



EVERGLADE KITE

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CALENDAR

Saturday, April 3, 7:30 a.m. Join ARM Loxahatchee NWR's weekly walk.

Meet in Marsh Trail parking lot. Leader: Pat Canning

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 a.m. Okeehchee Park. Meet as above.

Leader: Ethel Kujanpaa

Saturday, April 10, 7:30 a.m. Lake Worth Pier. Leader: Claudine Laabs

Tuesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m. Wakodahatchee. Leader: Paton White/Linda Humphries

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. Linda Humphries speaks at Green Cay Nature Center, Boynton Beach, on Green Cay Birds and their Behaviors.

April 17-18 Fort DeSoto. Space is limited contact Linda Humphries 561-742-7791.

Saturday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. Frenchman's Forest. Leader: Marvin Greenberg

Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. John Prince Park, WPB. Meet at campground (southern entrance, off Congress) Leader: Dorothy Brindle

Saturday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. Spanish River Park. Leader: Chuck Weber

Sunday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. Green Cay. Leader: Valeri Brauer

Wednesday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. Hypoluxo Scrub. Leader: Sabrina Carlson

Saturday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. Spanish River Park. Leader: Ben Kolstad

Saturday, May 1, 7:00 a.m. Corbett — Buggy Ride, Leader: Michael Baranski, Coordinator Linda (561) 742-7791

Saturday, May 8 Spring Migration. Contact Cynthia Plockelman for details.

Our Fort DeSoto trip is on again (April 17-18). Last year we had a great time and saw a lot of birds; call Linda to reserve a spot: 561-742-7791. We need to reserve rooms, this trip fills up quickly, so please call asap.

**Annual Membership Meeting, Pot Luck Dinner,
and Election of Officers**

Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Presentation: "Urban Oases for Migrating Songbirds"

Our Annual Meeting will be a pot luck dinner. 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 A-J please bring a main dish, K-R bring salads and veggies, S-Z bring desserts. Please bring ready to serve food, we have no kitchen. We will supply the drinks. We will have another Chinese raffle during the dinner. I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Our guest speakers for the evening will be Jim King and Roger Hammer, senior naturalists with the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, which has partnered with Audubon of Florida in planning and implementing the Urban Oases for Migrating Songbirds program. Roger is a senior interpretive naturalist Miami-Dade Parks Department, and Manager of Castellow Hammock Nature Center since 1977. He is the author of *Everglades Wildflowers* (2000), *Florida Keys Wildflowers* (2002), and *Exploring Everglades National Park And The Surrounding Area* (2004).

They will be speaking to us about this new conservation effort that involves partnerships among Audubon chapters and many other resource agencies, botanical gardens, native plant organizations, plant nurseries, etc. They will present a power-point, plus handout information, and a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing additional information on the Urban Oases program, and who may be interested in participating in some capacity.

Join us at the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W. Summit Blvd., in West Palm Beach. Doors open at 5:45.

Gumbo Limbo Meeting: "Lake Worth Lagoon"
Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Mr. John Hargis, an educator at the high school and university level for 39 years before becoming School Program Manager at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, will speak to ASE members about the Lake Worth Lagoon. Teaching has allowed him to become involved with many environmental issues, and today, Mr. Hargis is a vocal supporter of marine research and education as attested by state grants that his research team received from the State of Florida's Lake Worth Lagoon Partnership Grant Program.

To date, the research program direct by Mr. Hargis has received a total of \$225,000+ for restoration, development, deployment and enhancement of marine artificial reef habitats. Mr. Hargis has been involved in scuba education for many years and has led many adventures to Crystal River for manatee awareness programs, Cayman Islands, Belize and other Caribbean destinations for environmental education.

ASE's Tuesday afternoon meetings are held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd. (A1A), in Boca Raton. Access A1A via Palmetto Park (from the south) or Spanish River Blvd. (from the north).

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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.

Bird of the Month: Wood Duck

The bird of the month for April is the beautiful cavity-nesting Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa*. Come hear a special presentation on this handsome and engaging bird. Bring your photos to share with the group!

PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011

INCOME

Investment	7,100.00	
NAS	3,200.00	
Donations	7,000.00	
Membership local	1,500.00	
Merchandise Sales	1,300.00	
Fund Raising	2,000.00	
Field Trips	3,200.00	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME		25,300.00

RESTRICTED INCOME

Everglades Day		6,133.00
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TOTAL INCOME

31,433.00

EXPENSES Preliminary Budget

Administration

2010-2011

Office Supplies/Postage	400.00
Telephone	400.00
Storage	450.00
Website	200.00
Fees, Licenses, & Taxes	200.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Accounting	2,300.00
Fund Raising Expenses	500.00

subtotal

5,950.00

Programs

Newsletter printing	6,000.00
Newsletter postage	2,000.00
Conservation award	100.00
ASE brochure	1,000.00
Hospitality	500.00
Speaker expense	300.00
Bush Wildlife Sanctuary	-
Field Trips	3,000.00

subtotal

12,900.00

Education

Lectures, school programs	-
Everglades Day	2,500.00
Library Purchases	250.00
Rent	-
Green School	500.00
IBM Birding Day	-
Big O Birding Day	-
Conference/ Convention	500.00
Pathfinders Award	2,500.00
festivals & exhibits	200.00

subtotal

6,450.00

Total expenses

25,300.00

Everglades Day (PBC Cultural Council)

6,133.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

31,433.00

**Tips For Success
Warblers and Vireos**

Paddy Cunningham

Warblers and vireos are much anticipated guests during migration. Warblers provide a bright, beautiful palate of breeding colors in orange, yellow, green and blue in the spring. Vireos are very similar in coloration but vary in their beautiful lyrical songs. They can pose difficulties in finding and identifying them because of their small size and frequent movement when feeding. Behavior of these birds can be one of the first clues in helping to separate them quickly. Many warblers are constantly, constantly moving searching for insects in the tree canopy. An exception is the American Redstart, which tumbles down, almost butterfly like. They have a habit of fanning their tails and wings displaying bright color patches (orange male, yellow female). Warblers have a posture that is usually more prone and horizontal to the branch. Vireos on the other hand are slightly larger, chunkier and have a more upright posture. Their flight is more purposeful when landing on a branch and where they will pause for a longer period of time. Many vireos have eye rings and eye lines as field marks to identify them. Both warblers and vireos can be seen together during migration in mixed flocks. So take the time this spring to begin to use behavior and silhouette of these small wonders to begin the process of identifying them. Let the fun begin.

For more information about birding in south Florida and to get those nagging questions answered, check out my website at www.birdadventure.com or contact me at birdpaddy@yahoo.com

**ASE Executive Committee Nomination Slate
2010-2012**

President – Linda Humphries

1st Vice President – Cynthia Plockelman

2nd Vice President – Paton White

Secretary – Alan Parmalee

Treasurer – Janet Schreiber

Election of officers for the term 2010–2012 will take place at our annual meeting, Tuesday April 6 at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center.

Earth Day Events in April

April 10, 10 am–4 pm Naturescaping, John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive, North Palm Beach

April 17, 8 am–4 pm Earth Day Celebration-live animals, Okeechiee Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33413

April 24, 10 am–3 pm Earth Day, Daggerwing Nature Center, South County Regional Park, 11200 Park Access Rd., Boca Raton

President's Column

Linda Humphries

Thank you all for your help! Thank you for your donations! As you know, we did not send out separate letters asking for year end donations, but our decision to include the request with our newsletter saved ASE almost \$2000. Now is the time of the year when we sit down and figure out next year's budget. Unfortunately we have lost a \$5000 grant that was given to ASE for education. Due to the grant loss and other income losses we have had to make cuts in our budget this year. The major cost in our budget is the newsletter. We appreciate all of our local memberships, because they help with the cost of our newsletter. National Audubon only contributes to ASE for first year memberships. However, our expenses that cover your membership continue! If you would like to receive the Kite via email instead of regular mail, contact Ben Kolstad, ben@kolstad.com. That helps us reduce our environmental impact as well as our printing/postage costs. Every little bit helps!

ASE appreciates all the help given by our volunteers for our trips, events, and activities. Judy Hill has been doing an excellent job as our hospitality chair but needs to step down. We need a committee of two or three people to help with refreshments, or we could set up a monthly list of people bringing drinks and another person bringing desserts. Bring your calendars and choose the month you can help us.

April is the month we celebrate our earth. Please check in this newsletter to see where you can join Earth Day celebrations. On April 22, Earth Day, ASE is asking for volunteers to come to Okeechiee Nature Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help restore part of our earth. Contact me at 561-742-7791 if you have any questions. Come make a difference and join in the fun. See you there!

**Conservation Meeting, Lantana County Library
Monday, Apr 5, 2010, 1:00 PM**

Audubon Society of the Everglades has started a monthly conservation meeting to discuss upcoming events and important public meetings being held within our local area. This is a one-hour informal discussion about upcoming issues so that we can be better informed.

The meeting is held at the county library in Lantana, 4020 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Come join the discussion! Call Linda at 561-742-7791 for more information.

Moved Recently?

If you have moved and no longer wish to receive this newsletter please contact Linda by email (hlinda@aol.com) or phone (561-742-7791). If you would rather receive this newsletter via email instead of regular mail contact Ben Kolstad, ben@kolstad.com. Thanks for helping us reduce our environmental impact and our printing/postage costs.

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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 11 issues of the *Everglade Kite* newsletter.

National Audubon Society Membership

When you join ASE through the National Audubon Society, you also receive 6 issues of *Audubon Magazine*, and membership in Audubon of Florida. For details, visit www.audubon.org. To join the National Society, send your information as above, but make your check out to **National Audubon Society**. NOTE: The annual fee is \$20 for regular NAS membership. In either case, send your check, payable to ASE (\$15/\$10) or NAS (\$20) as appropriate, along with this form to

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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 \$15 Senior (62+)/Student \$10

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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City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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I would like to volunteer for:

- Education
 Conservation
 Everglades Day
 Fundraising
 Other: _____

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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.