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CALENDAR

For trip info email: asetripinfo@gmail.com

Apr 4 Sat. 7:45 am STA 1E, Contact Linda 561-742-7791 or asetripinfo@gmail.com to register

Apr 9 Thur. "2nd Thursday Leader's Choice"
CHECK WEB SITE www.auduboneverglades.org
FOR DETAILS 48 HOURS BEFORE

Apr 11 Sat. 6:30 am DuPuis Management Area, State Rd. 76 (3 miles east of Port Mayaca). Meet at entrance Gate 1 (Chuck Weber)

Apr 11 Sat. 4 pm to 6 pm ARM Loxahatchee NWR, FAMILY EVENT "EVERGLADES EXPLORATION"
Boynton Beach, 10216 Lee Road, \$5 entry per car. Meet at the Marsh Trail. (Serena Rinker) call Linda 586-854-0145

Apr 12 Sun. 8 am Mangrove Park "PLUS", Boynton Beach, 700 NE 4th Ave, behind St. Mark's Church (Linda Humphries)

Apr 14 Tue. 4 pm Wakodahatchee Wetlands, BEGINNER Walk Delray Beach, 13206 Jog Road. Meet at top of boardwalk (Paton White)

Apr 17 Fri. 4:30 pm Green Cay Wetlands, Boynton Beach, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road. Meet outside Nature Center main door. (Valleri Brauer)

Apr 18 Sat. 8 am Seacrest Scrub, Boynton Beach, 3400 S. Seacrest Blvd (Lee & David Haase/John & Chadda Shelly)

Apr 18 Sat. 8-11 am Tall Cypress Natural Area, CANCELLED

Apr 18 Sat. 9-11 am, Mounts Botanical Garden, FAMILY EVENT "BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL", West Palm Beach, 551 N Military Trail (across from airport runway). Donation \$5/adult. Call Paton for info 561-818-7574

Apr 19 Sun. 9:30 am Riverbend Park BIKE & BIRDS, Bring your Picnic Lunch. Jupiter, 9060 Indiantown Rd. Meet in parking lot in front of bike rental trailer (Vicki Rogerson/Linda Humphries)

Apr 19 Sun 4-7 pm Earth Day Wellington- e-mail Debbie Smith hnybear3@juno.com to help

Apr 22 Wed. 9 am Wakodahatchee Wetlands, EARTH DAY WALK Delray Beach, 13206 Jog Road. Meet at top of boardwalk (Dorothy Brindle)

Apr 25 Sat. 8 am, Spanish River Park, Boca Raton. Meet at corner of A1A and Spanish River Blvd. check website for parking tips (Brian Hope)

Apr 25 Sat. 10 am-6pm Earth Day Lake Worth, making Peanut Butter Pinecone Bird Feeders. email Debbie Smith hnybear3@juno.com to help

Apr 25-26 Sat-Sun Fort Desoto Spring Migration with Paddy Cunningham 754 201 1141. birdpaddy@yahoo.com

Apr 26 Sun. 8 am Frenchman's Forest, Palm Beach Gardens, 12201 Prosperity Farms Road, 1.5 miles north of PGA Blvd (Melanie & Steve Garcia)

Apr 26 Sun. All day trip. Blue Cypress, see one of the world's largest concentration of Osprey nests, Contact Claudine Laabs 561-655-9779

April 29-May 6 Spring time in Panama's Rain and Cloud Forest. Contact Claudine Laabs 561-655-9779

Annual MEETING Pot Luck Dinner and LECTURE

John J. Lopinot, "What Makes a Great Photograph?"

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 meeting & lecture

Come join us on Tuesday, April 7 to hear John J. Lopinot describe "What Makes a Great Photograph?"

Millions of photographs are snapped each day around the world by photographers with phones, point and shoot cameras and Digital Single Lens Reflex cameras. But what separates a snapshot from a great photograph? In this presentation photographer John J. Lopinot will teach us about the art and craft of photography so you can produce better photographs no matter what type of camera you use, because in reality, it's not the camera—it's the photographer who produces great photographs.

John J. Lopinot is a nature, underwater photographer and educator based in Florida. He was an editor and photographer at the Palm Beach Post for 33 years. An award-winning photojournalist and a skilled teacher, he has taught over 300 photography workshops and has won over 150 awards for his photography and has been a featured speaker at many professional photographic conferences. His work has been exhibited widely in South Florida and his photographs have been featured in National Geographic magazine, Time, Newsweek, National Wildlife Magazine, The New York Times, on book covers, audio CDs, posters, calendars, billboards, advertisements and in numerous national and international publications. You may see his work at www.johnjlopinot.com.

Our Annual Meeting will be a pot luck dinner and is open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the food will be served at 6:00 p.m. The annual meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. People with last names that begin between A-J please bring salads and veggies K-R bring desserts, S-Z bring a main dish. Please bring ready-to-serve food; we have no kitchen. We will supply the drinks. Paton White and Maxine Schreiber will create our usual raffle. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Also at the meeting: April Bird of the Month, Broad-winged Hawk. Come to our April meeting to hear more about this fascinating bird from our expert, Clive Pinnock.

This annual event is free and open to the public—join us and bring a dish! Rooms 101 and 102 at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, (near Jog Road) in West Palm Beach.

Bird of the Month for April: Broad-winged Hawk

This small, chunky raptor migrates from its breeding grounds in northern and eastern North America to its wintering grounds in Florida, southern Mexico, and northern South America. The largest migration is through Veracruz, Mexico, where there have been days with well over 100,000 BWHAs recorded. There are also nonmigratory populations on some Caribbean islands.

This hawk is most likely to be confused with the similarly stout, but slightly larger, Red-shouldered Hawk. Look for broader tail bands on the broad-winged (narrow stripes on the RSHA tail) and "bolder" spots on the breast (RSHA has a fine herringbone pattern; BWAH has more of a "barred" appearance).

Broad-winged Hawk. Note two dark bands and one light in tail. Photo by Paul Thomas



Bird of the Month Photos

Please send May Bird-of-the Month Cooper's Hawk 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 mission is inspiring people to conserve wildlife, especially birds, and the environment that supports them.

PANAMA TRIP UPDATE

The Panama trip led by Claudine Laabs has been rescheduled. The new dates are April 29 through May 6. Contact Claudine for details, 561-655-9779. Best rainforest birding in the world!

Audubon Society of the Everglades will hold its annual membership meeting, which includes election of new board members and approval of the budget, at our April seventh meeting—no fooling! Dinner starts at 6:00 (doors open at 5:30), with the program to follow at 7:00. Here is the budget as submitted by the treasurer for approval at the meeting:

	2014-2015 budget	2015-2016 budget proposed
INCOME		
Investment	6,000	5,500
NAS	3,000	3,000
Donations	3,500	1,500
Membership local	4,000	5,000
Merchandise Sales	250	300
Fund Raising	750	750
Field Trips	1,000	1,000
Pathfinder	450	700
Audubon Prints	10,000	5,000
TOTAL	28,950	22,750
IN KIND		
Speakers in kind	1,100	1,100
Rent in kind	1,800	1,800
TOTAL	2,900	2,900
TOTAL INCOME	31,850	25,650
EXPENSES		
Administration		
Office Supplies & Equipment	300	500
Storage	500	600
Technology	700	4,500
Fees, Licenses, Taxes, PayPal Commissions	300	300
Insurance	1,700	1,800
Accounting	1,800	2,100
Legal		1,900
Fund Raising	500	500
TOTAL	5,800	12,200
Programs		
Newsletter printing	3,000	3,000
Postage & Fees	1,000	1,000
ASE brochure	1,000	1,200
Hospitality	300	200
Speaker expense	1,000	1,300
Rent	1,800	1,800
Field Trips	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	9,100	9,500
Education		
Lectures, school programs	2,000	1,000
Everglades Day Grant	2,500	2,500
Library Purchases	250	250
Green Schools	500	500
Conference/ Convention	700	3,000
Pathfinders Award	3,000	4,700
Festivals & exhibits	300	500
Donations	500	2,000
TOTAL	9,750	14,450
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,650	36,150
NET		(10,500)*

* ASE was very fortunate to receive a \$100,000 bequest from the William N. Vaughn Trust. Your board voted to add \$60,000 of it to our conservation fund. \$40,000 was put aside to enable us to enhance our programs, donations and maintenance. This year we voted to spend \$10,500 for a variety of items including: conferences for our board and members to make us better stewards of the environment, a possible new web site, legal fees, and donations to local organizations. We are very grateful for this bequest.

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

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)

Our mission is “Inspiring People to conserve wildlife, especially birds, and the environment that supports them.”

Rosa Durando and Stella Rossi Retire from ASE Board

Rosa and Stella have been the conservation heart of our chapter for decades. Although they are leaving the board, they have both agreed to continue to be trusted advisors. Each of them has fought tirelessly for the environment and is the epitome of our mission statement. It will take many of us fill their footsteps. We will honor them at the April meeting.

Education Is One of ASE’s Objectives

Our Pathfinders Scholarship of \$3,000 is one of the things we take the most pride in. The following is a note from our 2014 recipient, Tanner Waters. “I just wanted to update the Audubon Society on how my college experience is going so far. I’m currently working in an environmental research lab at Duke! The research focuses on environmental toxins and pollutants that cause the degradation of DNA and how organisms repair their damaged DNA. I am also currently enrolled in Environmental Science and Policy course. I’m putting this knowledge and my past experience to good use in the various clubs on campus. I am the grassroots head of our “Duke Divest” club aiming to rid the schools endowment of fossil fuels, I am a project leader in our “Eco-Reps” which is a group of students who aim to make the campus more sustainable, and I am a member of environmental alliance. I am extremely happy at Duke and with my environmental studies.”

Education Committee

Last June, your board made involving children in the environment and birding one of our goals. It is coming to fruition this spring. Clive Pinnock and Linda Humphries are creating several programs to take into schools. Training will be available for anyone interested in teaching it. They have already taken one of the programs into a school with great success. Our three part family series debuted in March and April 11 will be “Everglades Exploration” and April 18 “Butterflies and Butterfly Gardening.” Be sure to enjoy these events with your children and grandchildren. We also co-sponsored Pledge to Fledge with James Currie and the Friends of Green Cay as well as the 35th anniversary of the Audubon Collection with PBC Library. We also reach the community with booths at many festivals. We are revamping our Education Committee and I am very pleased that Vicki Rogerson has agreed to be the new chairman!

Nominating Committee Slate

Susan McKemy, Valleri Brauer and Cindy Bush served on the Nominating Committee and their task was to find six people for our Board of Directors. This year we elect the non-officers. While these members can be members-at-large, they are often committee chairs as well. The Nominating Committee’s slate is: Sheila Elliot, Anne Hctor, Vicki Rogerson, Debbie Smith, Susan Snyder and Gail Tomei. The election for the 2015-2017 term will take place April 7 at our annual meeting.

Chapter-only Membership Benefits

You, our local chapter members, are the core of ASE. We strive to make your membership a great value. By the time you read this, I hope many of you will have had the opportunity to see the Flamingos at STA-2. What an unexpected treat! Another members-only event was our fund raiser with James Currie. Linda Humphries reported “It turned out to be a beautiful day, but very cold in the early morning with the blustering winds. There were lots and lots of shorebirds along the first canal on the right side, even the skimmers have taken

up residence there. James was charming and helped people identify some of those hard shorebirds and ducks. He had lots of helpful hints to share with the group. We saw a lot of Rosette Spoonbills and there was one newly finished cell area with an enormous amount of every kind of wading bird. What we see is determined by the water levels, time of the year, and weather. This was one of those days that it all seemed to come together, perfect for our viewing. A special thanks to James Currie for leading our tour and to South Florida Water Management District for allowing us access to this very special area.

If you have not renewed, you will stop getting the Kite next month! Don’t miss out on next fall’s special trips and events. Your support is vital to our chapter’s success.

Conservation

Conservation has been a year of both great success and frustration. Palm Beach County had the highest positive percentage for the Vote 1 Amendment. I believe all our buttons and conversation about it, was a major contributing factor. The other side of the coin is the AG Reserve where we have put an equal amount of energy. We are focusing on the critical BCC meeting on March 24 when the Board of County Commissioners will meet and hear both staff and the public’s opinions as well as the results of the workshops. It will be important to fill the room. We will be having our first conservation workshop in mid-April with both Paul Davis and Mark Cook there to lead us! This special meeting is an exciting opportunity to learn. On all conservation fronts we need to be visible and educated.

We also need to make the most of our participation in the Everglades Coalition and the Climate Action Coalition and our relationship with Florida Audubon.

Citizen Science is an important part of conservation. We have members participating in watching scrub jays, shorebirds and eagles (Susan McKemy even found an undocumented nest, and reports that a pair of Bald Eagles are trying to nest in Miami!), and the banding and study of Painted Buntings! Many of us contribute to both the Christmas Bird Count and the Great Backyard Bird Count. Jim Howe has done a different type of study. He writes, “I’m involved in a Citizen Science study of bird life on Loxahatchee River Environmental Management District (LRD) grounds and the adjoining Busch Wildlife Sanctuary (which leases its land from the LRD). The site is about 160 acres in Jupiter, and is a wastewater treatment facility (similar to Wakodahatchee) but is currently off-limits to the general public. ASE has had a Bird Trip there in both 2013 and 2014. The involvement of ASE was cited as a direct factor in the future opening of the grounds to the public! Starting with February’s Great Backyard Bird Count and ending with Audubon’s Christmas Bird Count, we took thirteen surveys throughout 2014 on LRD property. Jason Agraves of LRD and I recently completed our 2014 report (the first of its kind) and it was accepted, and approved for general distribution by the LRD. Anyone who wants the report can ask for it at my email address jameshowe@bellsouth.net”

Instead of a column, I wrote a president’s annual report this month, to create a picture on this page of all that ASE accomplishes and how important each person’s contributions are. I also want to acknowledge all that Susan Snyder does for our biggest event, co-chairing Everglades Day! —Paton

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Articles NEEDED! Send to auduboneverglades@gmail.com before 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
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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 (or to use PAYPAL go to auduboneverglades.org) 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 \$_____

Name _____ Phone _____

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I would like to volunteer for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Everglades Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications

Audubon Society of the Everglades general meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30) 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.