



### EVERGLADES & LIGNUM VITAE KEY ON PROGRAM

A two-part program titled "An Uniquely Different Look" will be presented at ASE's October 4th meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park.

Bob Bergen, president of Tropical Wildlife Tours, and Claudine Laabs, a commercial photographer in Palm Beach, are cooperating to give you a different look at the Everglades system. Featured in the program are up-to-date aerial photos of the Everglades and a slide preview of our upcoming field trip to Lignum Vitae Key.

Bob, formerly an instructor for FAU at Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center, received his Masters Degree in Biology at Appalachian State, NC. Claudine obtained a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts Photography at University of Florida. Bob is a former ASE president and Claudine presented an excellent slide show on Everglades birds last year. They have teamed up to offer both a biological and an artistic view of the Everglades.

### FALL BIRD COUNT

The Fall Bird Count will be held on Saturday, October 8th. If you have counted before, call your area leader for instructions. Birders who wish to count for the first time

should call Howard Langridge, 582-7519, for assignment to a team. Compilation will be held at Peggy Teahan's, 1119 North "M" Street, Lake Worth, at 7:30 p.m. that same evening.

### FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Lignum Vitae Key - reservation form on p. 3.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 8:00 A.M. - Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Meet at entrance parking lot (entrance fee 50¢ per person). A Park Ranger will be the leader.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The big jet arrived at Denver's Stapleton Airport a half hour early on Sunday, August 28th. A shuttle bus was waiting to take attendees to the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, for National Audubon Society's Biennial Convention.

That evening early registrants were treated to a multi-media slide presentation, "Wild Mountain Sheep" by W. Perry Conway of Louisville, CO, and "Moments in Nature" with Bill Ratcliffe of Orem, UT. Both these men are outstanding wildlife and nature photographers who will be at Corkscrew Swamp March 10-17 to teach a course in Nature Photography as

part of the NAS 1983/1984 Education Program. If all goes as planned, Bill Ratcliffe will bring his "Moments in Nature" to our March meeting. It is an awe-inspiring program and one which you will definitely want to see.

Monday, the 29th, was a day full of field trips to many locales for those who pre-registered. I had selected the "Tundra and Ptarmigan" excursion which took us to the Alpine Visitor Center via Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park at an elevation of more than 12,000 feet. The air was thin and dry, and the scenery breath-taking. After dinner everyone had an opportunity to meet Russell W. Peterson at the President's Reception, as well as greet all the Regional Representatives.

The convention was called to order by Chairman of the Board Thomas W. Keesee, Jr. on Tuesday morning at 8:30.

The keynote speaker, the Honorable Richard Lamm, Governor of Colorado, took us on a journey into the 21st century - where he was Secretary of the Interior telling us of the horrendous things done to the environment in the 1980s and 1990s, and what controls must be enforced because of the lack of foresight in the previous two decades. A panel discussion followed on "How Audubon Members Can Help Protect the Global Environment," with Hubert David, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau, Brussels, Belgium; Delmar Blasco, Executive Officer, Environmental Liaison Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, and Donald Lesh, Executive Director, Global Tomorrow Coalition, Washington, D.C. Basically this talk centered around the high waste of our resources as perceived by other nations and how we must change our life-style.

After dinner a general session convened at 7:30 p.m. for the 1983 Birdathon Awards, "A Report on the State of the National Audubon Society" by Dr. Peterson, announcement of the 1983 Audubon International Environmental Film Festival Awards, and a viewing of the film, "The Fragile Mountain," set in Nepal, India.

Throughout the rest of the week we heard about wetlands protection, ocean dumping, Refuge Administration, proposed increase in Duck Stamp revenues for land acquisition, how James Watt's POWDER legislation is referred to on Capitol Hill as the "Trojan Duck," the proposed NAS television series on TBS, Audubon sanctuaries, and the fate of the grizzly bear, just to mention a few. Roger Tory Peterson spoke about the "Evolution of Birding" as only he can tell it.

Before closing remarks by Mr. Keesee and Dr. Peterson, we heard from Wnahari Maathai, Chairman, National Council of Women of Kenya, on "The United States as Developing Countries See It," and H. Lewis Batts, Jr. on "A Resource-Conserving Life-Style for Americans."

It was a week full of meeting wonderful people, exchanging ideas, learning new techniques, and seeing new sights. Thank you for allowing me to participate.

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After the convention, I stayed on at the YMCA of the Rockies to do some sight-seeing and birding before going to Nevada for a visit with family. Many species of birds and beasts

were viewed for the first time --- Big Horn Sheep grazing in the crater of Specimen Mountain (elev. 12,489 ft.), literally a breath-taking climb; prairie dogs, antelope, mule deer, elk, pyka, marmot, and 55 new species for my life list. Absolutely exhilarating.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: October 14-16 - Fall Meeting of Florida Ornithological Society at Sea Turtle Inn, Atlantic Beach, FL; November 4-6 - Annual Convention, Florida Audubon Society at Everglades National Park (see FLORIDA NATURALIST for details). James Watt, Secretary of the Interior, has accepted an invitation to attend. November 18-20 - Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy at Jupiter Hilton, Jupiter, FL; March 24, 1984 - FAS Canoe-athon, and April 27-29, 1984 - Spring Meeting, Florida Ornithological Society in St. Petersburg. (Please note - this is a change from previously announced date, which conflicted with Easter Sunday.)

It's the Town of Ocean Ridge vs. Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulations. Ocean Ridge wants the beach renourished by offshore dredging; DER issued permits for the jet pump and weir jetty. We probably will be involved as intervenors. We will keep you posted.

Our good friend Doris Mager will appear on the national television program REAL PEOPLE on Wednesday, November 16th.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Russ Mason, former president of Florida Audubon. Russ was a long-time friend and champion of the environment.

I met Marion Eady, Executive Director of the National League of Conservation Voters, while in Colorado. There are three new publications available from the League for \$1 each. They are: "How Congress Voted on Energy and the Environment - 1982," "Current Democratic Presidential Candidates for 1984 - Their Records and Positions to Date on Energy and the Environment," and "Election Report - 1982." Send your request to the League, 317 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. (Leah Schad)

#### EXHIBIT STAFFERS NEEDED

Exhibit Chairman Susan Korzenewski needs your assistance. Our traveling Audubon Exhibit will be at the 9th Annual Heritage Festival for five big days, November 9-13. It is held at the South Florida Fairgrounds and your help manning the booth would be greatly appreciated. The booth hours run from 5 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. If you can help, please call me at 842-2364. (Susan Korzenewski)

#### FARM FIELDS TRIP

Annually the Duda Farm located near Bell Glade floods its farming area during the summer for agricultural purposes. This process attracts thousands of birds to feed on the worms, insects, etc. ASE is aware of this marvelous opportunity to see so many birds at

one time and obtains permission to enter the farm for a field trip. On September 11th a group of 30 birdwatchers gathered there, 10 of whom represented an ornithology class from FAU. We are grateful to our leader, Gloria Hunter, for organizing this trip. She was ably assisted by Ann Ayers, Cecil Kilmer and Phil Weinrich.

We spotted approximately 50 species of birds. At the first area visited, we saw least sandpipers, dowitchers, black-necked stilts, spotted sandpipers, and most exciting of all, an uncommon king rail, which was a first sighting for some of the birders. Many fields were still too flooded, but mottled ducks and roseate spoonbills were seen across the water. Just before leaving the farm, we were treated to hundreds of barn and tree swallows perched on the wires, with several rough-wings among them.

Along the road back to Rt. 80, we traversed an area of overgrown flooded fields where we saw flights of several hundred whistling ducks and blue-winged teal, and a great number of bobolinks in dull fall plumage. As we continued further, we saw many wood storks, glossy ibis, great egrets and black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons. Several leaders ventured into an abandoned building to find regurgitated owl pellets to show to the students. They disturbed a barn owl which flew out of the rear of the building. Its flight was observed by some of us and was a special treat.

We always look forward with pleasure to our annual trip to Duda Farms and thank the firm for permission to visit it. (Saul Rimberg)

#### ASE EDUCATION PROJECTS

Education Chairman Helen Gilmore reports that the Bruce Bowman Camp Scholarship for the Everglades Youth Camp in the Corbett Area was awarded this summer to Erica Cobb, a student at Roosevelt Elementary. The Society created the scholarship as one of its education projects following the tragic death of Ranger Bowman and Erica was its second recipient.

She also reported on the excellent response to the free Audubon Wildlife Film Series matinees given each year in elementary schools. A number of schools have asked to be put on

the list for these free matinees, which are made possible by the membership's donations and purchase of tickets for the evening showing of the Wildlife Film Series.

#### NEED A GIFT OR TWO?

It's time to be sending me your Christmas list of the fortunate people to whom you're giving National Audubon Society memberships.

This tax-deductable gift lasts all year long. You're encouraging participation in the Audubon cause, informing the recipients of current environmental problems on the national, state, and local levels, and exposing them to some of the natural beauty of the world around them.

Hurry - dues are increasing on January 1. Send your list and check to me at 1716 13th Avenue North, Lake Worth 33460. The new members will receive gift notices in your name shortly before Christmas. (Gloria Hunter)

#### KITE STRINGS

Fall migration is well underway. Grab every chance to look for fall warblers and land birds in the next two weeks. Remember that our best birding is often immediately after the passage of a front or heavy rains during the night.

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There are a few vacancies in two of Pine Jog's adult courses this fall: Underwater Photography, beginning October 4th, and Nature of South Florida Field Trips, beginning November 1st. Call 686-6600 for details.

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Greenpeace has opened an office in Florida. The address is Greenpeace Southeast, P.O. Box 50489, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240.

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The Florida Ornithological Society's Fall Meeting is October 14-16 at Atlantic Beach (Duval County). If you are interested in attending this meeting - field trips, bird slide programs, a pelagic trip, an opportunity to share your birding interests with others from our state - call Marge Eaton at 582-7260 for details.

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#### LIGNUM VITAE KEY FIELD TRIP

The Lignum Vitae trip will be held Saturday, October 15. Meet at the Lignum Vitae Marina at Islamorada (past Mile Marker 77) at 8:00 A.M. Bring picnic lunch and liquids, as we won't return to marina until mid-afternoon. To make arrangements for Friday evening accommodations, we suggest checking the Keys telephone directory at your local Chamber of Commerce.

Limit is 21 people and your check confirms your reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 8th. If trip is filled when check is received, we will return same. Do not arrive at the Lignum Vitae Marina without prior reservation.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.50 each. Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Audubon Society of the Everglades

Mail to: Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

The Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission is color-marking the endangered wood stork at several colonies throughout Florida to determine post breeding season dispersal patterns. Colors used are green, blue, red and yellow, and on any part of the bird. If seen, please advise date, location, color of stork, number of birds, and activity of the marked bird, along with your name, address and phone number: Wildlife Research Lab, 4005 S. Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601.

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#### CONSERVATION REPORT

To put it briefly, we need a volunteer. Some free time and an address are all that's needed. NAS is asking for a local coordinator for its big push this legislative session to receive and disperse information on Clean Air, Acid Rain, and related topics. And just think, you will receive your reward before you get to Heaven. I will be glad to provide more information concerning the job or, pending a coordinator, more information for use in your letters to legislators.

If you haven't voiced your objections to S. 49, the Alaska National Hunting Act, please do so as soon as you can.

Shades of James Fenimore Cooper - the "Deerslayer" will stalk again. Or maybe not - if you continue to bombard our Governor with letters opposing the opening of Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge for large game hunting. At our September meeting, the membership voted to join with Defenders of Wildlife, FAS, and Friends of the Everglades in legal action to stop the hunt.

Next Conservation Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Peggy Teahan, 1119 North "M" Street, Lake Worth.  
(Cissy Durando)

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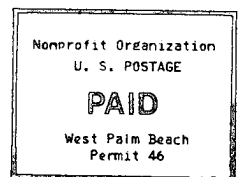
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