposal has been endorsed by the Florida Audubon Society, the Florida Wildlife Federation, Friends of the Everglades and our own chapter, just to mention a few of the many organizations concerned about the "River of Grass."

Marshall holds a B.S. in General Biology from the University of Florida and an M.S. in Marine Fisheries Sciences from the University of Miami, FL. His special interests include wetland ecology, natural resource conservation, and urban environment. His professional career spans two and a half decades - from Fishery Biologist with the U.S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife to private consultant.

Honorary scholastic organizations to which Marshall has been inducted are Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Sigma, and Phi Beta Kappa. His many awards include a Special Conservation Award from the National Wildlife Federation; Distinguished Service Award, U.S. Dept. of the Interior; twice chosen Conservationist of the Year by the Florida Audubon Society; twice honored by the Florida Wildlife Federation, plus numerous others. Audubon Society of the Everglades named him Conservationist of the Year last April at our annual meeting.

We are indeed honored to have Arthur Marshall with us. Remember - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th, at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center. . . and bring your friends.  
(Leah Schad)

## AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9 a.m. -- Florida Department of Natural Resources Marine Research Laboratory, 727 Belvedere Rd., W.P.B. Leader - Ed Irby.

FALL BIRD COUNT -- Saturday, October 24. If you are interested in participating in this census, call Gloria Hunter (585-7714) 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 Marge Eaton, 1408 Indian Rd., Lake Clarke Shores, at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8 a.m. - DuBois Park at Jupiter. John Street and Steve Bass will be the leaders.

#### FAS TO HONOR DORIS MAGER

On August 31st, Doris Mager resigned from the staff of Florida Audubon after 19 years of dedicated service to the society. The chairman of the board requested that we invite all our members, through our newsletter, to a dinner in her honor.

Dear Friends of Florida Audubon:

The Board of Directors of the Florida Audubon Society invites you to join them for dinner at Lord Chumley's Restaurant, Altamonte Springs (State Road 436) on Saturday, October 17, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. to honor Doris Mager. (There will be a cash bar at 6:30 p.m.)

We feel many chapters and/or individuals would like to express their appreciation to Doris for all the work she has done. You may do so by sending a check made payable to Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman, W.P.B. 33407. We will present her with the total amount in one check on the night of the dinner.

Checks for dinner reservations - \$14.00 per person - should be made payable to Fred Harden and mailed to him at 5400 Andrus, Orlando 32810, by October 13th.

Hope to see you on the 17th. Cordially,  
David Anthony, Chairman of the Board

If any of our members can make the dinner or want to know more details, you may call Leah Schad, 848-9984, after six in the evening.

#### \$EED FOR \$ALE

In an effort to raise funds for our chapter and, at the same time, help our members with their Christmas shopping, we are joining with Florida Audubon Society in participating in their WILD BIRD FOOD SALE.

Orders will be taken starting September 28th and ending November 14th. For further details and/or a price list, please contact Chairman Andrea Thomas between 6-9 p.m. on weekdays or during the day on weekends at 586-5262. She will be happy to answer all questions and take all orders.

#### BIRDING IN MAINE

During July and August my wife and I attended a summer school session at the University of Maine. This was an opportunity to explore Maine's coastline, one of the most beautiful in the world. Here we saw rocky shores, sandy beaches, pounding surf, stately pine trees and numerous offshore islands.

In the heart of scenic Mount Desert Island

more than 30,000 acres have been set aside as Acadia National Park. A profusion of wildlife inhabits the Acadian forest - mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles. The variety of bird life in particular is one of the park's outstanding attributes. All wild and botanical life is protected within the park.

We took a boat ride from Northeast Harbor and cruised along the Somes Sound fjord, enjoying the glorious view and the sight of Mount Cadillac, the highest mountain on the Atlantic coast. Lobster boats dotted the scene, with numerous markers indicating the location of the lobster pots. Great black-backed gulls and cormorants followed the lobster boats. Harbor seals, porpoises and black guillemot sea birds were visible from our boat. From a distance we spotted osprey nests with ospreys in them.

One day we took a trip to Schoodic Point where we were fortunate to see nomadic white-winged and red crossbills feeding on seeds in the cones of spruce pines. Nearby, at the offshore islands, we saw many common eiders feeding on mollusks and crustaceans.

Another day we visited Hirundo (Latin for swallow) Wildlife Refuge located in Oldtown. At feeders we could get a close-up view of evening grosbeaks, purple finches, pine siskins and goldfinches. A walk in the forests and meadows gave us alder flycatchers, ruffed grouse and rare upland plovers. We saw 76 bird species, some new ones being added to our bird list. We are looking forward to returning to the rocky coast of Maine with all its treasures. (Saul Rimberg)

#### NATURE TRAIL WORKSHOP

On Saturday morning, November 7th, we are planning to have a workshop for those persons who cannot come to help on the nature trail on weekdays.

All interested ASE members and other friends of the Custard Apple Trail in John Prince Park are invited to attend the workshop. Also, those who are able to participate in the regular "Thursday Morning on the Trail" work are always welcome. (Hella Wayman)

#### DEVELOPER TO RESTORE AREA

U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges of Tampa has entered a final (consent) judgment requiring Calvin M. Doyle and Sunset Villas, Ltd. to restore 1½ acres of wetland marsh and forest area located north of Sunset Villa's proposed Phase I condo project being developed by Vincent Conrad in Port Richey.

Col. Alfred B. Devereaux Jr., Jacksonville District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, advises that this area will be restored to wetland elevations; portions will be planted with wetland trees and larger portion will be planted with marsh vegetation. A part of the illegal canal located along the northern side of this project will be shallowed to wetland elevation. The developers have agreed to perform these restorative measures within

60 days of the judgement date. They have also agreed to deed this area to Florida Audubon Society or other environmental organizations.

Hopefully this restoration plan will improve the water quality in the canal system and adjacent waters of Double Hammock Creek and provide a natural preserve buffer area between the proposed Sunset Villas and the active bald eagle nest located north of Conrad's Eagles Nest condominiums. (Leah Schadt)

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

President Russ Peterson is calling on all Audubon chapters to carry the National Audubon Society's Citizen Mobilization Campaign to their communities during the month of November. He urges us "to ask our friends, neighbors, relatives, and associates outside the Audubon family to join in our campaign to defend the nation's environmental protection laws against the assaults of the Reagan Administration."

The society's Citizen Mobilization Campaign - the "Audubon Campaign" for short - began with a fund-raising appeal mailed to all members in May. The appeal opened a floodgate. More than 32,000 members responded and they contributed almost five times more money than has been received by any similar Audubon appeal on record.

Public opinion polls indicate that large numbers of concerned citizens outside the ranks of the Audubon Society also are troubled by the attempt of Secretary of the Interior James Watt and other Administration leaders to wipe out two decades of progress in legislation protecting our air, land, water, and wildlife.

Sign-up sheets are being prepared for Audubon members to use in enlisting the active support of friends, neighbors, and associates who are not members of the society, but who share our environmental concerns. These people will be asked to "sign-up and be counted" and their names will be added to a mailing list to receive special environmental reports informing them of developments and explaining how they can help.

National Audubon is also preparing fact sheets for use by members in conjunction with their sign-up efforts. These brief listings of some of the new Administration's most flagrant environmental abuses are designed to help non-Audubon people realize the extent of the current attack against the laws protecting the quality of our air and water and the future of our parks, forests, wildernesses, grazing lands, seacoasts, and wildlife.

"National Audubon Society, with its 450,000 members, can be one of the most potent citizen organizations in our democracy," says Peterson. "Each individual can exert a major force and letter writing is the key. Time and again it has been shown that a personal letter to a member of Congress from a constituent is a letter read and listened to. A few hundred letters can determine a legislator's position on an issue. A few thousand letters can influence a President"

Materials for the Citizen Mobilization Campaign will be available at ASE's November meeting. Audubon members who contributed to the recent fund-raising appeal are already listed to receive the special environmental bulletins. Other members can get on the mailing list by adding their own names and addresses to a sign-up sheet. If you are concerned about the increasing attacks on our environmental laws, but cannot make the November meeting, please contact ASE President Walter Gworek.

#### CONSERVATION REPORT

Butterflies will be free! And ladybugs and honeybees too. The County Commission, in the September 17th workshop, decreed an end to daytime mosquito spraying. Palm Beach County beekeepers have shown it was disastrous to our beneficial insects while not very efficient in killing mosquitos (night feeders). The ASE Board presented a resolution requesting an end to daytime use of pesticides and asking that a task force be formed to research a sound program. There will be a public hearing on October 29th on this. Please get in touch or appear if you can lend any moral support.

The turtle wetnurse operation was a success. Forty-four miniature loggerheads presented themselves on August 22nd. Nancy and Dick Harrington assisted in Operation Release on Manalapan beach shortly after sunrise. You must bear with a bragging granny, but I do pale alongside the successful hatchings that Susan Korzenewski has watched over this summer.

Our County Commissioners are still authorizing expenditures for studies for landfill sites. They continue to eye wellfield locations west of the towns because it is the "path of least resistance." Obviously hydrolic pressure is a poor second to political pressure.

On state matters of prime importance, I have a letter from Senator Chiles asking our members to write Senator Wallop, chairman of the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee, and request no phosphate mining in Osceola National Forest (in other words, support SB 1138).

There has been a new General Water Policy "by rule" adopted after several year's work. Governor Graham and Vicki Tshinkel should be commended and thanked for pushing it through. Charles Lee of FAS was one of the environmentalists working toward its adoption. The Policy emphasizes natural systems and the use of non-structural solutions.

Have I piqued your interest? If so, come to the Conservation Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 14th at the County Parks Department building in John Prince Park, 6th Avenue South opposite PBJC. We will hear about Governor Graham's personal tangle with James Watt and about other conservation happenings. (Cissy Durando)

## KITE STRINGS

VOLUNTEER TYPING NEEDED for a manuscript about the Everglade Kite. Will furnish paper and pick-up and deliver, or typing can be done in my office. Call Paul Sykes in the evening at 1-498-8366.

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NAS has announced two 1982 Ecology Workshop Tours: Puerto Rico, Our Caribbean Gem, Jan. 31-Feb. 7, and Suriname, Tropical South America, March 5-22. For information write: National Audubon Society Ecology Workshop Tours, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.

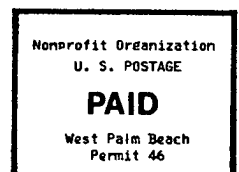
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Another membership recruitment contest for Audubon chapters opens October 1 and continues through March 31st of next year. Prizes will be awarded to the winning chapters in three categories in each Audubon region: chapter with highest number of chapter-generated new members, chapter with highest percentage of same, and chapter with highest renewal rate. Three grand prizes will be awarded - one for the top chapter nationwide in each category. Each grand prize will be all-expense-paid participation (for the individual named by the winning chapter's board of directors) in next summer's National Audubon Society tour to Alberta, Canada, and Glacier National Park.

Come on, ASE members. Let's try for one of those prizes. Membership Chairman Gloria Hunter can furnish information for your use in contacting friends, relatives and neighbors.

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