



# EVERGLADE KITE

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## CALENDAR

**Sat. Sep 7, 7:45 a.m. STA 1E.** Car pool around Storm Water Treatment Area managed by South Florida Water Management District. Space limited. Call Linda to register: 561-742-7791

**Wed. Sep 11, 7:30 a.m. ARM**

**Loxahatchee NWR.** Boynton Beach, 10216 Lee Rd. Meet at Marsh Trail. Entry \$5 per car Leader: Sue Young

**Sat. Sep 14, 8:00 a.m. Frenchman's Forest, Palm Bch Gardens.** W side of Prosperity Farms Rd. 1.5 miles north of PGA Blvd. Leader: Chuck Weber

**Fri. Sep 20, 5:30 p.m. Green Cay Wetlands, Boynton Bch.** 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd. Meet outside Nature Center main door. Leader: Valleri Brauer

**Sat. Sep 21, 8:00 a.m. Coastal Cleanup.** Call Claudine Laabs 561-655-9779 to volunteer

**Sun. Sep 22, 8:00 a.m. Spanish River Pk, Boca Raton.** Meet at corner of A1A and Spanish River Blvd. Check website for parking alternatives. Leader: Brian Hope

**Sat. Sep 28, 8:00 a.m. Peaceful Waters, Wellington.** SE corner of Village Park, 11700 Pierson Road. Meet at beginning of boardwalk. Leader: Clive Pinnock

**Sun. Sep 29, 8:00 a.m. Frenchman's Forest.** Meet as above. Leaders: Kerry Kilday & Marvin Greenberg

## Bird-of-the-Month Photos

Please send October Bird-of-the-Month pictures, RED-HEADED WOODPECKER (jpg format) to be posted on the ASE 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).

## Bird Behavior: A Key to Bird Identification

*Paddy Cunningham*

*Tuesday, September 3, 7:30 p.m.*

Frustrated by gray moving rocks otherwise known as winter shorebirds and looking for small specks in the sky of migrating hawks? Well, Bird Behavior is one of the most important strategies in identifying birds. Paddy Cunningham's program will focus on flight and feeding behaviors which are critical to identification. With a helpful handout, a variety of other behaviors will be explored.

Paddy has been a Naturalist in South Florida for 30 years, specializing in instructing birders to better their identification skills and guiding to find rare birds. She is the owner of Birding Adventures, which takes small groups of birders to Florida and tropical destinations. Her specialty is showing beginning and intermediate birders how to become advanced birders. Paddy is the Coordinator of the Everglades Birding Festival and a frequent festival speaker/leader. During a 2008 Big Year, she was 1st in Florida (333 sp.) and 20th in the Lower 48 states (448 sp.). Contact her at birdpaddy@yahoo.com or www.birdadventure.com.

Be sure to come join us at the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W. Summit Blvd., in West Palm Beach. Doors open at 7:00. Free and open to the public! Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W. Summit Blvd., in West Palm Beach.

## Support the Local Chapter

Audubon Society of the Everglades offers a separate Chapter membership with a number of benefits. Join us and support local efforts to protect habitat and environmental efforts in Palm Beach County and throughout the Everglades. Your support also allows this chapter to help students of all ages with awards and programs, including Pathfinders Scholarship and Everglades Day. Your local chapter membership dues focus 100% of your financial support on these local conservation efforts and educational programs. If you are a national member (you get the magazine) your dues only support the chapter the first year. Complete the membership application on the back page of the *Kite* or go to <http://www.auduboneverglades.org/> and use PayPal.

## AudubonEverglades.org

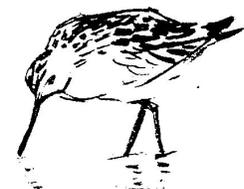
Did you know that when you bring up the ASE web site, beneath the picture, you will see the latest ASE news – shortly before our monthly meeting this will be a picture of the speaker, topic summary, bio, and time/place of the meeting. To the RIGHT of the latest ASE news, you will see upcoming birding trips – in summer there are few, but as winter approaches, there are numerous free ASE bird walks listed you can enjoy. ANY CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES FROM THE KITE OR YEARLY BROCHURE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED HERE, so do check <http://www.auduboneverglades.org/> before heading out.

## 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](http://www.auduboneverglades.org/donate)

[www.auduboneverglades.org/about-2/membership/](http://www.auduboneverglades.org/about-2/membership/)



## **The Everglade Kite**

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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!

## **HELLO, FROM THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE ASE BUDGET!!**

Mankind does not live by "bread alone" and neither do environmental activities like our chapter, Audubon Society of the Everglades. Even though we operate exclusively through volunteers, it does take a steady input of \$\$\$ for all our activities: Everglades Day, Scholarships, environmental projects and outreach, field trips, programs, monthly meetings, computer, printing and banking costs, including this very newsletter, the *Kite*. Environmental activism has the same business expenses as any other organization.

Yes, ASE, a chapter of National Audubon Society, does get a small first year new member incentive from the parent organization, BUT, in fact, we have to raise the majority of \$\$\$ needed for our monthly events, newsletters, correspondence, just like any other business organization. Consider that we also offer a choice and a chance to participate in highly rated field trips and program, each month. ASE is here and functioning every month of each year.

Our officers are volunteers. However, newcomers to the board will have some costs for attending Florida Audubon Soc. training events, which benefits the local and State chapters.

So, as ASE approaches the end of 2013 and our fiscal year, fund raising makes its annual appearance and appeal, in this *Kite*. Please consider a donation of Audubon Society of the Everglades—this Fall, 2013. You won't regret it!!!

*Cynthia Plockelman, President of ASE*

Check the ASE web site "DONATE" page for PAYPAL and further suggestions how to help.

### **ASE in Social Media**

Audubon Society of the Everglades (ASE) has come into the modern world of social media. Our website [www.auduboneverglades.org](http://www.auduboneverglades.org) is continually adding new information. The newest list of field trips for the 2013-2014 season has already been posted under the field trip heading.

ASE has a Yahoo Group: [auduboneverglades](http://auduboneverglades). This group is your chance to post questions, pictures, any topics about birds and get feedback from your fellow birders. It also helps you get information on rare bird sightings in Palm Beach County, check out reports listing birds seen on our field trips, and has the latest changes and updates to scheduled field trips. It is also a very informative way for you to see/add local pictures of birds seen in our area.

ASE also has a facebook page, Audubon Society of the Everglades. Come check out the page and "Like" it to see our weekly birding tips, new bird pictures, bird information and updates from various clubs, parks, and nature centers. Finally it is easy to become a "chapter only" member through paypal on the website.

Here is our listing:

Website: [www.auduboneverglades.org](http://www.auduboneverglades.org)

Yahoo Group: [auduboneverglades](http://auduboneverglades)

Facebook: Audubon Society of the Everglades

If you need help signing into these sites or have comments and/or suggestions, call Linda at 561-742-7791 or email Linda at [hlindaase@aol.com](mailto:hlindaase@aol.com) for help.

### **PAPER COPY OF THE KITE**

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](http://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)

## Big Cypress National Preserve GMP Addition Lands

Pedro Ramos

Dear Friends:

I am very pleased to announce the release of the Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Addition. It is the culmination of a great deal of time, effort, energy, and input from members of the public; American Indian tribes; other federal, state, and local agencies; and the National Park Service. Please take some time to look it over.

The 147,000 acres of the Addition were added to the Preserve in 1988 but were not included in the planning process for the 1991 General Management Plan, which covered only the original Preserve. The planning effort for the Addition began in 1999, and a Draft General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was issued in July 2009.

The Final General Management Plan for the Addition includes a preferred alternative that is representative of the extensive civic engagement we all participated in over the past 10 years and follows the intent of the Preserve's enabling legislation. It provides for strong natural and cultural resource protection of this very special resource while at the same time providing for a diversity of recreational opportunities. The National Park Service values the public's interest in continuing to enjoy a meaningful connection with the Preserve, and we look forward to implementing this plan with your support and in the spirit of partnership.

The National Park Service will soon prepare and execute its "Record of Decision" (ROD) for this project, which will be published in the Federal Register.

On behalf of the entire National Park Service family, please accept our most sincere gratitude for your commitment and dedication to this process over the past 10 years. It is time now to come together in the work ahead to implement the plan!

Sincerely,

Pedro Ramos

Superintendent

### Bird of the Month for September: Red-cockaded Woodpecker

Continuing our woodpecker series, September's bird of the month is the rarest of our local species. *Picoides borealis* is a scarce bird because of their habitat requirements. Like



our Scrub Jay, the RCW depends on fire to maintain its home, but in this case, it's the pine woods, not the scrub, and specifically the longleaf (or, here in south Florida, slash) pine where they hang their hats (or they would, if they wore them). Also like the Scrub Jay, they nest colonially, in family groups, and cooperate to raise their young. The USFWS has been reintroducing them at Corbett WMA and DuPuis. The scientific name means "northern woodpecker-like" bird.

## Just don't do it

Tom Swihart

For Florida water policy, the first thing to do is to put aside the ridiculous and the needlessly costly. Just don't do it. For example:

- Don't issue or renew water use permits unless all available water efficient measures are implemented.
- Don't issue or renew water use permits for public water supply unless all of the automatic irrigation systems comply with the rain sensor requirements of section 373.62, F.S.
- Don't tell people that municipal water is so unsafe that they should buy bottled water.
- Don't irrigate golf courses with potable water.
- Don't reward regulators for reducing permit review times. Instead, reward them for doing the best job possible.
- Don't select people for supervisory water management positions who know they will have to go back to jobs in regulated industries.
- Don't appoint governing board members that don't much care about water resources.
- Don't allow the sale of inefficient old water using devices.
- Don't use tax dollars to subsidize public water supply or agriculture (because this conceals the real cost of water from users).
- Stop making obvious mistakes. Then consider active improvements.

### PHOTO NIGHT

ASE held its annual Member's Photo Night/ Ice Cream Social on August 5. Sixty-five people attended and many brought bird photos to share. Ranging from birds in flight, to nesting birds, to birds in breeding plumage, the pictures were quite special. A few photographers included videos. Maxine Schreiber shared the story of the duck that nested in her flower pot on the balcony of her fifth floor condo. The duck sat on fourteen eggs for some time. One morning she woke up and her duck was squawking. Six ducklings had hatched and mom was calling them to follow her. So one by one, the ducklings headed to a space in the railing and plunged to the ground. It all happened so fast. Maxine raced to the first floor and found the ducklings following mom to the pond!

All enjoyed the ice cream and fixings. Thanks go to Chris Golia, Paton White, and Roy Snyder for dishing up the ice cream. We really appreciated the many people who helped set up and put chairs away!

### ASE Hosts Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Clean UP

*Volunteers needed!*

Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. (KPBCB) is inviting ASE to manage a Palm Beach County site for the 2013 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), the world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. This is organized by the Ocean Conservancy and our chapter has participated for over 20 years. ASE will clean the Southern Blvd. Causeway on September 21 at 8:00 am. Parking will be on the east side of the bridge. Sept. 28 will be the rain day. CALL CLAUDINE TO REGISTER FOR VOLUNTEERING. 655-9779

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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](mailto: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

Membership, Audubon Society of the Everglades  
P.O. Box 16914  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-6914

#### 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](http://www.audubon.org). To join the National Society, send your information and check to

National Audubon Society Membership Center  
PO Box 422450  
Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250

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

\$20  \$50  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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.