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CALENDAR

ASE Activities in **BOLD Print**

NOVEMBER

- 4 Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**
John Prince Park
Meet at opposite campground entrance.
Leader - Ethyl Kujanpaa
- 7 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**
ASE General Meeting
"Woodstorks & Corkscrew Swamp"
Presented by Ed Carlson, Sanctuary Mgr.
- 7-9 Florida Audubon Society Annual Meeting,**
Winter Park. Call 627-7829 for details.
- 8 Saturday, 8:30 a.m.**
Jonathan Dickinson State Park.
Meet at park entrance. Bring lunch.
Leaders - Phil & Ann Weinrich
- 29 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.**
Belle Glade Campground.
Meet at campground entrance.
To carpool meet at NW corner of
Four Points at 7:00 a.m. Bring lunch.
Leader - Chuck Weber

DECEMBER

- 6 Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**
Wakodahatchee Wetlands, Delray Bch.
Meet at the boardwalk 1 1/2 miles north
of Atlantic Ave. Leader - Ray Buchholz.

ASE Field Trip Information
585-7714 / 689-1019

Trail Maintenance - Volunteer Anytime
585-3968 or 965-2909 for details

General Meeting...

Wood Storks & The Corkscrew Swamp

Ed Carlson, Manager
Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



North America's only stork and truly endangered species, our Wood Storks historically have nested in the tall cypress trees of Corkscrew Swamp along the western edge of Big Cypress National Preserve. Big Cypress is part of the watershed that flows into the Everglades System.

Ed Carlson will be our guest speaker to tell us more about this enchanting part of South Florida. Ed Carlson has been the Manager of National Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary since 1983. Before becoming the sanctuary manager, Mr. Carlson was a member of the NAS Ecosystem Research team studying Corkscrew and Big Cypress.

Please join us on Tuesday,
November 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Club Building
in Dreher Park.

—Claudine Laabs
Program Chair

If you are a new member and did not receive our brochure for this year's upcoming events and field trips, give Ruth Trumpower a call at 585-3968 or Phyllis Cafarelli, Membership Chairperson, at 832-1272.

From the President . . .

by Susan Snyder

Children, live animals, learning games, activities, and snacks — that was the recipe for ASE's Young Naturalist Program. And what a successful recipe it was thanks to Carol Shields, who initiated and coordinated it, and Pat Althouse, who assisted.

Over 150 children and adults came out on a Saturday morning last month to participate in a wide range of activities.

Animal Olympics and Bird Adaptations were two active learning centers. (Can you hold your breath underwater as long as a manatee? Can you pick up seeds with a long thin beak?) These were run by Pine Job volunteers including Helen Beers, Terry Ranaldo, Joan Hourican and several students from the University of Wales.

Children made bird nests, pine cone feeders, origami birds and sunprints. Thanks to those managing these centers — Debi Castiglione, Barbara McLeod, Carole Parkes, Judy Perna, and Marci Perry. Tomi Freese, Diana Rivera, Stella Rossi, Belle Wolkoff and Harvey Rosenfeld assisted with registration, food, sales, and publicity. Stacey Johnson, Parl Beach Zoo, and David Hitzig, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary brought live animals.

When children find out about the natural environment through active involvement, their understanding of its complexities becomes more meaningful. Thanks to the great participation and volunteer help, ASE looks forward to expanding this program next year!

Holiday Hospitality . . .

by Tomi Freese

In December, join us for our annual Holiday dinner. ASE will provide turkey, beverage and dessert.

Bring a salad or vegetable dish to share (8 servings at least, *please!*).

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Come enjoy food and fellowship before the general meeting.

Questions? Call me at 585-4358.

Conservation Report . . . by Cissie Durando

It's a pleasure to communicate this month! If you missed the last general meeting, or didn't happen to see the 2 little notices in the Post on our Lennar settlement, I shall enjoy informing you all, we were vindicated in our challenge to the Water Management District's intent to issue a permit that would have allowed Lennar to proceed to develop last April. The destruction of over 600

acres of wetlands would have been well underway.

After insinuations and attempts at humiliation, denigration, discrediting and adamant refusal to improve the project over a 6-month period, we ended up called the shots.

The project is back to the drawing board before it comes back for permit. The development was dangerously close to impacting a publicly owned protected wetland," the Fox property. We instituted reference to the gradient rule

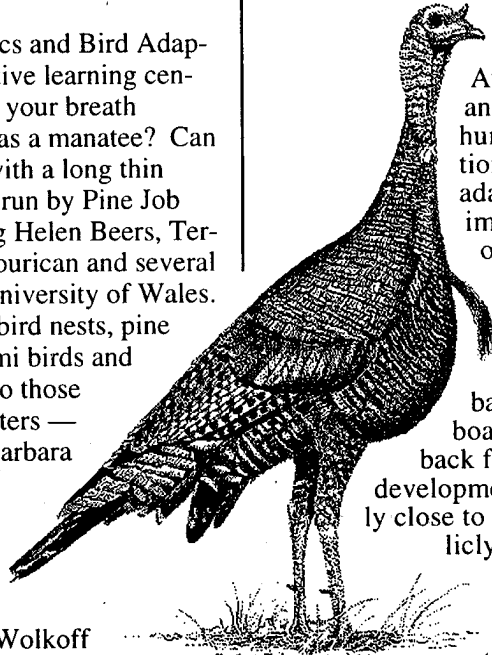
that the Water Management District passed in 1994 to protect protected wetlands. That stopped the show at the eleventh hour. There will be monitoring wells functioning before and monthly for 3 months after their lakes are dug, and then twice a year for 5 years. If there is an impact, they must remedy that in a designated time frame. There will be a limitation on using the lakes for irrigation.

Audubon will be allowed in their 200+ acres of preserve area for spring and Christmas bird counts. This tract is (hopefully not "was") home to snail kite, ibis, woodstork, limpkin, knight-crowned, little blue and great blue herons.

And: donate \$40,000 to the fund to buy land in "Unit II," a connecting greenway running southeast from Corbett, near the Pratt Whitney preserve and the north county airport preserve.

One of the proposed remedies if there is an impact on the Fox wetlands, will be a seepage barrier similar to what we got in Riverwalk, a Divosta development, just down the road.

So, that makes us 3 for 3 in our challenges these last 1 1/2 years. The local Sierra Club rode with us on this last venture. Always good to have numbers.



Vacancy to Fill . . .

The Audubon Society has a special chair vacant and would very much like to fill it with a person wishing to be in a leadership role.

We are searching for someone to prepare to become President of this naturalist organization for a term of 2 years. Someone who will continue moving ASE in a direction that helps to make a difference in our environment.

The President-Elect position prepares the individual for the duties of the President until they become elected to the President's seat during the next general voting session in April.

If interested, or just curious, give Susan, our current president, a call at 627-7829. This is a fantastic opportunity to take on a leadership role with many opportunities to promote the environment through our members and volunteers.

FYI . . .

Important and interesting meetings and workshops —

Sustainable Living in Florida

Statewide Workshops

West Palm Beach

November 8 — Saturday 9-12:30
no charge

Environmental Advisory Committee

Workshop on Wetland Mitigation

November 17 — Monday

Secret Woods Nature Center

Fort Lauderdale

no charge

P. Beach Co. Legislative Delegation

— NEEDS public input!

November 13 - Boynton City Hall

November 19 - PBCC North

December 10 - School Board

Forest Hill Blvd.

Fall Migration . . .

Fall migration is well underway as a cold chill begins to blanket the th.

Old friends such as the brilliant and beautiful Black-throated warbler, the American redstart, the Yellow-rumped warbler and the Palm warbler will return to the warmth of the south.

Palm Beach County has several public areas conducive to bird watching. These include:

Hungryland Trail and Boardwalk.

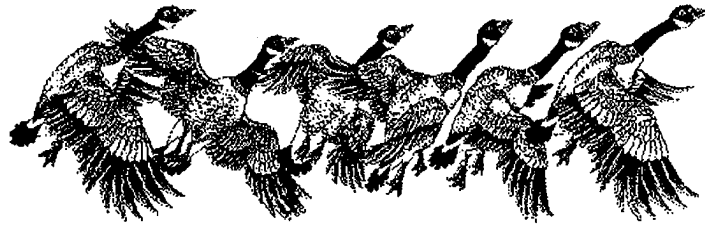
This 1.2 mile long trail is located within the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Mgmt. Area, a 60,000 acre wilderness area 20 miles west of West Palm Beach off Seminole Pratt Road.

Arthur Marshall NWR

This 145,635 acre refuge located off U.S. 441 in Boynton features a 1/2 mile Cypress Swamp Boardwalk and The Marsh Trail nearly a mile long

MacArthur Beach State Park

225 acres located near North Palm Beach and accessible via A1A South.



Field Trips . . . by Ray Buchholz

After three very fine and productive field trips in October, we now move ahead to the November portion of our schedule.

First up is a Tuesday trip at John Prince Park led by Ethyl Kujanpaa. This is always a fun place to visit, not to mention that it also one of the finest places around to see Limpkins and Canary-winged parakeets. Plan to join us there at the campground entrance on the 4th.

On Saturday, November 8, Phil and Ann Weinrich will again lead us through Jonathan Dickinson State

Park. Their knowledge of this unique area, and their ability to relate it is unsurpassed. If you've yet to attend one of these trips, don't miss this one. Completing the month's activities is a trip to the Belle Glade Campground (and beyond!) on the 29th. This trip will be led by Chuck Weber and always yields a good number of interesting species. Remember to pack a lunch for the trips to Jonathan Dickinson and Belle Glade.

Please see the calendar section on the front page for further details.

Silent Songbirds . . .

The recent wildfires in Southeast Asia are beginning to show their global effects.

Across parts of Indonesia and Malaysia there is an eerie sound of no sound at all. The songbirds have fallen silent as an after-effect of the environmental disaster.

Humans have been able to avoid the smoke by wearing masks or staying indoors, until fresh winds and rain have cleared deadly smoke clouds from that area. But the animals have no protection.

Nearly 2,000 elephants in central Sumatra are suffering from respiratory problems, and tigers fleeing into populated areas to escape the smoke, have killed at least 3 people.

On Borneo, several orphaned orangutans were found hungry and dehydrated in villages. It is estimated that only about two percent of the primates original habitat has survived the fires and manmade deforestation.

Editors Note: This valuable information and much more can be found www.earthweek.com on the internet. Weekly updates on the earth's status regarding animals, weather, plants, atmosphere are reported here.

Constitutional Revision Update . . .

On September 24-25, the Constitutional Revision Commission met in Tallahassee to hear public testimony and consider issues. A list of 363 proposals were discussed, narrowed to a list of 70.

During the final day, many speakers came forward on environmental issues. Listed below is a brief summary on some major points.

Environmental Bill of Rights -

The Commission agreed in concept to consider an Environmental Bill of Rights. There were no specific proposals. Clay Henderson is working on specific new language to be filed as an individual proposal.

Unification of Fish & Wildlife -

The majority agreed to refer the unification amendment to committee. This proposal would merge the functions of the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Game and Fresh Water fish Commission. Many felt the proposal should enhance our ability to protect marine resources.

Environmental Bonding Authority -

Article XII of Florida's current Constitution provides a limitation on bonding authority for the Land Acqui-

sition Trust Fund. This trust fund will expire in 2013. This effectively means that Preservation 2000 will really end in the year 2000. Environmental leaders throughout the state are calling upon the commission to remove the bond limitation and design a program to survive Preservation 2000.

Other Issues

Other constitutional issues of general concern to conservationists include:

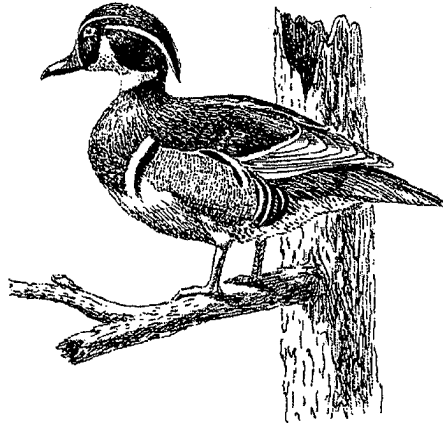
The Cabinet: Speculation on whether to eliminate the Cabinet altogether or to limit its size and scope. The Cabinet is important to conservationists because so many environmental issues go to the Cabinet for review. Like the Water Management Districts, the Cabinet meets in public and hears the opinions of environmentalists and other concerned citizens before reaching its decisions.

Tax issues: A possible state income tax. Florida is a "tax haven" state which is one of the reasons why we are growing so fast.

Committees will meet into next year and conduct public hearings with controlled agendas until May 5th, when they transmit proposals for the November 1998 ballot.

"The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes



**HELP
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**Exhibit
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Chairperson**

**Call Susan
Snyder
for more
information
at
627-7829**

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 December Issue is November 15.

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