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CALENDAR

Thur. Apr 4, 4:00 p.m. BEGINNING BIRD WALK. Wakodahatchee

Wetlands, 13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Meet at top of boardwalk.

Leader: Paton White

Sat. Apr 6, 8:00 a.m. STA 1E. Carpool around the STA. Space limited. Call Linda to register 561-742-7791

Sun. April 7, 4:00 p.m. Peaceful Waters. Wellington, SE corner of Village Park, 11700 Pierson Road. Meet at beginning of boardwalk. Leader: Clive Pinnock

Sat. Apr 13, 8:00 a.m. Frenchmen's Forest, PB Gardens. W side of Prosperity Farms Rd. 1.5 miles north of PGA Blvd Leader: Marvin Greenberg

Fri Apr 19, 5:30 p.m. Wakodahatchee Wetlands. Meet as above. Leader: Valleri Brauer

Sat. Apr 20, 8:00 a.m. Spanish River Pk, Boca Raton. Meet at split fence on south side of Spanish River Blvd, just W of A1A Leader: Brian Hope

Thurs. April 25, 6:00 p.m. Green Cay Wetlands. Boynton Bch, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd. Meet outside Nature Center Main door. Leader: Linda Humphries

Sat. Apr 27, 8:00 a.m. Frenchman's Forest, PB Gardens. Meet as above. Leader: Steve & Melanie Garcia

Sun. Apr 28. Blue Cypress Lake— Time to see the Osprey chicks! Early departure. \$47/p/p. Call Claudine for reservation, 561-655-9779.

ANNOUNCING

You can now use your credit card or bank account on ASE web for membership and donations via PAYPAL. Visit our website to learn more:

www.auduboneverglades.org/donate

www.auduboneverglades.org/about-2/membership/

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING, POT LUCK DINNER, AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Program: Creating Images of Birds: The Step Beyond Snapshots
Don Mullaney, Photographer

Join us as Don Mullaney shows how to make your own bird photos much more than just snapshots. Don has been a member of our Audubon chapter for many years. He led a photo walk last year at Peaceful Waters to rave reviews and a photo workshop this last January. Photography has been a hobby of his for over 50 years. Now that he's retired, he is able to devote full time to his passion. After years of doing nature work, his main interest now is birds. He has traveled to Maine, Texas, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua photographing many species of birds not seen here. His work has been published in books and calendars. Audubon chapters in Florida and North Carolina have used his photos in their literature and on their websites. Some 30 photographs of his can be seen in the book *Birds of North Carolina, Illustrated* by Tim Ohr.

Our Annual Meeting will be a pot luck dinner and is open to the public. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the food will be served at 6:30 p.m. The annual meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. People with last names that begin between O-Z please bring a main dish A-J bring salads and veggies, K-N bring desserts. Please bring ready to serve food; we have no kitchen. We will supply the drinks. Paton White is creating a special raffle. Call Paton at 818-7574, to donate items. All Items MUST be to her by Friday March 29. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

This annual event is free and open to the public – join us and bring-a-dish! Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W. Summit Blvd., in West Palm Beach.

Bird-of-the-Month Photos

Please send April Bird-of-the Month BARN SWALLOW and May PURPLE MARTIN pictures (jpg format) to be posted on the AudubonEverglades.org web site to SheilaElliot@yahoo.com. Identify the name for credit, and if there is anything specific to look for in your picture (like banded, in molt, etc) feel free to add a few words for the caption. Meanwhile please enjoy our growing on-line gallery of member pictures on the web site (click Bird of the Month on left side scroll-down topic list).

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Audubon Society of the Everglades, incorporated in 1966, serves communities in Palm Beach County. Our purpose is to promote the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment and to advance human understanding of our place in the total ecological system.

Consider ASE In Your Giving Plans

Please consider a donation to Audubon Society of the Everglades as part of your charitable contributions this year. Your company might have a matching gift program; whether it does or not, please remember ASE in your charitable contribution plans. Thank you!

	2012-2013	2013-2014 Proposed Budget
INCOME		
Investment	10,300	9,300
NAS	3,000	3,000
Donations	5,000	3,000
Membership local	2,500	4,000
Merchandise Sales	400	100
Fund Raising	3,000	1,500
Field Trips	1,500	2,000
TOTAL	25,700	22,900
Everglades Day		14,000
IN KIND		
Speakers		1,100
Rent		1,800
TOTAL		2,900
Total Income		39,800
EXPENSES		
Administration		
Office Supplies/Postage	100	200
Storage	450	500
Website & other computer progs.	350	450
Fees, Licenses, & Taxes	300	300
Insurance	1,500	1,700
Accounting	2,200	1,700
Fund Raising Expenses	500	500
TOTAL	5,400	5,350
Programs		
Newsletter printing	2,500	2,800
Postage & Fees	2,000	1,400
ASE brochure	1,000	1,000
Hospitality	600	600
Speaker expense	450	1,100
Field Trips	1,250	1,300
TOTAL	7,800	10,000
Education		
Lectures, school programs	1,700	2,400
Everglades Day Grant	2,500	2,500
Library Purchases	250	250
Green Schools	500	500
Conference/ Convention	500	700
Pathfinders Award	6,000	3,000
Festivals & exhibits	300	300
Donations	250	500
workshops	300	300
TOTAL	12,300	10,450
Everglades Day		14,000
Total Expenses	25,700	39,800

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ASE has converted our *Kite* subscription list from paper delivery to electronic delivery (email) because of the monthly expense. If you are a CHAPTER MEMBER OF ASE you are receiving your copy in the form (email or paper) as you requested and do not need to contact us. If you are a NATIONAL MEMBER and want to continue to get your *Kite* (email or paper) and have not already contacted us, you must contact Gail Tomei (561-969-7567/blackgrouper@comcast.net). You will always be able to read the *Kite* on our website, www.auduboneverglades.org

ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER OF NATIONAL AUDUBON?

We are delighted to have you as a member of the Audubon Society of the Everglades as well. We hope you will join us at our meetings and trips. If you wish to continue to get the *Kite*, please contact Gail Tomei and let her know if you prefer to receive your *Kite* by mail or by email. Gail Tomei (561-969-7567/blackgrouper@comcast.net)

President's Column

Cynthia Plockelman

Wow!! is our chapter LUCKY!!!! Just a glance at the listing, of the talented, experienced persons that compile our Board of Directors, and you know why our attendance at meetings is growing! Credit is due to Linda Humphries (President, for 2 terms, currently 2nd VP), who put together this year's list of really great field trips, assisted by Ann Hctor and Claudine Laabs. Claudine is another Past President, a professional photographer leading field trips and organizing expeditions to foreign lands! Secretary is Alan Parmalee—how many years, Alan??? He has been a great help, on computer and projection equipment, at meetings, as well. Treasurer is Janet Schreiber, financial expert. She led the recent budget committee meeting, that sets our parameters for the coming year! Paton White, also a finance person, and former VP, contributed leadership on creating a viable document for 2013–2014!!! Sue Snyder is a Past President, and currently managing our great project, “EVERGLADES DAY”. If one needs advice, Sue is THE person to consult and generously shares her time and expertise.

Ben Kolstad is Editor of our KITE newsletter. Sheila Hollihan-Elliot does our publicity and shares website/kite duties with Ben. She is a long-time professional publicity expert. Clive Pinnock is “speaker in residence” and KITE and field trip contributor—in addition to his full-time job managing Okeehelée Nature Center and caring for the raptors there!

We have a great team—lucky ASE chapter! And at our April annual meeting you all will be deciding on the board members who will lead ASE for the next two years. Please be sure to come and make your opinion known!

Board of Directors Nomination Slate 2013–2015

Rosa Durando	Stella Rossi
Sheila Hollihan-Elliot	Debbie Smith
Judy Munro	Susan Snyder
Clive Pinnock	Gail Tomei

Election of Directors for the term 2013–2015 will take place at our annual meeting Tuesday, April 2 at FAU/Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

Any Dark Skies Remaining in Florida? Try the Big Cypress Preserve

If you went to any of the nature festivals in Palm Beach County last month (Turtle Day at Gumbo Limbo, Okeehelée's Dark Sky Festival, or NatureScaping at MacArthur Beach SP), you probably saw the satellite picture of South Florida at night. The darkest spots on the map (indeed, the ONLY dark spots on the map) were in the Everglades and the Big Cypress Preserve.

The International Dark Sky Associations has created the International Dark Sky Places Program to promote preservation and protection of night skies across the globe. Three types of areas compose the program; communities, parks, and reserves. Preserving dark skies starts locally, with a dedicated group of citizens, staff, or volunteers. IDA International Dark Sky Parks and Reserves are home to some of the darkest and most pristine skies in the world. IDA International Dark Sky Communities are filled with citizens concerned for the many factors that dark skies depend on and while their skies may not be perfect, they are examples to the world of how a city may light the streets without lighting the sky above.

These locations serve as reminders that with quality outdoor lighting, the extraordinary wonders of the nighttime sky and night environment are just as much a part of our lifestyle and history as are the daylight hours. In fact, without the inspiration from night sky objects, much of the world's history, art, culture, music, and literature would not have been created. This is why the International Dark Sky Places Program aims to protect locations of exceptional nighttime visages for future generations. IDSPlaces celebrate this rich heritage with innovative outreach programs meant to inspire others to cherish the sky and return the night sky to children and people of the world. Does the Big Cypress Preserve qualify? Find out more at www.idapalmbeach.org.

Membership and the Kite

Have you renewed your chapter-only Audubon Society of the Everglades membership? If you are receiving the *Kite* in the mail and have not renewed your membership, the April issue will be your last one. You can now renew your membership online using Paypal by logging into the ASE website: <http://www.auduboneverglades.org> and selecting About Us and then Membership. Or, complete the application on the back of the Kite and mail it with your check to the address listed. If you are unsure whether you have renewed your membership, please contact Gail Tomei at (561) 969-7567.

Bird of the Month: Barn Swallow

The bird of the month for April, *Hirundo rustica*, is the most widespread swallow in the world. A common spring and fall migrant in Palm Beach County, it is a fairly rare winter bird here.

No other North American swallow shows such a deeply forked tail, so if the cobalt blue upperparts and buff-rufous forehead aren't enough for you (and they can be confused with Cliff and Cave Swallow if you don't get a good look), a good look at the tail will ID this bird for sure.

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ATTENTION: This could be your last issue of the *Kite*! See inside for details.

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Articles NEEDED! Send to ben@kolstad.com by the 10th of the month.

Join Audubon Society of the Everglades

There are now two ways to join ASE: **Chapter-only membership**, and membership through the **National Audubon Society**.

Chapter-Only Membership

When you become a member of the Audubon Society of the Everglades by using the form at right, all of your membership fees are put to use supporting **local** projects: Everglades Day; Education Programs such as model schools and field trips; Scholarships; and Conservation activities. Audubon Society of the Everglades members also receive 10 issues of the *Everglade Kite* newsletter. Send your check, payable to ASE, along with this form to

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National Audubon Society Membership

If you join ASE through the National Audubon Society, you will receive 6 issues of *Audubon Magazine*, and membership in Audubon of Florida, but unless you give us your email, you will not receive the *Kite*. For details, visit www.audubon.org. To join the National Society, send your information and check to

*National Audubon Society Membership Center
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Be sure to include the code **C9ZE000Z** with your application so NAS will know how to process your payment.

Audubon Society of the Everglades (ASE)

YES! I want to become a **chapter-only member** of ASE. Enclosed is my check made payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades for:

Regular \$20 Senior (62+)/Student \$15
 Household \$25 Patron \$50

I would like to save ASE postage and printing costs; please send my *Kite* via email

I would like to donate an additional

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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I would like to volunteer for:

- Education
 Conservation
 Everglades Day
 Fundraising
 Other: _____

Audubon Society of the Everglades general meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7) at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, located on Summit Blvd, near the intersection of Summit and Jog, in West Palm Beach. The public is welcome to attend.