



# EVERGLADE KITE

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Our speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 3 will be Barry Jennings, Forest Area Supervisor of Dupuis Reserve State Forest. Barry's topic will be an orientation to the state forest.

The Dupuis Reserve (formerly Whitebelt Ranch) was a Save the Rivers project. It consists of 21,875 acres of pastures, pine flatwoods, and cypress forest in northwestern Palm Beach County and southwestern Martin County. The property also contains ponds wet prairies, cypress domes, and a remnant of Everglades marsh.

Barry is a graduate of the Univ. of Florida with a bachelor's degree in Forest Resources and Conservation. Before attending the university, he received an Associates of Science in Biological Parks Management at Santa Fe Community College. While at Santa Fe CC both Barry and his wife, Mar Lou, were bird of prey rehabilitators. They aided red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks, ospreys, and bald eagles back to health, then released them on their property in northern Florida. Barry describes this period as a "very rewarding experience". He has also worked at the Biological Park at Santa Fe CC, as well as with Dr. Jacobsen at the University of Florida Veterinary School.

Barry is a past member of the Audubon Society who describes himself as being "very environmentally concerned".

Please join us at 7:30pm in the Garden Club for an enjoyable evening. Our mini program will be focusing on the birds of the Dupuis Reserve.

--Jeannie Girard

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**AUDUBON  
BIRDATHON**

The Everglades Audubon Board is getting ready for Bird-a-thon '93. Bird-a-thon is a fundraiser with dynamic potential for all Audubon chapters. Over \$1.3 million has been raised around the nation in support of the NAS and local Audubon projects.

We are looking for that special person to spearhead this years Bird-a-thon. Fresh ideas and approaches are always welcome. If you think you are that someone contact one of the board members.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### \*\*\* AWARD NOMINATION \*\*\* OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

This award is given to that chapter which exemplifies the Florida Audubon grassroots advocacy goal at the local level.

Reason: The Audubon Society of the Everglades has been one of the most, if not the most active chapter in the state on conservation issues. The chapter is involved in protecting our environment at various hearings at the town, county, and state levels. Cissie Durando, Chuck Potter, Stella Rossi and Jeannie Girard are the very active members locally who attend all the important meetings and speak out on environmental issues. The very active conservation committee gives briefings in our newsletter, The Everglades Kite, and at our monthly meetings to keep us all abreast of what is going on and initiate our help by having additional members appear at important meetings and to make contact with important people in decision making positions.

Despite the rapid growth in our county, our chapter has been a good example of what can be done to preserve what we have left.

Our chapter has cooperated with the Sierra Club, Native Plant Society and Nature Conservancy to carry out these common goals.

Our chapter has been outstanding in it's educating not only our members but local school children. Scholarships are awarded to nature camps and prizes given for outstanding exhibits by school children. Most notable is Ornithological Library at the County Library on Summit Boulevard, which is probably the most outstanding bird library in the state. It has served as reference for local students and artists as well as enjoyment of many people interested in birds, both here and abroad. The excellence of this library is attributable to Gloria Hunter who has pursued this endeavor with much vigor.

Our chapter has had outstanding leaders through the years, such as Leah Schad who went on to become an important member of both the state and National Audubon societies;

Chuck Potter, a leading environmentalist; and Cissie Durando who has carried the torch like no one else ever has for conserving in Palm Beach County. We don't like to toot our own horn, but we are without a doubt the outstanding Audubon Chapter in the state of Florida and I think we deserve this outstanding Chapter Award for grass roots advocacy goals at the local level.

-- Dr. Elwood D. Bracey, M.D.

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Remember to vote before coming to this months meeting on November 3. It is our responsibility to be informed and a privilege to make a choice, so let's all get out to the polls on this important day.

Last month's impressive speaker, Joe Podgar, Executive Director of The Friends of the Everglades, said of politicians if only they would 1) say what they mean and 2) do what they say. That certainly would make our choices a lot easier.

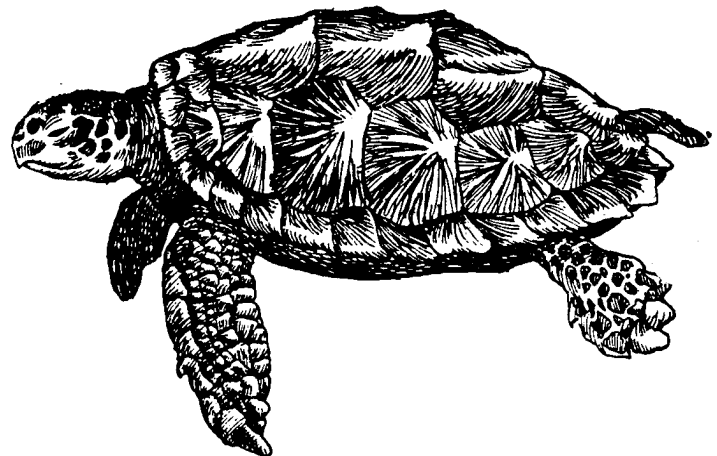
Speaking of choices, we have been chosen the outstanding Audubon chapter in the state! (see previous article) I'm proud of our organization and agree we deserve to win.

--Elwood D. Bracey, M.D.

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#### Editor's Note--

Joe Podgar extended an invitation to our members to attend The Friends of the Everglades Annual meeting at the Fairchild Tropical Gardens on November 15 at 1pm.



## CONSERVATION REPORT

Our good neighbors to the north in Martin County have asked us for our public voices to come to their aid. Really, it is to both of our counties' advantage to support the listing of the Pal-Mar area for purchase, to be advanced from #48 to at least #30 on the C.A.R.L. priority list. Martin county has committed \$1 million and we need to contribute letters to Dr. Greg Brock, LAAC Coordinators, DNR Mail Sta. 410, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd. Tallahassee, 32399, before November runs out!!

As a reward for this good deed, you are invited to participate in a nature walk led by the immitable Maggy Hurchalla, through Pal-Mar. Meeting will be at the South Fork High School on SR711 at 2:45, Sunday, November 8. Take I95 to Hobe Sound (SR708) exit. Go west 2 miles to SR711, and continue north about 2 miles.

Those of you not familiar, Pal-Mar straddles the 2 counties and serves as a wildlife corridor from Johnathan Dickinson SP to the Corbett Area. It is a beautiful example-27,500 acres-of wetlands, cypress, and pine flatwoods. It hosts just about all the native animal species of south Florida.

Some of us as individuals have joined with a national organization: Clean Water Action, to formally ask for cooperation from the Sugar Cane League to drop delaying tactics such as lawsuit, and get on with some co-operation and pay a fair share of the phosphorus reduction costs in cleaning up the Everglades. There was not a time before the 1st press announcement to have a chapter board vote. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

At last weeks SFWMD board meeting much was made of the prospect of mediation between the state and the agriculture industry. One can mediate labor disputes, but I fail to see how this can be applied to testing the hypothesis of proving (or disproving) that marsh areas will turn out cleaner water from the discharge end.

Some of us who consider ourselves thoughtful and mindful of the problems, wish to see in the long term, a total re-plumbing of the way the District operates. A simplified statement would say the water needs to once, more slowly, move south and be the salvation of E.N.P. and Florida Bay, and from our county- North of the refuge for the Loxahatchee Slough and River. This would eventually aid our degraded Lake Worth and probably the off shore reefs covered with algae.

But what we also witnessed at last Thursday's board meeting was a knee-jerk capitulation to a crowd from the Everglades area of our county, who were then complaining their front lawns were wet too long, and horror of all horrors: mosquitoes and alligators!! Not a word of verification or mention that we also have the latter in coastal canals and airports! not a mention of the fact that the C-51 (Palm Beach Canal) had reached its capacity in the '70's, and that was the reason the SFWMD passed its own Basin Rule declaring all development in the C-51 Basin would have to retain, on site, all water it displaced by contruction.

Courage and honesty are difficult concepts to cling to when in the public eye. It will be interesting to see how things play out.

--Cissie Durando

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### \*\* NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE \*\*

The Nature Center at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is offering a six-week long course in nature photography taught by John Lopinot, Staff Photographer for the Palm Beach Post.

The class will consist of lectures, field trips, and critiques. Class begins Wednesday, January 13, from 7-9pm, field trips will be held on Saturdays. Fee is \$150.

For more information contact Ranger Leni Bane at 624-6952.

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# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- 17 Jonathan Dickinson SP  
8am--meet at entrance, fall migrants are at their peak. Canoe the Loxahatchee River after the nature walk.
- 24 Pine Jog Educator's Workshop  
9am-3--Project Wild; fee.
- 31 Tradewind Park & Butterfly World  
9am SHARP (for group rates)--I95 to Sample Road (SR836), west to entrance. Bring lunch. Leader-Hal Wiedemann

## NOVEMBER

- 6-8 Florida Audubon Society  
FAS Annual convention at the Sheraton Hotel on Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale.
- 7 Blowing Rocks Preserve  
10am-noon--Dr. Daniel Austin, one of Florida's foremost native plant authorities will explore the coastal strand and dune at the Nature Conservancy preserve. \$7 fee
- 10 John Prince Park  
7:30am--meet opposite campground office. Dorothy Brindle will lead.

## 11 Conservation Meeting

- 7:30pm--Ruth Trumpower's home
- 14 Loxahatchee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge  
7:30am--west on Boynton Bch. Blvd. (SR804); then 2 miles south on US441, the brown sign on the right marks the entrance. Meet at the Marsh Trail. This is the first of several trips to this preserve which is really a diamond in our own backyard.
- 15 Pine Jog Open House

## DECEMBER

- 5 Dupuis Reserve & Wildlife Environmental Area.  
8am--West on B-Line Hwy (SR710), turn west on SR76 before crossing St. Lucie Canal. The turn will be to the right and pass under SR710. Go along south bank of canal. Reserve will be several miles further on right side. Meet at Entrance gate 2 on SR76 South.
- 8 Hungry Man Slough-Corbett Area  
7:30am--West on Northlake Blvd. to Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd., turn right for 3 miles to youth camp entrance

Nature Conservancy-----575-2297  
Fla. Audubon Society--(407)260-8300  
Pine Jog -----686-6600  
Hal Wiedemann -----844-4903

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