



# EVERGLADE KITE

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## CALENDAR

ASE Activities in **BOLD** Print

### SEPTEMBER

- 28 **Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**  
Spanish River Park, Boca Raton, Meet  
at south side of Spanish River Blvd.  
just west of A1A - Leader - Brian Hope.

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**  
**ASE General Meeting -**  
**Pat Dailey - "Environmental Landscaping"**  
**Details opposite**
- 5-13 National Wildlife Refuge Week  
See article inside *Kite*
- 5 **Saturday, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Barley Barbar Swamp**  
**Meet at entrance to Florida Power &**  
**Light Co., S.R. 710, west of Indiantown.**  
**Leader - Sylvia Moore**
- 8 **Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**  
**John D. MacArthur Beach State Park**  
**Meet at Phil Foster parking lot, north**  
**side of Blue Heron bridge to carpool.**
- 16 **Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**  
**ASE Governing Board Meeting;**  
**Ruth Trumpower's home - 968-0721**
- 19 **Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**  
**John D. MacArthur Beach State Park**  
**Meet at Phil Foster parking lot, north**  
**side of Blue Heron bridge to carpool.**
- 26 **Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Semi-Annual ASE sponsored Exotics**  
**Removal from Custard Apple Trail,**  
**located in John Prince Park**
- 29-30 **Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**Conference on Sustainable Agriculture**  
**Clayton Hutcheson Bldg. Details in *Kite*.**

ASE Field Trip Information  
585-7714 / 689-1019

## General Meeting

**PAT DAILEY,**  
*Environmental Horticulture Consultant*  
*& Mini Program on Raptors*

Pat Dailey's program tells us how to utilize "easy to care for" plants to provide food and habitat for wildlife. Learn how to attract butterflies how to attract birds without a feeder!

Ms. Dailey studied horticulture through UF Extension Services and through Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association. She has taught at PBCC and Florida Atlantic University and has experience in interior foliage as well as landscape design, installation and maintenance. She currently works as a consultant for both private and commercial clients.

Our mini program will be slides presented by Al Liberman on the peak migration of raptors, particularly the hawks. Come join us for an evening full of very good information and refreshments to boot.

## NAS Refuge Campaign Kick-Off at Pelican Island NWR

Audubon's Refuge Campaign's Kick-Off begins during National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 5-13. and NAS is launching their campaign from Pelican Island NWR, our first refuge established in 1903 by President Roosevelt. Pelican Island, a small parcel of land in the intracoastal is situated just north of us in Sebastian.

For more information about Refuge Week and the campaign, contact the NWR Campaign Organizer, Lora Wondolowski at 202/861-2242; e-mail lwondolowski@audubon.org.

## Audubon Adventures Campaign a Success

ASE members are the best! We asked for donations to sponsor Audubon Adventures Clubs in our local classrooms. You responded with over \$700 in donations which will allow 20 new Clubs to operate in our childrens schools. *Thank you!!*

## From the President . . . by Susan Snyder

Audubon Society of the Everglades is proud to announce a conference on Sustainable Agriculture in Palm Beach County and South Florida which will be held in partnership with Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service. This important conference, to be held on October 29-30, and will have participants from local, state and national levels. The agricultural, economic, environmental, political, and scientific communities will be represented. Details on registration are in the flyer found in the *Kite*.

I would like to share the evolution of this conference. For a long time ASE has been fighting for the future of the Everglades. The degradation of this ecosystem has many causes including: decreased water storage area, runoff, over channelization, vegetable, citrus, sugar, and cattle production, destruction of wetlands,

and increased population and urbanization.

Recently, ASE has been concerned with the simplistic solution of solely blaming and taxing the sugar corporations. For this reason, we have not supported the Save Our Everglades referendum. We believe our mission is to protect the environment. We have not wavered in the fight for a sustainable environment. We are most interested in beginning restoration and seeking common ground between diverse interests while acknowledging the realities of economics.

At a meeting of the Southeast Audubon Chapters, Seymour Miller had a discussion with Dr. Stuart Strahl, Director, NAS Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Campaign, about the relationship between agriculture and the environment. From this discussion Seymour conceived of organizing a major conference on sustainable agriculture. It would fit in well with

the ASE mission. As Seymour said, "It is crucial to manage the environment in a sustainable way so that both agriculture and a good environment can be maintained."

Seymour shared the idea with our board and then contacted Clayton Hutcheson, Director of the Palm Beach County Extension Service. The hard work of conference planning was done by Clayton, various extension and local representatives, and ASE members, Lea Schad and Rosa Durando. Seymour suggested seeking sponsors to underwrite the cost.

Seymour took a good idea and nourished it by requesting and receiving support from Clayton Hutcheson. Together we can begin to look at long range solutions. Many thanks to both men for this opportunity to attend such a conference.

Will Seymour inspire you to become a more active member of ASE? I hope so!

## Events to Watch For . . .

### Conference on Sustainable Agriculture

"Sustainable Agriculture in Palm Beach County and South Florida", sponsored by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service and ASE will take place at the Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Service Center, 559 N Military Trail, on October 29 & 30. (see article above) With this issue of the *Kite* we are including a brochure on the conference which should be of interest to all our members. While there is no registration fee, we must know how many lunches we will be serving. Please complete the form and return it immediately. We are all looking to a productive 2 day dialogue.

### Audubon Technology Meeting

Interested in technology? Willing to share ideas to get ASE into the Information Age? Join us Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at the WPB Garden Club prior to our General Meeting.

### Exotics Removal on Trail

ASE's Nature Trail Committee is sponsoring another Exotics Removal project on Saturday, October 26 from

9 am until noon at the Custard Apple Trail in John Price Park. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. We hope some Audubon Adventures Clubs members will join us again. Tools, gardening gloves and soft drinks will be provided or you may bring your own. Meet opposite the campground office. This will be the first of 3 special work sessions in the nature trail area. For more information please call Ruth Trumpower at 585-3968 or Barbara Liberman at 967-2909.

### Florida's Population Growth

Finding solutions to Florida's explosive population growth will be the topic at "Forging Florida's Future", November 15-16 at Rollins College in Winter Park.

Florida is one of the fastest growing areas in the world with a growth rate that exceeds those of India, China and Japan, according to symposium organizers.

Speakers at the conference include Peter Kostmayer, Executive Director of Zero Population Growth, Maggy Hurchalla, Clay Henderson, Attorney Thomas Reese, and others. The event is co-sponsored by FSP, Rollins College, National Audubon Society's Population and Human Resources

Department, Sierra Club's Population Program, and Florida Council of Churches. For more information contact Gordon Williamson, Executive Director, FSP, phone 904/677-2007; e-mail FSP358585@aol.com.

### Holiday Auction

The ASE Holiday Auction will take place at our General Meeting Dinner, December 2, 1996.

Last year's auction was such a success we are repeating the event, this time with the support of local businesses as well as our faithful members.

For further information or to donate new or interesting items, please contact Carol Shields 964-1522.

## Volunteers are Needed

ASE has, unfortunately, lost our secretary to the more pressing needs of her scholastic endeavors. We are looking for someone to fill the chair.

We are also seeking committee members to help out with the South Florida Fair exhibit held at the end of January.

If you are interested in either position, contact Susan Snyder at 968-0721.

## Conservation Report . . . by Cissie Durando

By the time you loyal "Thinkers" read this, there is the possibility our County Commissioners will have weakened several ordinances Monday, September 16 on the final reading of the County's Unified Land Development Code. The lobbying groups for commercial excavation, vegetation protection, and ending local review of private dock permits have been outdoing themselves on influence pedaling. Aside from economic gain (short-term), the destruction of wetlands, habitat for endangered species, and seagrasses are at stake. Other clichés dragged out are "private property rights", "I have paid taxes", etc.

These unscientific, falsely engineered selfish arguments have gotten us to our present non-sustainable position in South Florida.

I asked you folks to call your local county commissioners at our last meeting, I'm not sure I really want to know how many did! Jeannie Girard has offered to start up a phone tree again (see article below), it could be our most significant tool of *alert*

leading to *action*. Please allow those great "thoughts" to translate to "action".

I get many "alerts" from NAS, FAS, Sierra, Florida Defenders of Environment, etc. The last mentioned had a short, extremely important, notice in regards to the long-delayed Ocklawaha River project. Remember the calamitous cross Florida Barge Canal proposal? You know it was stopped, but not before this great river was damaged by a dam impounding its free-flowing waters. A phone tree could have done a lot of good!

Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection held a public meeting last week to upgrade inspection of shellfish. The goal was to reduce the amount of poisons allowed in our surface waters. Again, short notification time, but needed brief public comment.

Refuge week is October 5-13. NAS is urging us to support our Refuges in particular, and all in general. The Omnibus Parks bill, HR1296, may end up being very bad for Refuges in general. Call or write

your Congress people. We need to reiterate our support for adequate funding for the Endangered Species Act, The National Biological Service, and the Land and Water Conservation fund. These are key to any ability to sustain our already sorely diminished ecosystems.

Forest Preservation is in trouble. S391 would foster more clear cutting by limiting legal standing challenges and other loopholes. HR 3662 would continue clear-cutting in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Speak up against to Congress.

If you are really a dynamic do-gooder, call Audubon Actionline 800/659-2622 and receive direct, timely, national bulletins.

Hope to see you at your chapter's answer to the Governor's Commission on a Sustainable South Florida: *Sustainable Agriculture in PBCC and South Florida*. After all, it is our county that figures most prominently in every way for the Restoration of the Everglades. We should know how both halves live and what prospects we have for the future.

## Issues To Act On . . .

In keeping with the new Strategic Plan for National Audubon here are the Priority Campaigns selected last June by the NAS Board through chapter solicitation.

### Endangered Species

Aimed at stopping rollbacks in and strengthening the current Endangered Species Act. *Staff Leader:* Kathleen Rogers, Wildlife Council, NAS, 1901 Pennsylvania Avenue NW #1100, Washington, D.C. 20006 202/861-2242; e-mail [krogers@audubon.org](mailto:krogers@audubon.org).

### Forest Habitat

To bring together regional forest campaigns and work to repeal the salvage rider and push for better management of public and private forests. *Staff Leader:* Alys Campaigne, Forest Habitat Campaign Manager, NAS, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003 phone 212/979-3078; e-mail [acampaigne@audubon.org](mailto:acampaigne@audubon.org).

### Wetlands

This will be done in two phases: First is to stop the 104th Congress from serious rollback of federal wetland protection. Second is national

education and policy change concerning value and public responsibility for surface waters and adjacent lands. *Staff Leader:* John Echeverria, General Council, NAS, Washington D.C. office; e-mail [jecheverria@audubon.org](mailto:jecheverria@audubon.org).

### Population and Habitat

This initiative will build constituency for international and domestic population programs with a focus on habitat loss in the Western Hemisphere. *Staff Leader:* Pat Waak, Director, Human Population & Resource Use Program, NAS, 4150 Darley Avenue, #7, Boulder, CO, 80303, phone: 303/499-0286; e-mail [pwaak@audubon.org](mailto:pwaak@audubon.org).

### National Wildlife Refuges

Builds on Audubon's long partnership around refuges to improve focus on birds and non-game wildlife and commit to helping celebrate the system's 100th anniversary in 2003. *Staff Leader:* Evan Hirsche, Wildlife Refuge Campaign Director, NAS, Washington, D.C. office; e-mail: [ehirsche@audubon.org](mailto:ehirsche@audubon.org).

(See article on Kick-Off)

## Legislative Influence

Would you like to influence your legislators but don't know how?

Would you like to help change things for the better, but you can't afford to go to long drawn out meetings and hearings during daytime hours? Do you have opinions you would like to make known, but don't know who to call?

If your answer is yes to any or all of the above, please consider joining our chapter's Phone Tree. For a few minutes a month you can be a part of a vital force. You can make your opinion known without ever leaving your home. For very little time or money, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For information, please call Jeannie Girard, 731-2931. The Phone Tree is gearing up for a busy legislative session. Join us. Be part of the action!

(Ed. note: Jeannie can also fill you in on any addresses, phone numbers or fax numbers on any of our political constituents.)



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REGISTRATION for SWAMPLAND TOUR - DECEMBER 7

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to:  
*Audubon Society of the Everglades*

and mail to:  
*Harold Wiedemann*  
901 Lake Shore Drive #101  
Lake Park, FL 33403-2847  
(407) 844-4903

\$16.00 cost covers the  
Swampland Boat Tour

**Field Trips . . . by Ray Buchholz**

Thanks to Gloria Hunter and all who attended her recent shorebird field trip to Duda Farms. I believe that a good time was had by all. Certainly, a number of interesting species were seen, not the least of which were the wildly spinning Wilson's Phalaropes and the Greater Flamingo of unknown origin.

I would like to thank everyone for their suggestions regarding the new 96-97 field trip schedule. All suggestions were considered by the committee and incorporated into the schedule when feasible. A good deal of interest has been shown for bus trips to Ding Darling

NWR and Merritt Island NWR. Unfortunately, restrictions affecting bus access at both locations have rendered visits of this type impractical. However, these are two locations that will receive strong consideration for weekend field trips in the future.

Upcoming in October are 2 trips to J.D. MacArthur Beach State Park and one to Barley Barbar Swamp. MacArthur Park is the location of a recent Thick-billed Vireo sighting.

Now is the time to begin thinking about the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee Swampland Boat Trip on December 7. If you are interested, contact Hal Wiedemann or send in the registration form above.

**The Audubon Society of the Everglades** General Meetings are held the **first Tuesday** of every month, **7:30 pm.**, at the **West Palm Beach Garden Club Center** - Dreher Park Trail, West Palm Beach. (opposite the Science Museum) The public is welcome.

Deadline for Articles in November Issue is October 15.

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