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CALENDAR

Sat. May 4, 8:00 a.m. STA 1E. Carpool around the STA. Space limited. Call Linda to register 561-742-7791

Sun. May 5, 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: TBA

Sat. May 11, Spring Migration Count.
Details TBD

Fri. May 17, 5:30 p.m. Wakodahatchee Wetlands. 13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Meet at top of boardwalk. Leader: Valleri Brauer

Sat. June 1, 8:00 a.m. STA 1E. See details above. Space limited. Call Linda to register 561-742-7791

Sat. June 1, 6:30 p.m. Wakodahatchee Wetlands EVENING FLY IN. Meet as above. Leader: Valleri Brauer

Sat. June 8-9, Alligator Farm, St. Augustine. Baby birds photo opportunity. Call Valleri 561-385-9787.

Bird-of-the-Month Photos

Please send Woodpecker photos (June is RED-BELLIED and July DOWNY) in 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).

DENGUE FEVER IN FLORIDA KEYS

If you're heading down to the Florida Keys for spring break, pack bug spray and long-sleeve shirts. After a 60-year hiatus, the mosquito-borne illness dengue fever has now officially re-established itself there. People infected during a recent outbreak in Florida didn't catch the virus abroad but rather got a strain that's unique to Key West, virologists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported recently in the journal *Emerging Infectious Disease*.

The virus has been circulating around the Key West population for at least two years, the researchers say, and it has evolved its own genetic fingerprint, distinct from dengue in Central America and the Caribbean.

Florida Hawksbill Project

Lawrence (Larry) D. Wood

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

More than 8 years ago, Larry Wood initiated the first in-water study of hawksbills in Florida, and lucky for us, right here in the Palm Beaches! Join us to learn more.

Larry currently directs the Comprehensive Florida Hawksbill Research and Conservation Program at the Palm Beach Zoo.

An opportunity to work at Loggerhead Marinelife Center brought Larry to Florida in 1988 where he established nesting surveys in northern Palm Beach County. At that time the center was in a small building in Juno Beach with just a few tanks outside for turtle rehab. His enthusiasm fostered community and volunteer interest for turtle nesting along Juno Beach and rehabilitation of injured turtles. This led to construction of a new facility designed for rehabilitation and education. Thousands visit each year.

A lifelong interest in herpetology took Larry to Miami University of Ohio, where he pursued a degree in zoology. At Florida Atlantic University he completed the undergraduate and Master's programs and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the Integrative Biology Doctoral Program.

Larry has contributed to Florida's marine turtle protection efforts in many ways including the surveys and development of educational material. He has become a local authority on sea turtle biology and conservation, serving as a resource for media and local, national, and international documentaries. He published A field Guide for Sea Turtle Nesting Surveys, a full-color comprehensive guide to conducting sea turtle nesting beach research. He has authored and coauthored scientific, professional and technical reports and is a member of a variety of professional organizations. In addition he leads several expeditions per year to the remote Osa Peninsula of Costa Rica to assist and consult with an ongoing sea turtle research/conservation project.

Legal Ramifications of Everglades Restoration

Alisa Coe/David Guest Earth Justice Foundation

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Alisa Coe has been an associate attorney with the Tallahassee Office since 2004. She received her B.A. in political science in 1998 from Loyola University New Orleans, magna cum laude. In 2002, she received her J.D., cum laude, from Tulane Law School, where she was a member of the Tulane Environmental Law Journal and the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic and earned a Certificate in Environmental Law. Alisa also received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, summa cum laude, from Vermont Law School in 2001. After law school, she worked at Coe & Coe, LLC in New Orleans, LA. Alisa is licensed to practice in Louisiana and Florida.

David Guest is the managing attorney of Earthjustice's Tallahassee office and has headed the Florida office since 1990 litigating numerous complex cases concerning water rights, minimum flows and levels, rights in public land, land use, public rights in navigable waters, as well as water pollution. In 1978, he graduated from the University of Chicago Law School where he was a member of the law review. He has a B.Sc. in Government and Economics from Florida State University.

Since 1984, he has tried environmental cases exclusively and has won many landmark decisions in the area of Florida water law. In addition, he has tried scores of cases and contested hearings in federal and state courts as well as the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings. David has headed the Florida office since 1990 and has litigated numerous complex cases concerning water rights, minimum flows and levels, rights in public land, land use, public rights in navigable waters, as well as water pollution. His earlier water pollution cases were against the EPA, pulp mills and sugar companies. Now, he has come to realize that water contamination is an increasingly serious public health threat to disempowered people. His new cases attack sewage sludge disposal in the flood plains of waterways and pollution of Lake Okeechobee by contaminated run-off. In his spare time, he takes friends out on his 1968 hand-built pontoon boat to watch birds, manatees and other wildlife. He also maintains a small fleet of ancient Hondas and Toyotas and one 25-year-old Polish golf cart.

Free and open to the public! Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W. Summit Blvd., in West Palm Beach.

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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!

Editor's note: Reprinting the budget from last month, as I inadvertently left the RENT expense line out. Whoops!

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

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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

Birds, Birds and More Birds!!!!

Spring migration is underway, already! One way to tell (besides doing a daily bird list) is the number of field trips in Florida, or meetings on bird subjects (including the Florida Ornithological Society, which gathers in the Ocala area this time), or those out searching the trees and shrubbery each morning. Ah, the glories of "Spring" with the return of those species that had fled south last Fall—the annual challenge to get out "birding" and return with the highest number of birds from the tiniest "hummer", to the hawks and "rare" migrants.

Such fun!! The weather is "better" (we hope) and the lure of adding to one's life list—the FLORIDA one (of course) is bolstered by visitors on a similar mission or relatives, or "helping" a field trip leader headed to a previously unvisited site! It does help to have many birders out and looking—the more eyes and binoculars raised skyward the better the chances. It does not hurt that "birding" also bolsters Florida's economy.

That does make taking care of wildlife species with proper laws to protect these, and maintenance of "conserved" areas an important and frequent challenge to law makers and enforcers. Florida's Legislature is currently in session. And, calls have already gone out this year, for your help on seeing that water, wildlife and management of important conservation areas—please when the word goes out for public "input," take advantage and contact your elected officials, on ALL levels. Birds, native amphibians and mammals, water resources, wild areas all need help from you—each and every citizen. It has to be a joint project and vision—otherwise, the future will be pretty bleak for all wildlife and birds. Check your newspaper each day, PLEASE.

Thank you for your help and cooperation on this important matters—it also helps our ECONOMY!!!

Cynthia

Bird of the Month for May: Purple Martin

The bird of the month for May, *Progne subis*, has been called "America's most wanted bird," because they are so popular. Palm Beach County has our share of them, but if you want to see a huge population, check out <http://www.gonetothebirdsra.com/>. A common spring and summer resident here in Palm Beach County, they can normally be seen in abundance at Wakodahatchee and Green Cay.

Bird of the Month for June: Red-bellied Woodpecker

No, that's not a Red-headed Woodpecker. Once you see one of those you'll see why. The Red-bellied (*Melanerpes carolinus*) does indeed have red in its head, but only in a stripe from neck to crown (female) or from neck to bill (male). The redhead's head is entirely red. A pair of juvenile red-headed was seen at Pondhawk Natural Area in Boca Raton; Red-bellieds can be seen almost anywhere. (As Bill Thompson wrote in *Birding Florida*, if you don't see one of these while you're here, turn in your binoculars.)

MARJORY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY GREAT SUCCESS!

On her 123rd birthday Marjory Stoneman Douglas attended a birthday party held in her honor at Grassy Waters Preserve in Palm Beach Gardens this past Saturday! Thanks to talented Audubon Society of the Everglades member Judy Hill, who recreated Douglas for the occasion, the public learned quite a bit about Marjory's life, her accomplishments and the Everglades.

In 2012, the Florida legislature established the birthday of Marjory Stoneman Douglas as "Florida Everglades Day". Douglas was the author of *The Everglades: River of Grass*. Published in 1947 by the diminutive journalist and ardent Everglades supporter, and reprinted over 11 times, it's the Everglades bible. The Everglades is one of the largest wetlands in the world and provides water supplies to one in three Floridians. The event was sponsored by the Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group, the Everglades Law Center, 1000 Friends of Florida, the Everglades Foundation and the Audubon Society of the Everglades.

The first annual Everglades Action Day will take place in Tallahassee following this event. Everglades Coalition members from across the state will meet to educate and engage our state legislators on critical Everglades restoration, water quality, and habitat protection issues. www.evergladescoalition.org

Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment

Florida Water and Land Legacy announced they are well on their way to securing the needed signatures to have the Florida Water and Land Conservation amendment placed on the 2014 ballot.

TITLE: Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands.

SUMMARY: Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years. For the full text of the proposed amendment or more information go to www.FloridaWaterLandLegacy.org

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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
PO Box 422450
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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

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\$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____

Name _____ Phone _____

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City _____ State ____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

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.