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## HERPETOLOGIST, WITH FRIENDS, ON PROGRAM

Gregory K. Longhurst, of the Palm Beach Herpetological Society, will be the speaker for ASE's January 3rd meeting.

Greg will discuss and display a few of the venomous and non-venomous snakes which may be found in our state. We last heard from Greg at the July 1980 meeting, which, of course, was missed by many of our winter residents. We are sure this program will prove as interesting as that one was.

Do join us and bring a friend on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park across from the Science Museum.

## ATTENTION FLORIDA REGISTERED VOTERS

The Constitutional Amendment Petition Form, which should be signed by Florida voters only, is reproduced on Page 4. If you have not joined in this CLEAN-UP '84 campaign, please sign and mail to address given, or bring to the next ASE meeting. If you have already signed a petition, find a friend to help work for our environmental rights.

Your Precinct number is on your

voting card. If you do not know your 1980 Congressional District number, please leave that blank.

Dale Neuenschwander, chairman of our county chapter of the Florida League of Conservation Voters, will have extra petitions at the January 3rd meeting. If you can enlist others in our fight for clean water, air, etc., please contact her there.

## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:30 a.m. -  
Loxahatchee National Wildlife  
Refuge, meet at Marsh Trail parking lot. Leader, John Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 8:00 a.m. -  
Manatee Field Trip, meet at W.P.B.  
Garden Club Center for car pool.  
John Street, leader.

## NEW BIRDING GUIDES

Three paperback field guides have burst on the market this fall, so it seems appropriate to present a brief comment about each: "A Guide to Field Identification: Birds of North America" by Robbins, Bruun and Zim; "Field Guide to the Birds of North America" by Jon Dunn and E. Bloom, and the three volume "The Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding," Farrand, editor.

The economy model for sound general use at \$7.95 is a revision by Robbins. The previous model published in 1966 cost only \$4.95, but the rise in price is the natural order of the Universe, I suppose. Basically, the text, plates, and maps are the same as the old book. But Robbins, with frugality and with judicious arrangement, places 64 illustrations of vagrant birds mostly among the original plates. Despite the need for up-dating the details in the text and maps, the brief text is still rather sound, and all those new pictures make this a good buy if you are not an avid observer.

The sharp mid-sized model for avid observers at \$15.95 is published by National Geographic and written by Jon Dunn. One outstanding feature of this book is the illustrations and text of 43 bird vagrants not shown in any other popular American field guide. Wow! Another great feature is the detail in the descriptions of the birds, including many recently unveiled field marks. This is a book for learning because of the great number of illustrations and drawings to emphasize a particular field mark or to show many different plumages of the same species. The weak part is that a few illustrations (by 13 different artists) are not of the high quality we have learned to expect from our field guides. Despite this, the book is a must for an observer who likes to learn new field marks and who may need to identify a bird vagrant.

The three volume luxury model for wealthy aficionados at \$41.85 is written by 61 authors, including Paul Sykes. Authors were assigned certain birds. Some of these authors have specialized in certain species, so the lengthy description of each species presents, in many instances, innovative field marks. The use of close-up photographs instead of paintings has both advantages and disadvantages. Unfortunately, the bird vagrants mostly are described in an appendix instead of being shown in photographs. As a field guide, the three volumes make it awkward to carry in the field. If you are intensely interested in knowing details and new field marks, you will want this book.  
(Howard Langridge)

#### AUDUBON TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Please sign up to man our exhibit at the South Florida Fair January 26th thru February 5th. There are lots of time slots left and we could certainly use your help. Call me at 842-2364 or make a point to see me at the next general meeting. We're counting on your support to further the Audubon cause.  
(Susan Korzenewski)

#### WILDLIFE FILM SERIES TO START IN JANUARY

ASE Education Chairman Helen Gilmore has announced the schools which will be showing the Wildlife Film Series at free, ASE-sponsored afternoon matinees before the regular evening showings at Rosarian Academy at 8 p.m.

On January 19, "Yosemite and the High Sierras" will be shown at Eisenhower Elementary; February 2, "Summer in Kiwi Land" at Kirklane Elementary; February 16, "From Reefs to Rockies" at Grove Park Elementary, and March 1,

"Hidden Worlds of the Big Cypress Swamp" at Rosarian Academy.

These matinees are made possible by your support of the series and by donations for which ASE is most grateful. If you haven't sent in your check for season tickets, you can mail same to Stella Rossi, 625 Whispering Pines Rd., Boynton Beach 33435, or give to her or Edie Reiter on the night of the show. Individual tickets will also be available at that time for your extra guests.

#### ASE'S ORNITHOLOGICAL COLLECTION EXPANDING

Tom McElroy, chairman of ASE's Ornithological Collection at the Palm Beach County Public Library on Summit Blvd., reports that recent acquisitions include: "West Virginia Birds" by George A. Hall, "Bird Habitat Relationships on Southeastern Forest Lands" by Paul B. Hamel, "Supplement to the Birds of Chile" by Alfredo W. Johnson.

Also "Flight Identification of European Raptors" by R. F. Porter, "Biology of the Yellow-shouldered Blackbird" by William Post, "World Atlas of Birds" by Sir Peter Scott, "The Peregrine Falcon" by Alice Schick, and "Iceland Summer: Adventures of a Bird Painter" by George M. Sutton.

Both Tom and Gloria Hunter, who assists with the collection at the library, report increasing usage of the many and varied volumes by ornithological students and travelers who will be birding in other areas or countries. Contributions to ASE's Ornithological Fund are welcomed as we try to build up the best ornithological reference collection in the eastern United States.

#### COMING UP AT PINE JOG

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Included are a day hike (Jan. 14) and an overnight hike (Jan. 21-22). Limit 15 adults, fee of \$50 includes food.

INTRODUCTION TO BIRD STUDY: Wednesdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Field trips Saturdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Fee \$20. For first-time birders.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK BUS TRIP: Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Register by Jan. 3, fee \$25.

Call 686-6600 for information or registration, but hurry.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

From an environmental point of view, 1984 will probably be a record year!

The Strazzula case will come before the SFWMD Governing Board for final disposition January 13. The Hearing Officer has upheld the Board's decision to deny surface water permits to the applicant. FAS and ASE intervened in this case and we are delighted with the outcome, since this could be a precedent-setting

issue. We do, however, need to make our presence known at that January meeting, just in case the Governing Board gets shaky.

We will also be participants in a conference designed to wrestle with growth management in Palm Beach County. This probably is the single most important issue facing our county as well as the state of Florida. Let's hope that the group can come up with some workable solutions.

1948 finds the League of Conservation Voters already in gear - nationally, state-wide and at the local level. The presidential race alone could keep the League on its toes, but there will be many senatorial races and Congressional Districts with which to be concerned. The big push state-wide is to get the CLEAN-UP '84 amendment on the November ballot. If you have not signed the petition and wish to do so, please see the back page of this newsletter. Locally the League will be extremely concerned about the three County Commission seats.

Other issues continuing to attract our attention in 1984 include Ocean Ridge, the Loxahatchee River, the Loxahatchee Refuge, and the Governor's "Save Our Everglades" project. A paramount interest will be the selection of a new executive director for SFWMD. For whatever his reasons, it is sad to see Jack Maloy step down at this particular time. We have been at odds with Mr. Maloy on numerous occasions, but his recent "turn around" attitude toward the restoration of the Kissimmee was like a breath of fresh air. Maybe he could be appointed as a special advisor to the project. In any event, we wish the Governing Board lots of luck and godspeed in their quest for a replacement.

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The Loxahatchee Natural History Association, which assists the Refuge, is trying to increase its membership. The fee schedule is most reasonable: individual \$3, family \$5, sustaining \$25, supporting \$50, organizations \$50, and students under 16 - \$1. To join, just mail your check, payable to the Association, to P. O. Box 2737, Delray Beach, FL 33447-2737.

We were pleased to learn that our member Paul W. Sykes has been assigned to the Recovery Team for the Kirtland's Warbler. He will be working out of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service office at the School of Forest Resources, U. of Ga., Athens. Welcome home, Paul.

Reminder to birders: To record Common Loon sightings this winter and send data to Dr. Herb Kale, 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland 32751. Also, the spring FAS meeting is scheduled for April 27-29 in St. Petersburg. Chairman is Dave Goodwin, (813) 345-3114.

See you at the first of the Wildlife Film Series on January 19th. (Leah Schad)

#### NATURE TRAIL WALKS RESUME JANUARY 7TH

The guided walks on the Custard Apple Trail in John Prince Park will be held January thru March on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. The leader

for the day will meet you at D Entrance (opposite Campground Office) for bird observation in the marsh before taking you through the native plant area and on the marsh boardwalk.

Nancy and Dick Harrington will open and close the January walks as leaders on the 7th and the 28th. Bruce Offord will lead on the 14th, Dave Silverman on the 21st. Volunteers to train as leaders are needed; please call me at 585-3968. (R. Trumpower)

#### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Boynton Beach: Eduard Mikat

Greenacres City: Dr. & Mrs. George P. Werner

Jupiter: Barry E. Parker, Grace Young

Lake Worth: Mrs. Cathy T. Burres, M.J. Clark, J.L. Mehan, Rita M. Sczykowski, George Silverman, H. Wulf

Lantana: Santaluces Community High School

Mangonia Park: Dennis & Inge Schneider

North Palm Beach: Y. Konnan

Palm Beach: Mrs. E. W. Brandes

Palm Springs: Dorothy M. Burrows

Pompano Beach: Judy Farkas

Riviera Beach: Patricia A. Moore, Suncoast High School

Royal Palm Beach: Corinne Kregberg & Irv Shapiro

West Palm Beach: Miss Elizabeth C. Allen, Steven Buttner, Diane E. Childress, Mrs. Constance S. Dalton, Charles Holmes, Mrs. Todd Huffman, P. Bart Kelley, James M. Lee, Richard A. March, Minerva G. Martin, Mark McLean, North Shore High School, Ms. R. Peterson, Bryan Ratti, Joan Sauer, Gretchen Stump, Edwin Wood

#### KITE STRINGS

The AUDUBON LEADER reports that Dick Beamish, Audubon's director of communications, would greatly appreciate clippings from local papers about NAS or local chapter activities. ASE would welcome a volunteer clipper to clip the articles, mark with date and full name of paper, and mail once a month or so to him at National Audubon Society, 930 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

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Many ASE members are interested in plants, therefore the next two items --- The Fern Society of P. B. County meets Monday, January 9, at 8 p.m., in the Mounts Bldg. Auditorium. Milton Piedra, an authority on maidenhair ferns and collector and propagator of all types of ferns, will show slides and samples.

The P. B. County Chapter of the Native Plant Society meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Pine Jog. Interesting programs are generally followed by a weekend day trip to the area discussed at meeting.

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DON'T FORGET CLEAN-UP '84 ON NEXT PAGE

# Clean-Up '84

Please note: The Congressional District Number Below Should  
Be the 1980 Number, NOT THE CURRENT NUMBER

## Constitutional Amendment Petition Form

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election to be held more than ninety days after this petition is filed.

Ballot Title and Summary:

### Environmental Rights

Establishes a right to a healthful environment and the right to know if that healthful environment has been endangered. Establishes natural water, air and wildlife as a public trust. Grants standing in legal proceedings for enforcement of these rights.

The following new section is added to Article I of the Florida Constitution.

#### Section 24. Environmental Rights

- (a) Each person has a right to a healthful environment and a duty to provide and to maintain a healthful environment for the benefit of this and future generations. Each person has a right to know, and the duty to give notice as shall be provided by law, if a healthful environment has been or may be endangered by toxic or other potentially hazardous substances.
- (b) The natural waters, air and wildlife in the state are public resources that shall be managed as a public trust for the use and benefit of all the people of this and future generations and for the maintenance of the natural ecosystems. Each person as beneficiary of this trust has a right to have the trust purposes fulfilled.

- (c) Each person, governmental or private, shall have standing to enforce the rights granted by this section against all other persons through legal proceedings.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign name as it appears on voting roll.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_

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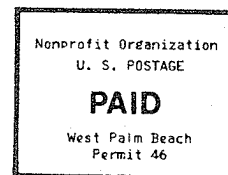
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