

AUDUBON EVERGLADES DECEMBER 2017 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

PROGRAM:

Annual HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER and LECTURE "Audubon's Fight for the Everglade Snail Kite and the Everglades" by Paul N. Gray, Ph.D., Audubon Florida Science Coordinator
Tuesday, Dec 5, Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting & Lecture 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Dr. Paul Gray's presentation about the status of the Everglade Snail Kite. Snail Kites suffered a 75% population decline in the early 2000s but have rebounded strongly since. The rebound is the good news; the bad news is that this rebound is due almost entirely to exotic invasive apple snails that create their own side effects. Meanwhile, native Florida apple snail populations remain very low, indicating ongoing water management problems. Paul will cover the biology of the Kites and the political battles Audubon must wage to protect our ecosystems and Snail Kites from human damage.

Dr. Gray, Science Coordinator of Audubon of Florida's Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program, provides technical support to Audubon's policy teams. He is working with various agency technical and policy teams to design and implement restoration and stewardship plans in the region. Paul has been working in this area for more than 20 years. His educational background includes a BS from the University of Missouri, an MS from Texas Tech University, and a PhD from the University of Florida in 1993. He is currently the Co-chair of the Snail Kite Coordinating Committee.

"Florida is a biologist's paradise and I like being with an effective conservation group and being part of the good we do. My hobbies are reading, gardening, kayaking, hunting and fishing. Join me for a presentation mixing ecology, history, hydrology, politics AND KITES!" said Paul.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Bring a dish and join us at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, rooms



101 and 102, 6301 W. Summit Blvd in West Palm Beach. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the food will be served at 6:00 p.m., and our annual holiday meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. People with last names that begin A-J will bring salads and veggies; K-R deserts; S-Z main dishes. Please bring ready-to-serve food since we have no kitchen. We will supply the drinks. There are great items donated for our traditional raffle. Come join in the fun - we look forward to seeing you!

ALSO AT THE Dec 5 MEETING: Bird of the Month: Eastern Meadowlark. Come learn from Clive Pinnock about this bird.

EVENTS: (Free & Open to the public unless otherwise stated)

If you have any questions on the Bird Walks, email: FieldTrips@AudubonEverglades.org or call 508-296-0238

DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 2 Sat (7:30am-12pm) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- STA-1E, Easy: mainly from auto Sitting /Driving: no walking required. Advance registration required; see website calendar for details. Leader: Dan O'Malley

December 3 Sun (8am-11am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Wellington Preserve, Easy walk, with boardwalk or paved level surfaces This is a long walk, more than 1 1/2 miles. Leaders: Walt Hakenjos / Paul Thomas

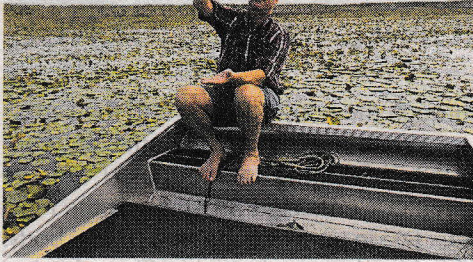
December 4 Mon (7:30am- 9:30am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Green Cay, Easy walk, with boardwalk or paved level surfaces. This is a medium distance walk, 1 - 1 1/2 miles. Family-friendly. Handicap Accessible Leader: Paton White

December 5 Tue 4pm-6pm Pine Jog (Birding before Dining) Moderate: Improved trail; dirt and uneven surfaces.... Leader: Lauren Butcher

December 9 Sat (6:30am-9:30am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Loxahatchee Slough, Moderately difficult walk, having improved trail with dirt & uneven surfaces. This is a long walk, more than 1 1/2 miles. Advance registration required; see website calendar for details. Leader: Dale Gawlik

December 10 Sun (8am-12pm) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- STA-2, Easy: mainly from auto Sitting /Driving: no walking required. Advance registration required; see website calendar for details. Leader: Susan McKemy

December 10 Sun (8am-10am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Wakodahatchee, Easy: Boardwalk or paved level surface; short distance - less than 1 mile. Family-friendly. Handicap Accessible. Leader: Chris Golia



December 13 Wed (7:30am-11:30am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Loxahatchee NWR, Moderately difficult walk, having improved trail with dirt & uneven surfaces. This is a long walk, more than 1 1/2 miles. Family-friendly. There is an associated cost, see web site calendar for details. Leader: Rick Schofield

December 14 Thu (All Day) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- T.M. Goodwin/Broadmoor Unit Sitting /Driving: no walking required. Advance registration required; see website calendar for details. Leader: Rick Schofield

December 15 Fri (8am-10am) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- Green Cay, Easy walk, with boardwalk or paved level surfaces. This is a medium distance walk, 1 - 1 1/2 miles. Family-friendly. Handicap Accessible Leader: Valleri Brauer

December 15 Fri 8:30am-11am Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- DuPuis MA Sitting /Driving: no walking required. Leader: Clive Pinnock

December 17 Sun (7:30am-12pm) Audubon Everglades Bird Walk -- STA-1E, Easy: mainly from auto Sitting /Driving: no walking required. Advance registration required; see website calendar for details. Leader: Rick Schofield

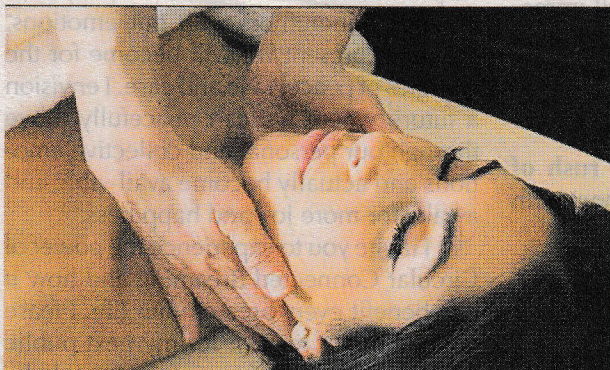
December 30 Sat (all day) Christmas Bird Count, Leader: Chuck Weber

Always check the web site calendar for details, registration links and last-minute changes. Trips, unless otherwise specified, are "Just Show Up."
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-Oprah Winfrey



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