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CALENDAR

SAT., Nov. 3, 9 a.m. - Beginning Bird Class. Pine Jog Envir. Education Center, WPB. Reservations required - 561-582-2235. Instructors: Ann Weinrich & Clive Pinnock.

TUES., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting - "WOODPECKERS: Endangered Birds - Endangered Forests" - Jerome Jackson, Ph.D., ornithologist and author.

SAT., Nov. 10 - Birding trip on restored Kissimmee River. Coordinator: Claudine Laabs.

TUES., Nov. 13, 8 a.m. - Birding at Grassy Waters Nature Center. Leader: Dorothy Brindle.

SAT., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - Birding by Canoe at Grassy Waters Nature Center. Reservations required. - 561-686-6088. Coordinator: JoAnn Miner. Details on page 3.

SAT., Dec. 1, 8 a.m. - Birding & Plants Field Trip Mathe-son Hammock/Fairchild Tropical Gdns Bus Trip. Res-ervations required - 561-627-7829. Coordinator: Roy Snyder. Reservation form on page 4.

TUES., Dec. 4, 8 a.m. - Birding at Okeechobee Nature Center, WPB. Leader: Dorothy Brindle.

Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting - "Torry Island - Lake Okeechobee" - Ann Spann Tyler, painter and writer. Holiday Dinner.

SAT., Dec. 8, 8 a.m. - Birding at Wakodahatchee Wet-lands. Leader: Doug Beach.

SAT., Jan. 5 - Christmas Bird Count. Compiler: Gloria Hunter.

SAT., Jan. 5, 9 a.m. - Custard Apple Trail Nature Walk. John Prince Park, Lake Worth. Leader: Bruce Offord.

Tues., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting - "Audubon's Coastal Island Sanctuaries" - Rich Paul, Audubon Manager.

For Field Trip information contact -
Gloria Hunter
561-585-7714
(9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

General Meeting ...

Jerome A. Jackson, Ph.D. -

"WOODPECKERS:

Endangered Birds - Endangered Forests"

Dr. Jackson's professional expertise is in avian behavior ecol-ogy, with special emphases on endangered species of forest and coastal ecosystems. He is the author/coauthor of 14 books and hundreds of articles. He recently completed a biography of the ornithologist/artist and OOS founder George Miksch Sutton, which is being published by the Smithsonian.

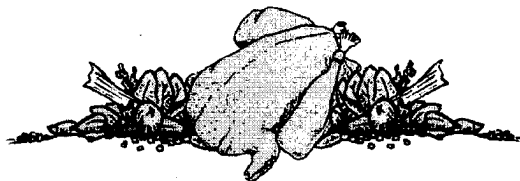
Dr. Jackson is Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science, and Di-rector of the Whitaker Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology at Florida Gulf Coast University. He received his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Kansas in 1970. He served as professor of Biological Sciences at Mississippi Stated Uni-versity until May 1999.

In 1987-88 Dr. Jackson spent 10 weeks in Cuba, including leading an expedition for the National Geographic Society into the mountains of eastern Cuba in search of the Ivory-billed Wood-pecker.

Please join us for this exciting program at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Club Building in Dreher Park.

December General Meeting -

Holiday Dinner - 'Bring a Dish'



Door Prizes and Raffle

Contact Kay & John Gates for more information -
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To the Audubon Family: - John Flicker

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 underscore what is most important to us, including protection of our most precious wild places. Audubon has been committed to the protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for more than 25 years, and our efforts in support of that goal are now more important than ever.

In the summer, as it became clear that House action on energy legislation would involve a close vote on oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge, key State Directors came to Washington to talk to their representatives, while others communicated by telephone, letters and e-mails. Our grassroots staff in the Washington policy office made thousands of phone calls to chapters and activists across the country and sent tens of thousands of e-mails. All of these efforts were coordinated with those of the larger conservation community. Unfortunately, we know all too well that politics triumphed over policy, and the House voted 222-206 on August 1 to open the Arctic Refuge to oil drilling.

This vote was and should continue to be a wake-up call to the entire conservation community. It certainly led us within Audubon to reevaluate and redouble our efforts. The fight to save the Arctic Refuge is so important that we must give it everything we've got, both for the sake of the refuge and for the sake of our broader conservation goals. Indeed, the Arctic Refuge has taken on such symbolic importance, that a loss on this issue could haunt

us for years.

Looking to the immediate future, the action is now in the Senate. Before September 11, all signs pointed to a final vote on the Senate floor by late September, and we had plans in place to turn swing Senators to our side, including active outreach to and by Audubon Board members, State Offices, Chapters, advocates, and members. In light of the horrific events of September 11, the Arctic Refuge debate in Congress was delayed and the next steps remain uncertain.

As a first step, I would encourage you to call, write or e-mail your own Senators to encourage them to oppose opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development. You can also ask your friends and neighbors to do the same. Please let our D.C. staff know about your communications so they can have a record of contacts by Audubon Board members and staff. If you need additional information, you can go to our Arctic website (www.protectthearctic.com) or contact our D.C. office at audubonaction@audubon.org.

Our work to protect the Arctic Refuge for all it symbolizes and means to Audubon and to our nation as a unique and special place must continue. I have made it a personal as well as an Audubon priority, and look forward to working with the entire organization to secure permanent protection for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I welcome your comments and your suggestions about how we can work most effectively to achieve this goal.

Lisa von Borowsky - October 15, 2001

- C. Lee

Lisa von Borowsky, whose generosity, leadership, and great love for nature did much to sustain the Audubon movement in Florida for over 60 years passed away today at her beloved Ahhochee Hill Sanctuary near Brooksville. Lisa was 97 years old.

Lisa von Borowsky came to the Chinsegut Hill area from Austria to work for Col. Raymond Robins around 1928. Lisa served on the Executive Committee of the Florida Audubon Society through the 1940's and 1950's, and chaired the first "Staff Member Committee" of Florida Audubon with the purpose of recruiting Florida Audubon's first fulltime staff member in the state by "...finding and employing a trained ornithologist to teach the younger generation nature lore and appreciation and handle business details for the Society..." (Florida Naturalist, April 1947, Page 33).

Lisa became a generous benefactor of the Florida Audubon Society, regularly loaning and donating substantial sums and raising money from other to support the growth of Audubon. Among the accomplishments Lisa can be credited with is securing the property in Maitland, Florida, that is now the site of Audubon's National Birds of Prey Center.

Ultimately, the late Col. Robins entrusted Lisa with the permanent preservation of the jewel of his land holdings, known as Ahhochee Hill, which overlooks a vista of rolling hills in the Withlacoochee State Forest. The care of this approximate 300 acre sanctuary, complete with old growth pine and oak habitat and an open meadow hilltop fulfilled Lisa von Borowsky's dream of personal dedication to the preservation of a particular part of the world's environment.



Thanks and kudos -

To Ann Weinrich and Clive Pincock for their work hosting the Beginning Bird Class in November for the third year.

Birder's Fieldnotes - - Linda Most

A small band of ASE birders left Jupiter in the dark and drizzle and risked the possibility of pouring rain for the chance to bird the Turkey Creek Sanctuary in Palm Bay with local experts Bill and Shirley Hills. Saturday, Sept. 29 turned out to be a fantastic day for the birds and the bird watchers. About 30 minutes after we arrived at the sanctuary the weather cleared, the birds came out and we were treated to a fantastic morning watching migratory songbirds throughout the sanctuary.

The usually confusing fall warblers and other songbirds were not confusing at all. Many were still in bright summer plumage including a beautiful male summer tanager and a very flashy prairie warbler. Highlights of the trip are listed on ASE's website in the fieldtrips section. In all, 21 species of warblers were reported for the day along with 16 other migratory species.

Turkey Creek Sanctuary is a "must visit" destination during migration. Believe me, it is worth the drive.

Corrections to the Brochure -

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Volunteers Needed -

Field Trips - (2 year term) Arrange and manage upcoming field trips for chapter members. Call 561-964-1522 for information.

Budget Committee - this is a short term position. Call 561-848-9984 for more information

Nominating Committee - Call 561-964-1522 for more information

Conservation Report

- Cissie Durando

The destruction / salvation of Everglades National Park, Lake Okeechobee, Kissimmee River, NW Fork of the Loxahatchee River, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge are our South Florida "big ticket" items. In my opinion, whether one calls oneself a "birder," "hiker," or just an "appreciative viewer-of-the-great-outdoors," there is an obligation to connect the dots and speak out. If there is no communication to lawmakers (local, state and federal), there is a vacuum.

The smallest loss of a local subdivision will add to the problem. Money is the common denominator. Cash flow becomes the motive that is sometimes confused with salvation of the economy. It invariably accrues to a very limited group, not environmental types.

Now add a bad Farm Bill to "let's-drill-for-oil" in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, both of which passed the House. (Please contact Senators Graham and Nelson to ask them not to vote for either.) The Farm Bill had two amendments that would have been good, but they failed. These are both non-partisan issues, and

both sides of the aisle voted for / against them.

Please pay close attention to the Federal Energy Regulation Commission and a proposal to run several off shore gas pipelines into South Florida. Yes, it's a cleaner fuel than coal or oil, but we need to get the physical pipe, itself, to do the least damage to reefs and manatee.

Our Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (formerly the Game Commission) is marching forward intent to change the classification of the Red Cockaded Woodpecker from "threatened" to "special concern." We are not informed about what is behind all this, as the Wildlife Service has not proposed this change of classification. I've heard nothing from Audubon of Florida although our chapter objection is on record.

The Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management is conducting a public meeting on November 8th at 7 p.m. at the ERM building to wrap up the immediate past turtle season.

Now is the time to get in touch with our local legislators and impress them with the importance of funding our cost of the Everglades Clean-up.

Call if you crave more details
- 561-965-2420.

Eaglewatch Orientation -

- Greg Braun

Martin County Audubon will be the host for an eaglewatch orientation session. It will be for interested persons to learn about the nesting habits and monitoring of bald eagles, and then get these individuals to monitor the nests in our area. The seminar (with a bald eagle in attendance) will be from 9:00-noon on Saturday, 11/17 at the MCAS office at 621 Palm Beach Road in Stuart. Anyone interested is invited to attend!

Remember -



Memberships in the National Audubon Society make great gifts

Sanderlings

- Hank McCall

For constant action, the sanderling is my favorite bird. Where to find them? Go at low tide to the north end of Jupiter Island and then walk north from the parking lot.

You will find flocks of 20 to 39 birds moving up and down the beach following wave action. As the waves recede they follow them down probing into the wet sand for wee beasties. Then, when the waves come back, they dash up to higher ground just barely ahead of the waves.

Their bodies stay level, but their little black legs move so fast that they blur. The birds move across the sand faster than you can walk.

Members of the flock mind their own business and are polite to each other. But there are exceptions. Watch for the solitary bird that joins the flock by racing up behind a probing bird to deliver a fearsome goose. These odd birds surely must be "rogue males."



Canoe Outing - Grassy Waters Preserve

November 17, 9:00 a.m.

The entrance to this beautiful wetland preserve is on the south side Northlake Blvd. about a mile west of State Road 710 (the Beeline). This 3-hour program will provide an up-close view of a freshwater marsh ecosystem including an indoor introduction to the wetlands, a review of canoeing techniques and a 2-hour paddle into the marsh.

Recommended for adults and children ages 6 and up. Fee is \$9 adult, \$3 child. Reservations required - call 561-686-6088.

Birding at LNWR -

Early Bird Special - this one mile walk is for the birds and early risers. Bring binocular and field guide. Meet at the Marsh Trail at 7:30 a.m.

SAT., Nov. 3

WED., Nov. 7

SAT., Nov. 10

WED., Nov. 14

SAT., Nov. 17

WED., Nov. 21

SAT., Nov. 24

WED., Nov. 28

Sunset Birding. Late-day sightings may include night herons and other birds coming home to roost. Bring binocular, field guide, and insect repellent. Meet at the Marsh Trail.

SUN., Nov. 18, 4:00 p.m.

Secretive Marsh Birds. Rails and other secretive marsh birds are there, and half the fun is finding them. Visitor Center auditorium.

FRI., Nov. 23, 2:00 p.m.

Eagles and Ospreys. Join Greg Braun, executive director of the Martin Co. Audubon Society, for descriptions, habitats, and comparisons of these magnificent birds of prey. Visitor Center auditorium.

FRI., Nov. 30, 1:30 p.m.

The ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge is located off State Road 7 two miles south of Boynton Beach Blvd. at:

10216 Lee Road

Boynton Beach

FL 33437-4796

561-732-3684

Loxahatchee@fws.gov

Fairchild Tropical Gardens & Matheson Hammock Bus Tour

Saturday, December 1, 2001

Cost \$ 30.00

Depart at 7 a.m. from the west parking lot of the Palm Beach Mall. Return time approximately 5 p.m. Tickets include bus travel and admission. Bring a lunch or eat at the Fairchild Garden Restaurant. For information call 561-627-7829.

YES! I want to attend the field trip!
Deadline for registration is November 21, 2001.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

NUMBER
IN PARTY

Send this registration form and
your check for \$ 30.00 per person
payable to
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Fairchild Tropical Garden Trip
c/o Roy Snyder
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FL 33408



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

Deadline for submissions for the December issue is November 9.

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