



RACHEL CARSON'S WORK
IS FEATURED SUBJECT

Carol B. Gartner, Ph.D., author of the book, "Rachel Carson," will be the guest speaker at ASE's December 4th meeting.

In her book, Dr. Gartner details the efforts of Rachel Carson's powerful inditement of pesticides and shows how Carson's book, "The Silent Spring," foreshadowed the ecological revolution.

Dr. Gartner is currently Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Professor of English, and Director of the Title III Program at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She received her Ph.D. from the New York University Graduate School of Arts & Science and has a number of papers and articles to her credit.

The public is always welcome at Audubon meetings. Do join us on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park. And don't forget to check the Sales Table for Christmas gifts, wrappings, etc.

(Sylvia Dunnam, Charles Dennis)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7:30 A.M. -
Loxahatchee National Wildlife
Refuge. Meet at the Marsh Trail

parking lot; Bryan Hope, leader.

DATE CHANGE - CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The count will be held on Saturday, the 15th, instead of the 22nd. Team members should contact their leader. Anyone who has participated in previous counts, but is not assigned to a team, may contact Howard Langridge, 582-7519, if wishing to help on the 15th. Compilation will be held that evening at the Bonanza Restaurant, 1029 Congress Ave., Palm Springs, at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 7:30 A.M. -
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BIRDING AT JACK ISLAND

On November 17th a group of 20 birdwatchers assembled at the entrance to Jack Island on Ft. Pierce Beach. Sylvia Guadagnoli and Paul Lescault were there to greet us and act as our guides. We drove to the Ft. Pierce Inlet at Dynamite Point at low tide. There sitting on sandbars were mixed flocks of pelicans, gulls, terns, turnstones, willet, plovers, and resting sandpipers.

Roosting in the trees were many pelicans. Several large "kettles" of turkey vultures floated on thermal currents and among them was a lone

black vulture. After feasting our eyes on the birds and sorting out the various species, we drove to Ft. Pierce Airport. There we were led to an airport shed where a burrowing owl was roosting on a shelf near the ceiling.

Competing with the airplanes at the airport, much to our delight, was a soaring bald eagle in adult plumage, his white head and tail in sharp contrast to his dark brown body.

A walk through the woods divulged red-bellied woodpeckers, a flicker, and an uncommon red-headed woodpecker. I had been seeking a red-headed woodpecker to add to my list and at last had succeeded in spotting one. My day was made. Our bird count for a most enjoyable field trip was 64 species. (Saul Rimberg)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

ASE members belong to a number of other environmental organizations, of which The Nature Conservancy is one. The Florida Chapter of the Conservancy held its annual meeting November 17-18 at Hawk's Cay on Duck Key. Attending from ASE were Doris and Ed Henriquez, Cissy Durando, Cecil Kilmer, Kathy Stambaugh, Peggy Teahan and myself.

Saturday's field trip was to Lignum Vitae Key, a beautiful example of old Florida. The boat trip over was especially nice, as we went out into the Ocean channel, which was unexpected and delightful. The seas did not stay calm enough on Sunday and our trip to the reef at John Pennekamp was cancelled.

Senator Lawton Chiles was the dinner speaker Saturday evening. For those of you wanting more information about The Nature Conservancy, mark your calendar for our January 8th meeting, which will be all about the organization. We will have an excellent film and the president of the Florida Chapter will be our guest.

The "Save Our Everglades" workshop which was organized by Alice Wainwright, Coordinator of Southeast Florida Chapters of National Audubon, was excellent. Speakers included Estus Whitfield from the Governor's office, Nat Reed, John Wodraska, executive director of the South Florida Water Management District; Col. Charles Myers, Jacksonville District Engineer; Dr. Bernard Yokel, president of Florida Audubon; Jack Morehead, superintendent of Everglades National Park, plus others. Probably the most significant thing to come out was the fact that the Corps wants to study the plan some more, while the state is moving right along. (What else is new?)

Brochures for the 1985 Audubon Ecology Camps and Workshops are now available. If interested, you may get a copy at the December meeting or at our traveling Audubon exhibit.

The 1985 Calamity Calendar is now available from Florida Conservation Foundation, 1203 Orange Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. Send your check for \$6.00, payable to the Foundation, to cover the cost of the calendar, postage and handling. The new edition has a special feature by Ken and Helen Morrison on "How to Save Florida in 7 Short Lessons." For those of you not familiar with the Morrisons, Ken and Helen are responsible for initiating the drive to save

Tiger Creek, a Nature Conservancy preserve in central Florida. Ken is a former editor of AUDUBON magazine, a former president of Florida Audubon, and founder of FLAP (Florida League Against Progress).

And while we are talking about Ken, he has written a new book, MOUNTAIN VIEW ALMANAC, (soft cover \$8.95, hard cover \$11.95). If it ever comes off the press, local book sellers should have it. I say "if" because Ken says he should have had copies ages ago and, as of November 18th, he had nothing. When I asked him "Where's the book?" he said he could answer "Where's the beef?" better.

We mentioned the new non-game wildlife program for Florida in last month's column, but failed to say where the funding for that program will come from. It will come from the people of Florida who check off a special box on their vehicle registration forms saying they will contribute \$1.00 toward this program. Early reports indicate an excellent response. We urge you to be a contributor!

Tall Timbers Research Center outside of Tallahassee has a new director, James Larry Landers of Bainbridge, Georgia. Landers has a Master's degree in wildlife biology. Tall Timbers does valuable research on a wide variety of subjects ranging from song birds to controlled burning, from insects to restoration of longleaf pines.

According to the newspaper, Florida DOT has replied to the hearing officer's ruling on the Boynton Bridge. We will keep you posted on the next move.

It was a sad day for South Florida and the environmental community to learn that Maggy Hurchalla will no longer represent Martin County on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Her expertise will be sadly missed and no doubt, in the long run, even the development sector, some of whom had come to admire and respect her ability, will rue the day.

On this Thanksgiving Day, I work up to hear that almost five inches of rain had fallen during the night and that many parts of Palm Beach County were flooded, roads washed out and roads impassable because of the deluge. This was only a front passing through. If our drainage is bad now, what will we do when a hurricane hits? County officials best take heed..concrete and asphalt do not absorb water.

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Since our next newsletter comes out too late in December, to all our friends and members, the Board of Directors of Audubon Society of the Everglades wishes each of you a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

PINE JOG PROGRAMS

Pine Jog Jaunts, held on the second Saturday of each month, started in November. Hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., pre-registration required, fee \$2.00. Call 686-6600 for more information on any program.

Advance registration because of limited bus seating is required for the Everglades National Park trip on Thursday, January 17, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., fee \$25.00.

An Introduction to Bird Studies will be held Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on January 31 and February 7, with field trips February 2 and 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. Class size limited, fee \$20.00

VAGABOND VAN MINI-EXPEDITIONS - Ann and Phil Weinrich will be your guides on these weekend expeditions which leave Pine Jog on Friday afternoons and return on Sunday afternoons. Pine Jog takes care of all details - where to go and what to see, motel accommodations, Saturday picnic lunch, etc. You provide the interest, curiosity and good company, plus a few essentials - comfortable walking shoes, some cash to cover your other meals, and, of course, the registration fee (the proceeds of which help support Pine Jog's environmental education efforts). Registration is limited to ten for each trip.

December 7-9, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge - Canaveral, Cocoa, Sebastian - \$130 per person double occupancy. (Better call 686-6600 on this one, may be filled.)

February 15-17, Everglades National Park - \$150 per person double occupancy.

April 12-14, Archbold Biological Station - Highlands Hammock State Park - \$135 per person, this one includes all meals.

Call Ann Weinrich, 686-6600 or 582-2235 (eve) for information or registration forms.

CONSERVATION REPORT

On the eve of November 9th, the Defenders of Wildlife played host to a gathering of members of several organizations and its Board who worked diligently to stop the Loxahatchee Refuge hunt this year. Victory was fleeting indeed! The assault on the panther continues.

In view of the irrefutable fact that the big cat is inextricably linked with the game species and its dwindling terrain for its survival, the Conservation Committee passed the following two resolutions at its last meeting:

That ASE should ask Governor Graham for a moratorium on hunting in areas where the endangered panther species has been documented. The moratorium should continue until the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission has in place a hunters education program and the ability to list hunters' violations according to a point system leading to a loss of hunting privileges.

That ASE should ask Governor Graham to begin to appoint commissioners to the G&FWF Commission with better scientific credentials, such as a background in biology, persons more sensitive to the recent endorsement for the protection of non-game species, and generally up-grade this board. Also that the recommendations made by the Florida Panther Technical Advisory Council, which was appointed by Governor Graham, should be adopted by the G&FWF Commission in its entirety.

The committee also approved urging the Governor to leave the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River as a Wild & Scenic River by sticking with the DNR management plan.

All you writers - let's get on with those

letters to Governor Graham.

At a hearing called by the Martin County Commissioners, Pratt & Whitney stated for the record that it would safeguard its discharges into the C-18 Canal, which ultimately reaches the Loxahatchee River system. In my opinion, P&W representatives were not so convincing in their description of the deep well injection system they are installing. They admitted there would be small quantities of jet fuel injected and their specifications for pumps called for ceramic linings that would be able to handle various industrial cleaning solvents, acids and alkalies.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., home of Ruth Trumpower.
(Cissy Durando)

BIRDING IN INSTANBUL

Black kites soared past our balcony at the Hilton Hotel. Hooded crows, magpies, starlings and hoopoes played in the surrounding gardens.

Like a busy river, the Bosphorus flows by Istanbul. Ferries shuttle back and forth, huge oil tankers steam by, warships make passage, and scores of small freighters pass to and fro. In the midst of all this activity, commercial fishermen make good catches.

Istanbul is unique in all the world because you can have breakfast in Europe and lunch in Asia.

We observed large flocks of high speed dark birds zipping between the heavy maritime traffic. From shore we couldn't get our glasses on them long enough to spot any markings. After a day of frustration trying to identify these many flocks, we boarded a ferry for a day's excursion back and across the Bosphorus for its length. The mystery birds darted about in large flocks. After many observations and study of Peterson, we called our friends Manx shearwaters. We later confirmed this.

How extraordinary for these thousands of deep water birds to be living and thriving within the bounds of an ancient city.

(Hank McCall)

GUIDE TRAINEES NEEDED FOR NATURE TRAIL WALK

Guided walks on the Custard Apple Nature Trail in John Prince Park will resume on Saturday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m.

Anyone at all familiar with the trail can easily become a volunteer guide by making a couple of trips with an experienced leader and by reading our "Leaders Guide" for background information.

Walk participants usually gather first thing at the causeway corner of Marsh Lake for a glimpse of whatever birds are available. The walk then begins either along the marsh-side trail or at "D" Entrance, continues around or through the native plant area to the boardwalk observation tower, and then back on whatever

trail preferred to the parking lot near the Bulletin Board. The walk usually takes from 1½ to 2 hours, depending on the interest shown and the size of the group (may be 4 or 5, may be 18 or 20).

We have several dedicated volunteers who lead as many as six walks per season, others who handle only one - and we thank them all and bless them for their service to the Audubon cause of advancing environmental education. But we badly need other interested volunteers. It's certainly not a hard job, you don't have to know all the answers (sometimes the questions are a little strange, too), and it is most refreshing to get out into the open early on a Saturday morning.

Please contact me at 585-3968 (evenings) if you may be able to help us with this project.

(Ruth Trumpower)

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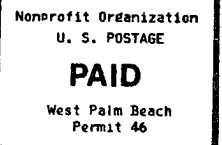
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Sales Table Chairman Stella Rossi says she has more of the beautiful big Audubon calendars - and they cost less than the usual big calendars sold elsewhere. They can really stuff a stocking - and your relative or friend can't help but remember you all year long.

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