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CALENDAR

*ASE ACTIVITIES
Field Trip Information
585-7714 / 689-1019*

JUNE

- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**
ASE General Meeting -
Resee Collins, Curator- FAS Center
for Birds of Prey Details opposite
- 19 **Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**
ASE Board Meeting; Ruth Trumpower's
home - 585-3968

Other Activities

MAY

- 23 Claudine Laabs Photography Exhibit
through September;
Everglades Restoration Campaign Offices,
Brickell Ave. (305) 371-6399

JUNE

- 8-12 **NATIONAL AUDUBON 1996 CONVENTION**
Workshops, Field Trips, Learning Labs;
The American University
4400 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 303-499-3622

*Custard Apple Nature Trail Clean-up
Thursdays 8:30 am - 10:30 am.*

**LIVE ANIMALS
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST**

Bring your children, grandchildren or neighbors to ASE summer programs. Birds, bats, and snakes enliven our quiet summer. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m., at the WPB Garden Clubhouse.



**RESEE COLLINS
from
FAS Birds of Prey Center**

Our guest speaker for June 4 will be Resee Collins, Curator at Florida Audubon's Madalyn Baldwin Birds of Prey Center in Maitland.

Ms. Collins will treat us with a discussion of Birds of prey along with a selection from the Center of live birds.

The Center for Birds of Prey is renowned for its work with endangered and threatened species like the Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon. The Center's goal is to get the over 600 injured birds of prey that are admitted annually back into their natural habitats. Those birds that sustain permanent injuries stay at the Center in a large outdoor aviary which is open to the public.

Come join us, Tuesday evening, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Clubhouse on Dreher Park Trail, opposite the Scienc Museum. It will be a real treat!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's time to bring you up to date on the changes of board leadership which occurred at the April meeting. Jeannie Girard, our enthusiastic past president has moved to an at-large position. Jeannie has worked hard to keep the chapter strong, encourage new leadership and train me to take on the presidency. Her continued advice will be invaluable.

Seymour Miller has retired as treasurer and taken on the vice-presidency! Fiscally conservative, and an environmental education advocate, Seymour has good judgment and a knowledge of ASE chapter history. He also will be an important advisor.

Susan Korzenewski is moving from exhibits chair to an at-large position. Susan's creative displays and exhibits have been seen at the South Florida Fair, Earth Day, and many special events around Palm Beach County. Susan will continue to assist with exhibits.

Rhonda Wilson goes off the board having done a wonderful job over the years as program chair. She arranged a slate of interesting, entertaining, and thought-provoking programs. Thank you Rhonda!

Pat Tiller, past secretary, was faithful and efficient in covering board and general meetings. She provided valuable service to the chapter and we appreciate it.

Now it is time to highlight out new leaders. Phil Wagner, treasurer, is a CPA with public housing experience. Claudine Laabs, professional nature photographer will coordinate our monthly programs. Lorri Taylor, secretary, is a biology student at FAU and a part time assistant at Okechee Nature Center.

Jim Robinson has taken on the dual role of exhibits and sanctuaries. His background in biology and the south Florida environment is an asset for both of these jobs!

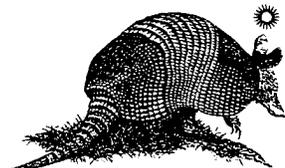
I am Susan Snyder, president. During the day I work as assistant principal of Grove Park Elementary School. In my free time I enjoy birding, canoeing, and the beach. I have loved nature since my mother took me on nature walks when I was a young girl. Call me at 968-0721 if you have ideas to improve our chapter or suggestions for fundraising and communication. I'd especially like to hear from you if you want to VOLUNTEER!

— Susan Snyder, President



GOOD NEWS FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Florida legislature funded Preservation 2000 for the seventh year. Present funding levels were maintained to Florida Communities Trust, Division of Forestry, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Division of Recreation and Parks, and Rails to Trails. Thank you for your calls and letters on this issue.



FIELD TRIP THANKS

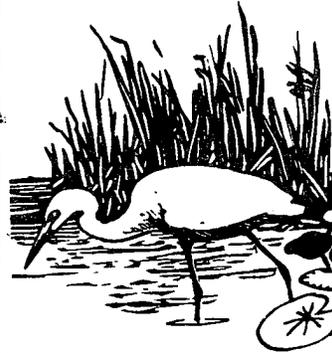
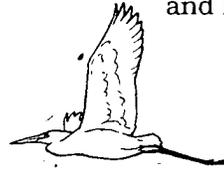
Now that the '95-'96 field trip season is complete I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who made it all possible. The difference between a pleasant walk in the park and a successful field trip is the leader, and we are blessed with some of the best.

Many thanks to:

Dorothy Brindle
Brian Hope
Howard Langridge
Al & Barb Liberman
Chuck Weber

Wally George
Gloria Hunter
Sylvia Moore
Alice Smith
Phil & Ann Weinrich

and Hal Wiedemann



Again, this summer, Gloria Hunter will lead a trip to the Belle Glade area in search of shorebirds. This is an exceptional trip to the seasonal field flooding at Duda Ranch and is an excellent opportunity to view a large variety of migrating shorebirds. If interested, please contact Gloria at 585-7714.

Be prepared for heat - sunscreen, hats, There is NO SHADE

— Ray Buchholz,
Field Trip Chair



INTERNET NEWS

If you are not on Compuserve you can still access much of the same information from National Audubon on Audubon's two list servers.- AUDUBON CHAT and AUDUBON NEWS.

A network of Audubon advocates who discuss birds, wildlife and conservation issues can be found on AUDUBON CHAT. AUDUBON NEWS is a read-only network designed to send news automatically to you. To subscribe to either or both, send an e-mail message to: majordomo@igc.apc.org and request to subscribe to AUDUBON CHAT and/or NEWS. At the same address you can also subscribe specifically to Audubon Florida legislative information.



PHONE TREE BRANCHES

The Phone Tree is reaching out for new branches and needs to hear from those who wish to be a part of the tree.

A phone tree theory is very simple. When critical local and national issues are up for discussion or vote, contacts are made via the phone tree line. You simply call the person(s) on a list provided, relay the action to take, (e.g. call your representative/senator, etc.) That person will in turn call her contact person(s) and so forth and so on. Critical time can saved and voices can be heard whether in Tallahassee or Washington D.C.

Contact Jeannie Girard at 965-1390 to sign on.



**ADOPT-A BIRD
AT
BIRDS OF PREY CENTER**

You can help the Florida Audubon Society's Birds of Prey Center by adopting a bird.

Your adoption includes a picture and biography of the bird you select, a personalized certificate, a membership card that entitles the adoptive parent to free admission into the Center and a subscription to the Florida Raptor News, a quarterly newsletter. Prices for adoptions vary depending on the type of bird you select. And the best part is you do not have to wait in a long line. Just call 1-800-874-BIRD to adopt.



**SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS TO SOLVE
NUISANCE WILDLIFE**

Those of you who are urban dwellers can greatly reduce nuisance problems you may be having with raccoons, armadillos, foxes or other wildlife by following a few basic precautions.

- Do not feed wild animals and birds unless you want to deal with attracting unwanted species to your neighborhood.
- Secure garbage cans with tight lids;
- Do not leave bowls of dog and cat food outside;
- Seal small access holes in eaves of your home;
- Clean up dense brush piles;
- To keep rabbits out of the garden, install a chicken wire fence;
- Don't throw food or fish scraps into the water in areas where alligators might be attracted.



**TERRYTOWN
PUBLIC WATERFOWL AREA
OPEN TO BIRDERS**

The Terrytown PWA, located 23 miles south of South Bay on Highway 27, is now open for recreational activities such as birdwatching and biking. The area, consisting of 3,024 acres of former sod fields, represents the first of over 35,000 acres scheduled to be developed into Stormwater Treatment Areas as directed by the Florida Everglades Forever Act. The Game and Freshwater Fish Commission manages the property under agreement with the South Florida Water Management District.

The same shallow-water marshes which attracted ducks to Terrytown also brought several thousand wading birds, including white and glossy ibis, wood storks, roseate spoonbills, snowy egrets and many other species.

There are three access roads running north into Terrytown from the L-5 levee. These are kept gated but bicycles are allowed on the levee roads. A nice 5-6 mile loop ride could be made using the central and western roads and birds can be seen in the adjacent canals as well as alligators, turtles, and other water-loving creatures.

For more information and maps contact the Fla. Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission at (407) 640-6100.



**1996 PATHFINDER
ASE SCHOLARSHIP**

Amy Rosensweig, a senior student at Wellington High School was the recipient of the Special Scholarship Award funded through the Audubon Society of the Everglades. Amy's project was research done on hydroelectric energy as an alternative fuel source.

The Pathfinder award was presented by Cissie Durando to Amy at the awards ceremony, May 1, at the Kravis Center. Amy was among other seniors from local high schools being honored with prestigious Pathfinder Scholarships.

ASE, along with other local businesses, help fund these scholarships to give opportunities and recognition to our seniors who have excelled in a specific subject.



NEW FAS ADDRESS

Florida Audubon Society has moved it's offices in the Orlando area. Here is their new address:

FAS
1331 Palmetto Avenue
Suite 110
Winter Park, Florida 32789
(407) 539-5700



**MANGROVE BILLS
CONSIDERATION ON THE FLOOR**

Two mangrove bills, HB975 by Rep. Safley and SB508 by Senator Latvala, are both in the House waiting for consideration on the floor. While neither bill is anywhere near as strong as needed SB508 is substantially stronger in its efforts to protect mangroves from excessive trimming.



Issue of the Month

**Contact your
Representative
and tell him/her to
support
Mangrove Bill SB508
by Senator Latvala
and oppose any
amendments to
weaken the bill.
Phone number for all
Legislators is
(904) 488-1234**



AUDUBON VOLUNTEERS GIVEN AWARD FOR TRAIL WORK

Audubon Society of the Everglades, Inc. received an award from the country's Parks and Recreation Department at the annual April luncheon honoring its many volunteers. Given by the Natural Areas Section of the department, the award recognized Barbara Liberman, Jeannie Girard, Lillian Niemi and Ruth Trumppower for their maintenance work along the Custard Apple Trail in John Prince Park.

For the first time the department established an award to staff member nominated by the volunteers as being exceptionally helpful and cooperative in working with volunteers.

Nature Co-Chair, Barbara Liberman and I were very pleased that our nominee, Lorraine Masencup, received this award. She has been extremely helpful and concerned with Audubon's trail maintenance project.

— Ruth Trumppower, Nature Trail Chair



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ASE MEMBERS

Cecil Kilmer received the ASE Rare Avis award for longtime service to the chapter. Through the years, Cecil has helped to give ASE the political clout it carries today in environmental issues.

Hal Weidemann received recognition from Loxahatchee National History Association. He has contributed 4000 hours of volunteer service at the Loxahatchee Refuge. Hal received a set of Duck Stamp pictures and a paperweight.



"Nothing but what you volunteer has the essence of life, the springs of pleasure in it. These are the things you do because you want to do them, the things your spirit has chosen for its satisfaction..."

— Woodrow Wilson



Deadline for Articles in July Issue is June 15.

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