

DR. PRITCHARD TO SPEAK  
ON GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Dr. Peter C.H. Pritchard, Florida Audubon's Vice President for Science and Research, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday evening, September 2nd.

Born and raised in England, Dr. Pritchard was educated in London and Belfast before moving to Florida in 1965 when he entered the University of Florida to earn his doctorate in Zoology.

Dr. Pritchard has been on the staff of Florida Audubon since 1973. He has authored several books and many scientific papers, reports and articles, primarily on marine turtles. His expertise in this field makes him a valuable member of the numerous committees on which he serves throughout Florida and the United States, as well as internationally. He is currently co-chairman of the U.S. Sea Turtle Recovery Team and Chairman of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Tortoise Specialist Group.

He has traveled extensively in Central and South America, working with many governments on sea turtle projects. In June of this year he worked on a major filming project on the Galapagos Islands - the subject of his talk to us. Be sure to vote first - then bring your friends and

join us for an interesting tour of the Galapagos Islands at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd, at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park. (Leah Schad)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:30 a.m. - Peacock Pond. Meet at the Publix parking lot, Wellington. Snail kites were still there recently.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8:30 a.m. - Barley Barber Swamp. Trip limited to 25, but only 8 signed up to date. Call me, 746-3545 (evenings before 8 p.m., please). Directions from W. P.B. - west on SR.710 through Indian-town to second blinking light, left at blinker and guide will meet us at the gate. (Sylvia Guadagnoli)

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

ASE will sponsor three bus trips during the 1986-87 season.

#1 will be a day trip to High-lands Hammock State Park on Saturday, November 1. Bring lunch. Bus leaves at 6:30 a.m., returns at 5:30 p.m. (all trips leave and return to the W.P.B. Garden Club parking area). Cost - \$15. Call Barbara Wilson at 588-0420 (between 4 and 8 p.m.) for

reservations. Checks due October 1.

#2 is a weekend trip to Merritt Island, etc., February 21-22. We leave at 6:30 a.m. Saturday and return at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost - \$50 per person double occupancy. Bring 2 lunches. Dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday on your own. Area restaurants near motel.

We will stop and bird Jack Island at Ft. Pierce Saturday morning, have a picnic lunch at Sebastian Inlet State Park, and visit the Melbourne Sewage Plant in the afternoon before arriving at our motel in Cocoa. Sunday morning we bird along Black Point Road on Merritt Island and have a picnic lunch at Playlandia Beach before starting home. I have arranged a visit to the Brevard Museum for our Saturday night entertainment, when Johnny Jones will present "Birds of Brevard County." Call me, 746-3545 (evenings before 8 p.m., please) for reservations. Checks due January 21.

#3 will be a day trip to Everglades National Park on Saturday, April 4. Bring a lunch. Bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. Cost - \$15. Call Cecil Kilmer, 433-9086, for reservations. Checks due March 4.

Mail all checks (payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades) to Sylvia Guadagnoli, 19324 Caribbean Court, Jupiter 33469. All trips will be opened to the public via newspaper and radio advertisements one month before each trip. All checks will be held until 2 weeks before each trip. Any cancellations before that time will pay a \$10 handling fee for the weekend trip and a \$5 handling fee for the day trips. No refunds after 2 weeks prior to each trip.

(Sylvia Guadagnoli)

#### REPORT FROM ASE PRESIDENT

While the summer of '86 is quickly winging by, our ASE chapter and its Board of Directors have been busily engaged in working on every possible Audubon concern or activity which has come this way. This report just high-

lights some of the efforts to keep and protect our fragile South Florida environment and habitat.

The case to keep Red Reef and Jupiter Rocks at Boca from being covered by sand from beach renourishment goes on with the approval of the suggestion by our attorney to join forces with the coalition which is also fighting to save the reef.

The court case being conducted by Attorney Esther Zaretsky, pro bono, to prevent outsiders from entering private property to distribute treated seed pellets to enable peacock capture won a stay from the Judge to stop action pending appeal.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Harbor Patrol has agreed to evict squatters from one of our Audubon sanctuary islands. The campers were discovered when an ASE group visited the island recently for cleanup purposes.

The South Florida Water Management Governors have granted a permit for a shellrock mining operation at US 441 and Lantana Road, but conditioned on on-site water retention.

The new Audubon Society of the Everglades telephone number is 588-6098. Our answerphone gives information about meetings, names of committee persons to call for certain information, and also takes messages for the president to answer or refer to the appropriate person.

Don't forget - we need more volunteers to help with our many and varied jobs. (Chuck Potter)

#### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Boca Raton: Mike & Lynne Malone,  
Sara Jean Peters

Lake Worth: Linda R. Beane, Jineen Cronin

Lantana: John T. Moore

North Palm Beach: Mrs. Dorothy I  
Davies

Palm Beach Gardens: Dr. Gilbert  
Friedman

Questa: Philip Y. and Susan C.  
Brennan

West Palm Beach: Rex W. Hitchcock,  
Marion N. Johnston, Samuel T. Marvin,  
Kenneth Prentice, Keith T. Rott,  
West Palm Beach Garden Club  
(Muriel Huxtable)

## BIRDS OF THE SUFFOLK SANDLING

Our dormitory for this study course was the Crown Inn, built before Columbus sailed to America. Located in the little village of Snape, it gave us a base for field trips with hard-core English bird observers.

Mr. Mike Hall, the leader, is a man of vast knowledge on ornithology, geology, local history, and plants from heather to the giant oaks. His enthusiasm exceeds his knowledge.

Minsmere, some twenty miles away, consists of 1500 acres of reserve governed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Starting from the North Sea going west, this land includes beach, sand-covered dikes, the "Scrape," reed beds and pools, farms, mature forest, and heather. A series of "hides," which are rough viewing buildings, surround the pools. Admission is by permit only, but large crowds gladly pay stiff admission fees on the weekends. If you can imagine 300 cars converging on Loxahatchee Refuge, you will get the idea.

Inside the hides, the observers are very friendly and helpful. They try to make sure each person sees all the birds to be seen. Telescopes, binoculars and cameras with long lens are everywhere.

We saw avocet, common terns, shovelers, scaup, Canada geese, red shanks and stints. Once a marsh harrier flew by and caused great excitement among the watchers. Our new life birds were the bearded tit and Savi's warbler.

At sunset we departed and headed back to our ancient inn for a seat in its pub, a mug of beer and rabbit pie.  
(Hank McCall)

## KITE STRINGS

The Florida Audubon Society's 1986 Annual Convention is slated for November 7-9 at Riverside Villas Resort in Homosassa. Complete details and registration form will appear in the Fall 1986 issue of THE FLORIDA NATURALIST.

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A letter from Sally and Saul Rimberg says they are spending their vacation at the University of Maine summer school, with birding side-trips to sanctuaries and a boat trip down the Penobscot River. Saul promises an article about their adventures and I hope other summer travelers with interesting stories will also share them with us.

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Surely you didn't miss the good news, but in case you did - Governor Graham has issued an executive order directing state agencies to begin the immediate cleanup of Lake Okeechobee by implementing proposals presented in the recent report of the Lake Okeechobee Technical Committee. ASE Conservation Committee Chairman Cissy Durando was a member of that committee, with other local environmentalists also providing some input to the experts.

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Excerpt from the Florida Ornithological Newsletter - "Because the use of audio devices to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating/nesting activities, authorities at Everglades National Park . . . have prohibited the use of any audio or mechanical device . . . I do not know whether this regulation includes pishing, so be cautious. Don't get caught pishing in the park. (God, no typos here, please.)"

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## CONSERVATION REPORT

The biggest environmental victories these past two weeks are postponements. Those of you who have birded at Smith's Dairy and Peacock Pond will have to chew your nails another 30 days. If public hearings are not your bag, please write or phone me your bird list from these two areas. Please write a note to Dan Cary, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 50 Kindred Street, Stuart, concerning Smith's Dairy, and to William Sadowski, Chairman of the Board of SFWMD, concerning both projects. Advise them that you have birded in the area(s) and that they are necessary habitats for the species involved and are treasured birding areas.

Do contact Representative Dan Mica and Senators Chiles and Hawkins to urge their support of HR. 5043 and S. 1494. These are bills that would ban new billboards on federal highways, tree cutting on public land for billboard visibility, allow states and communities to pass more restrictive billboard laws, and end federal monies to the billboard industry. There is a Capitol switchboard number, 202/224-3121, that you can call and leave a message for any member of Congress.

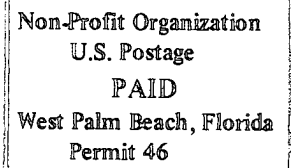
We must pressure Representative Mica to co-sponsor HR. 4567, the Acid Rain bill. The Superfund bill failed us in several important respects, but we must be successful with the acid rain problem. NAS feels there were some significant improvements in the Superfund bill, but citizens still do not have standing in many instances; no completion of a Superfund cleanup is required during the next five years, and only 375, out of an EPA estimate of 2000 dumps that need attention, are all that will be started.

We also understand that the Endangered Species Act has been floundering and is in need of your support; urge strengthening of same.

Next Conservation Committee meeting - Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., home of Ruth Trumpower, 165 Auburn Drive, Lake Worth. (Cissy Durando)

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