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Halifax River Audubon Society
Daytona Beach, Florida

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SPECIAL

JANUARY 1979

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

Because the church house at Seabreeze United Church will be needed for church use on January 15th, we have been obliged to schedule our January general meeting a week later on January 22nd. Please note: we shall meet at Seabreeze United Church on January 22nd.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don't forget January 14 at which time we have a special treat in store.

An extra program is scheduled at the Museum of Arts & Sciences on Museum Blvd., in Daytona Beach at 2:30 P.M., SUNDAY January 14. Audubon lecturer Richard Kern will present his narrated color movie on Fisheating Creek, which is a nature preserve near the southwest corner of Lake Okeechobee.

The presentation is under joint sponsorship of your society and the Museum.

It is free to members of the organization but there is to be a nominal charge for guests.

Our regular program this month on January 22 will be one that many of us have looked forward to for quite a long time. We will have color slides of wild-flowers taken by Henry Dearborn, edited by Connie Ekdahl and presented by Robert Hunter.

Those that knew Henry when he lived in Daytona will recall that in addition to being an excellent birder, he was a fine photographer and a prize winning artist. Connie Ekdahl, in addition to having been "Mr. H.R.A.S." for many years has become one of the area's most knowledgeable wild-flower enthusiasts. Bob Hunter, with his background in public information as writer and editor for the News-Journal papers and his interest in photography is well suited for the presentation.

Not mentioned earlier is the fact that all three of these gentlemen are still members of H.R.A.S. We are glad they have the interest to put together this program for us.

Next month watch for "Bigger than Nature" by Ken Brate.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

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CONSERVATION REPORT

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WILDLIFE REFUGE INVENTORY URGED

Volusia County has some parks and many wildlife refuges. These latter range all the way from the North Tomoka Wildlife Management Area where hunting is permitted to municipal and private sanctuaries where real protection is given, in theory at least. There is no official listing. We do not know where. Many of them are or how well laws are being enforced.

The Conservation Committee urges the three Audubon Societies of the County to undertake a survey and to gather basic data on all parks and refuges. We should know where they are; what are the protective restrictions and by whom are they being enforced.

STUDY OF TOMOKA RIVER AND SPRUCE CREEK MOVING TOO SLOWLY

The study directed by the County Council of the Planning Board seems stalled. It is important that the members know of public interest in having this study completed in a careful manner. Communications may be sent to:

Mr. Clyde Bennett, Chairman
Volusia County Planning Board
Planning & Development Department
125 East Orange Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32014

NATIONAL PARKS, REFUGES AND FORESTS IN ALASKA

President Carter, by Executive Order, delayed the take-over by private interests of a vast acreage in Alaska. Now it is up to Congress to either uphold his decision or to open the gates to one of the worst land grabs in history. Pelican readers are urged to watch the news releases on this subject and to respond promptly when action is suggested.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation
Committee

FLORIDA RARE BIRD ALERT

In our area call Roger Harshaw at 252-8257 (business) or at 672-5687 (home). Out of town in the coastal area Mary Davidson is one of those listed for Jacksonville at (904)-733-5862; in Rockledge Helen Cruikshank at (305)-636-2797, or in Merritt Island Johnnie Johnson at (305)-453-1087. (FOS Newsletter).

SANDHILL CRANES

Carlton Smith reported 37 sandhill cranes at Linholt's Farm and 7 more on Hontoon Road January 7. He was fortunate, as sometimes the cranes are nowhere to be seen.

BIRDING NOTES

Ten observers went to the Welaka Fish Hatchery December 15. Total species seen were 57, including bluebird, ruby-crowned kinglet, pileated woodpecker, black-and-white warbler, black-throated-blue warbler and pine warbler at a spot along Dupont Road. Most of our party returned to town after our picnic at Welaka; those who stayed found some additional species there, a couple of ducks, gnatcatcher, nuthatch, water pipit, etc.

Our trip of December 15 along Dupont Road was so rewarding that we returned there for our first half day trip January 5th. Some of the birds we saw on our first trip were not in evidence this time, but we were still pleased to see very many bluebirds and yellow rumped warblers, 60 white ibis assembled together on a tree, brown-headed nuthatch, tufted titmouse and yellowthroat. For the four hours of birding the seven observers registered a total of fifty species. Rain threatened but it held off except for a few minutes while we were driving homeward.

A new policy will be tried out. If a scheduled Friday trip is rained out, we will try again on the next day, Saturday.

TREES

Trees in cities are of considerable value for a number of reasons. For example, they control wind and water erosion; they help reduce noise; they filter impurities from the air and add oxygen to it; they cool the surrounding air; and they enhance their surroundings.

Trees cleanse the atmosphere by precipitating and filtering out impurities and by adding oxygen to the air. It has been proven that the volume of carbon dioxide removed from the air by an 80 foot tall beech tree each day is equivalent to that produced by two single family dwellings. Now, a beech tree 80 feet tall is not an immediate reality, but the point of the matter is, reduction of air pollutants of up to 5,000 or more dust particles per liter of air is possible along tree lined streets.

Tree canopy can alter the micro-climate by reducing the temperature in the immediate area. A study in Davis, California has shown that temperature can be reduced anywhere from five to twelve degrees depending on size and shape of tree used for canopy....

Noise is reduced to more tolerable levels through the use of trees and other plants in the vicinity of objectionable sounds. The vibrations of sound waves are absorbed by leaves, branches, and twigs of trees. Trees scatter and diffuse sound and thereby add to the effectiveness of grass in absorbing sounds beyond the immediate area....

Bernardo Garcia

Florida International University

(Excerpted from the November bulletin of Tropical Audubon Society. The article has relevance while we are considering a tree ordinance.)

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

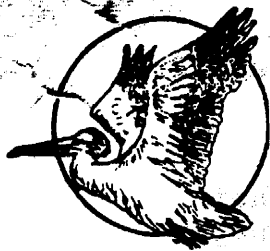
- January 14 (Sunday) Richard Kern film at Museum, 2:30 P.M.
- January 16 (Tuesday) hearing on Halifax Plantation, Courthouse Annex, Daytona Beach, 1 P.M.
- January 19 (Friday) half day field trip leaves City Island 8 A.M.
- January 22 (Monday) H.R.A.S. general meeting Seabreeze United Church, 7 P.M.
- February 2 (Friday) all day field trip to Merritt Island 8 A.M.

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NATURE SLIDES BY KEN BRATE

Our program this month will be a collection of nature slides by our own Ken Brate. Ken and his wife recently made an extended trip to South Florida, and this collection of beautiful color slides is one of the results. He has made quite a wonderful selection for us, ranging from orchids to alligators. I know we will enjoy his superb photography.

Meet at Seabreeze United Church, 501 North Wild Olive, near Seabreeze on the Peninsula, at 7 P. M., February 19th.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Our annual dinner meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 1979. The time is 6:30 P. M. and the place is the Chateau Vivon, 1350 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach. This is just north of Beville Road. The cost will be \$4.75, which includes tax and tip.

Call the following numbers to make reservations:

Harold Nett, 677-8647
Carlton Smith, 253-3815
Thelma Acosta, 253-8579

Or give us your reservation at the February meeting. Jeffrey Kuhn will offer the program again this year with his film "The Other Everglades." We enjoyed his presentation of "Wings over the Eastern Shore" last year. Please make your reservations early and bring a friend with you.--Carlton M. Smith, Program Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16 (Friday), half day field trip
February 19 (Monday), general meeting at Seabreeze United Church
March 2 (Friday), half day field trip
March 5 (Monday), board meeting
March 16 (Friday), all day field trip
March 19 (Monday), annual dinner meeting at Chateau Vivon

February 1979

FIELD TRIP NOTES



Our program brochure reads, "Those who do not drive their own cars are given an opportunity to share the cost of transportation with those whose cars are used." Our board of directors has recommended, because of the present high cost of gasoline, riders contribute \$3.00 for all-day field trips and \$2.00 for half-day trips.

Reporting on our last two field trips, on January 19th 19 observers registered a total of 54 species, including dunlins, 6 loons, 12 wood storks, 12 skimmers, 6 oystercatchers on our trip to MacDonald's farm, Port Orange Bridge, Conrad Street and Edgewater Park.

On February 2nd, 17 individuals journeyed to Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. At Central Shiloh Marsh, Playlinda and Black Point Drive, as well as en route, 62 species of birds were seen. Among them were 7 kinds of duck, Bonaparte gulls, marsh and red-tailed hawks, wood stork, scrub jays, loons, white pelicans, orange-crowned warbler, pileated woodpecker and most outstanding of all, great horned owl. The owl was spotted sitting on a nest formerly used by bald eagles at Stop 2 of Black Point Drive.

Our total count for the season to date is 108 species.

COMMON LOONS

As indicated in our field trip notes, common loons have been often seen on our birding trips lately. It has been reported that many loons have been found dead on the beach. In the Daytona Beach Morning Journal of January 13th there was an article and picture about the loons. Mrs. Keller, the "Bird Lady", needs fresh fish for her feathered patients, loons, pelicans, etc. According to the article, fishermen who may desire to donate fish for this worthy cause should take them to the Halifax Humane Society on Eleventh Street just west of the I-95 overpass. Mrs. Keller's phone number is 252-2794.

NEW MEMBERS

The Halifax River Audubon Society welcomes the following new members:

- Mr. Al Brown
- Scot Cole
- Wm. & Frances MacBride
- Mr. Charles North
- The Wade Rimmer's
- Dr. E. L. Thompson
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tignor
- Pete Zahn Jr.

CONSERVATION REPORT

STUDY OF CRITICAL AREAS

Volusia County Council is undertaking a land study to determine the environmentally critical areas and hopes to work out means for their protection. HRAS commends this action by the County Council and pledges its full support.

PORT ORANGE SANCTUARY

The pelicans and other sea birds have moved from the island south of Port Orange bridge to a new location approximately 1/4 mile north of the causeway. This is probably due to the disturbance necessary in extending a water line and other facilities across the river. It underscores the fact that man's disturbance of an area will cause sea birds to abandon a resting area.

FROM THE "AUDUBON LEADER"

"The National Audubon Society's Washington office has instituted a telephone hotline for conservationists who want to keep up with environmental issues pending in Congress and federal agencies. Dial (202) 783-1920 at any hour of the day or night for a recorded report. (Calls made after 11 P. M. will cost less than 40 cents from anywhere in the lower 48 states.)

"The Washington office also has revitalized its mail hotline, a service for Audubon members who are willing to write letters and make calls when citizen action is needed. A new bulletin, National Outlook, will be issued when an important development breaks too fast to be included in the Audubon Leader. To get your name on the mailing list, write to "Outlook," National Audubon Society, 1511 K Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20005, and please include the name of your Congressperson, the number of your Congressional District, and a list of the environmental issues in which you are particularly interested."

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

FLORIDA WATER USE PLAN

A hearing was held on Phase 1 of a state water use plan on December 20, 1978, in Tallahassee. The hearing was extended to January 30, 1979, allowing more time for public comment. The December 1978 issue of "Environmental Regulation News" outlines some of the problems:

"The population has concentrated in the coastal zone and south Florida, where fresh-water supplies are the least plentiful or least tolerant of abuse...In addition, demand from tourists, winter migrants and agriculture is high during the winter dry season when rainfall is low...The generally flat topography of the state means that storage of water in surface reservoirs requires large amounts of land and is very susceptible to high evaporation loss."

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

The Daytona Beach Museum of Arts and Sciences have scheduled a number of activities which might be of interest to our members.

There will be a canoeing trip on Fisheating Creek the weekend of March 16th through 18th, leaving the museum Friday March 16th at 4 P. M. For further information contact the Museum at 255-0285.

On five consecutive Wednesdays (March 14 through April 4, from 8:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.) classes will be held in field birdwatching. Travel will be by mini-bus, and participants should bring sack lunches. The cost will be \$25.00 to members of the Museum and \$30.00 to non-members. A highlight will be a day of pelagic birding out on the ocean aboard "The Happy Dolphin." Mike Brothers will conduct the classes.

Steve Hartman is the instructor for Ecology Motor Tours. These will comprise four sessions traveling by mini-bus to Volusia County's diverse ecological, scenic and historical areas. The classes begin at 8:30 A. M. Tuesday March 13 and continue through April 2. Tuition is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members.

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ANNUAL MEETING

R. JEFFREY KUHN is returning as the guest speaker for our annual meeting, March 19th. This popular taxidermist-teacher-photographer-lecturer from York, Pa. created such excitement last year with his motion picture, "Wings over the Eastern Shore" that I am sure everyone will be glad to have him back.

This year's meeting, a "pay-at-the-door", no reservations required, buffet dinner, will be at the Chateau Vivon, 1350 S. Nova Rd., Daytona Beach at 6:30 P.M. This restaurant, which normally does not open Mondays, is opening just for us. The price will be \$4.75 per person including tax and tip and the public is invited.

The film, which will be shown after dinner, is entitled "The Other Everglades." When Mr. Kuhn was asked why "The OTHER Everglades" he said that he had attempted to bring out many aspects of the Glades that the average visitor does not see, hence "The Other Everglades." Included in the 45 minute color film are: a boat safari on the 100-mile long wilderness waterway in the 10,000 Islands, a part of the Everglades story seldom seen on film; some fishing, as this region is a fisherman's paradise; deer, alligators, fish and turtles of the fresh water marshes; the bizarre flora of the glades and the rare and beautiful birds that have made this area world famous. The film has a strong wildlife, ecology and conservation theme and I'm sure is eagerly awaited by us all. Plan to be there!

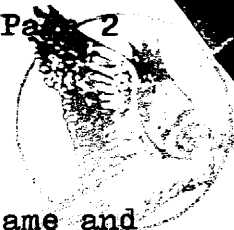
Carlton M. Smith, Program Chairman

"HELP WANTED"

The society needs the following:

Recording secretary, to fill a vacancy next year.
Newsletter editor, position vacant.
Field trip leader, position vacant.

For more information call the president at 677-8647.



CONSERVATION REPORT

USE OF STEEL TRAPS

Florida Audubon has alerted us to the fact that the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission is considering permitting steel traps. We thought that this cruel practice had been banned permanently, but apparently it is not so. HRAS has filed a protest.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS

A special committee of Volusia County Council is working on a list of environmentally sensitive lands. This is being done in order that the Council may plan for their protection. Council is to be commended for this action.

COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The County Planning Board has presented a comprehensive plan for the county as required by law. A public hearing by the Council will be held in April or early May.

Walter S. Boardman, Chairman
Conservation Committee

COUNTY PARKS

Part of the comprehensive plan mentioned by Dr. Boardman are proposals for a county park system. A summary of proposed sites is as follows:

REGIONAL PARKS

- De Leon Springs, on Route 17 north of Deland.
- Ponce Inlet Park, north and south of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.
- Lake Beresford Park, east side of Lake Beresford, west of Deland.
- Metro Park, adjacent to Rose Bay, Turnbull Bay and Spruce Creek.
- Sabal Palm Preserve, western shore of Lake Monroe in southwest Volusia County.
- Lake George Park, northwestern section of the County.
- Bethune Beach Park, south of New Smyrna Beach.
- Lake Talmadge Park, east of Deland between North and South Lake Talmadge.
- Tomoka State Park expansion to take in oak forests south of the present park and salt grass marshes to the north, northwest and west.

MAJOR PARKS

- Lake Monroe Park, shore of Lake Monroe in southwestern Volusia County.
- Indian River Park, between Edgewater and Oak Hill.
- High Bridge Park, on the Halifax River at High Bridge.
- Lake Ashby Park, southern shore of the lake.
- Lake Harney Park, eastern shore of Lake Harney.
- Tomoka River Preserve, south of the Ormond Airport.
- St. Johns River Park, southern shore of Lake George.
- Lake Dias Park, on Route 11.
- Ormond Tomb Park, on Old Dixie Highway.

Russell W. Peterson, former chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, will succeed Dr. Elvis J. Stahr as president of the National Audubon Society April 1st.

Mr. Peterson, a scientist and winner of the 1977 Audubon Medal, is currently director of the Office of Technology Assessment, an agency of the Congress. He has a distinguished background in industry and the nonprofit field as well as in government. He worked for the Du Pont Company 26 years and headed the Research and Development Department of its Development Division before he left to run for Governor of Delaware. He was elected to that office in 1968 and won national attention as a conservationist for his tough program to protect the state's coastal zone. He was named chairman of CEQ in 1973, and when he left that post in 1976 he became the founder and first president of New Directions, a citizens' lobbying organization focussing on global issues.

The OTA which Peterson now heads is not well known to the public despite the important role it plays in national legislation. Its basic function is to provide congressional committees with assessments of the impacts of new technologies and analyses of alternatives. OTA's current list of priority topics for study includes a surprising number of subjects that are on National Audubon's priority list--for instance water problems, land use, forest resources, and ocean pollution.

Stahr, who has headed the society since October, 1968, announced to the board last summer that he wanted to resign as president as soon as a successor could be chosen and was ready to take over, but said he would like to stay on in whatever other capacity he could "best help Audubon." Board Chairman Edward H. Harte, who announced Peterson's election after a special meeting of the board February 25th at the Greenwich (Connecticut) Audubon Center, said he hoped Stahr's association with the society would continue. Stahr, at the meeting, praised the board for choosing "a giant of the conservation movement" as the society's next president, a person "with the leadership and the commitment not only to maintain but to step up National Audubon's momentum."

....In accepting the post, Peterson said: "It is a challenging and exciting opportunity to head the National Audubon Society and to work with its 400,000 members on those global objectives I personally consider most essential to providing a decent quality of life for our children and their children. The conservation of our life support systems--our air, water and land and our flora and fauna--is Audubon's overriding goal.

...."Audubon's program is based on the science of ecology, and an admiration of the wonder, variety and beauty of nature. It recognizes that the more science advances, the more we come to realize the seamless web that is man and nature. It demonstrates a loyalty to future generations. Since my philosophy is tune with all of this, I am anxious to get on with the Presidency of Audubon."

FIELD TRIP NOTES

On February 16 14 observers went to Blue Springs and registered a total of 52 species. Those of some interest included pine warbler, red-breasted merganser, ring-necked duck, flicker, red-tailed hawk, limpkin and purple gallinule. For a while at Blue Springs we could not spot any manatees in the run, but eventually 5 or so came in from the St. Johns River. After attending the lecture on the manatees by a park ranger and a picnic lunch, we wound up the trip in Orange City at the marsh where the purple gallinules now live.

On March 2 our trip took us out Tomoka Farms Road to the farms where we have seen many birds through the years. It was a pleasure to have the Doug Hancock party among the 18 birders. At a stop on Bellevue Avenue several flickers showed why they are called "yellow-shafted" as they wheeled around a dead tree. Then at the first farm meadowlarks with showy golden breasts walked in a field, and a large flock of white ibis foraged up the road. At the second farm rusty blackbirds and brown-headed cowbirds aroused considerable discussion how to distinguish them from the common grackle also present. As we were returning to our cars Mr. Hancock pointed out a golden-throated warbler. Then we journeyed out to Crows Bluff and the sandhill crane farm. There were, unfortunately, no sandhill cranes to be seen, though Carlton Smith later reported he had seen 5 of them afterwards. At Crows Bluff we had a pileated woodpecker and numerous yellow-rumped warblers were flying by.

Our schedule of all-day trips will resume March 16. Possibly this time we will drive to Port Orange Bridge and to Inlet Harbor, Fisherman's Wharf and other localities in the inlet area in order to catch the white pelicans and gannets reported to be down there. After that our schedule calls for Tomoka Farms Road on March 30; the Alexander Springs trip could exchange dates with the Ponce Inlet trip, to take place after Easter on April 20. On May 4 a visit to Washington Oaks and Anastasia Park will conclude the 1978-1979 field trips. Trips leave City Island at 8 A. M.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another season's activities for the Halifax River Audubon Society are coming to an end. There will still be two more field trips, April 20th and May 4th. Only one field trip this season was called off because of bad weather, and many of the trips were very well attended. Our program chairman, Carlton M. Smith, arranged many fine programs for the 1978-1979 meetings, and we can look forward more excellent programs starting next October at Seabreeze United Church. The officers and directors of the Halifax River Audubon Society hope you all will return after an enjoyable summer.

CONSERVATION REPORT

TURNBULL HAMMOCK PURCHASE IS ENDANGERED

The purchase of Turnbull Hammock from the Trust For Public Lands with federal money available through the Land and Water Conservation Fund is being delayed by the Florida Department of Natural Resources. Many people are urging Mr. Joseph W. Landers, Interim Executive Director of the DNR, Crown Building, Tallahassee, FL 32301, to give the purchase high priority.

The Conservation Committee, HRAS, considers the land as being excellent wildlife habitat and a key factor in the control of development of several thousand acres of lowland in Southeast Volusia County. A nature center is contemplated by the St. Johns River Water Management District if funds for the purchase are approved.

CROSS FLORIDA BARGE CANAL

The Florida House of Representatives has quickly enacted Barge Canal Bill HR 141. The Senate is considering a similar measure, (Barge Canal Bill SB 26). These bills have been carefully written with the objective of having in place the legal directives necessary for an orderly and just termination of the CFBC. Among other things the bills transfer the Canal Authority to the Department of Natural Resources, permit the transfer of lands in the Oklawaha River Valley to the expanded Ocala National Forest, permit the sale of surplus canal lands, refund the canal counties for money spent on right-of-way and establish an inter-agency committee on restoration and management plans.

April 1979

We hope Senator Edgar Dunn supports SB 26.

Walter S. Boardman
Conservation Chairman



TO HELP INJURED BIRDS

Mrs. Mary Keller, who has unflaggingly cared for the sick and injured birds in the Daytona Beach area, is holding a yard sale Saturday May 5th at her home, 1216 Deneece Terrace, Holly Hill. Deneece Terrace is located just south of Eleventh Street and east of Derbyshire. The proceeds are to go toward new cages and other facilities. Mrs. Keller will appreciate donations; if more information is desired her phone number is 252-2794.

ANNUAL WARNING

A sure sign of spring is the Florida Audubon Society's annual press release telling the public that a baby bird found on the ground is most likely not an orphan. Do not take the bird home and try to care for it; put it back in the nest if you can. If that's not possible, put it nearby, somewhere out of harm's way, where its parents can take care of it. Above all, don't believe that old tale: parent birds will not desert their young if they have been touched by humans.

Audubon Leader

HOUSE ALASKA VOTE DRAWS NEAR

From Audubon Leader:

An environmentally unacceptable version of the Alaska public interest lands bill was approved last week by the Fisheries and Wildlife subcommittee of the House committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, but conservationists can take comfort from the closeness of the vote. The bill was co-sponsored by the subcommittee's chairman, John Breaux of Louisiana, and surprisingly, by John D. Dingell of Michigan, who more often has been a defender of the environment. The bill's development-minded backers had thought passage by the sub-committee was assured. However, Representative Gerry E. Studds of Massachusetts was able to call up a strong show of support for a far stronger bill he introduced based on the version passed by the full House last year. Chairman Breaux's measure passed, but only by two votes.

National Audubon asks:

Members should contact their senators and congressmen and request them to support the Udall version of the Alaska bill.

Debate by the full House on the Alaska lands issue is expected to begin immediately after the Easter recess. The legislators are expected to return to Washington April 22nd.

FIELD TRIPS

Following is the bird list for the three trips in March. Eighteen went on the March 2nd trip to the farms on Tomoka Farms Road and Crows Bluff, with 47 species seen. Ten birders saw a total of 53 species on the March 16 trip to N. Beach St., Dupont Road and Alexander Springs. On March 30th 17 of us returned to Tomoka Farms Road, then went on to Osteen Bridge and Mullett Lake Park; our count reached a total of 55 species. Of course, the seashore birds listed for these inland trips were mostly spotted at City Island, our starting point.

Anhinga	Wood Ibis (Stork)
Redwinged Blackbird	Blue Jay
Rusty Blackbird	Killdeer
Eastern Bluebird	Eastern Kingfisher
Cardinal	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Catbird	Knot
American Coot	Common Loon
Double-crested Cormorant	Eastern Meadow Lark
Brown-headed Cowbird	Mockingbird
Sandhill Crane	Osprey
Common Crow	Brown Pelican
Fish Crow	Robin
Mourning Dove	Black Skimmer
Ducks: Mallard	Common Snipe
Red-breasted Merganser	House Sparrow
Ring-necked	Savannah Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Starling
Bald Eagle	Tree Swallow
Cattle Egret	Caspian Tern
Great Egret	Forster's Tern
Snowy Egret	Royal Tern
Yellow-shafted Flicker	Tufted Titmouse
Common Gallinule	Ruddy Turnstone
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Towhee
Boat-tailed Grackle	White-eyed Vireo
Common Grackle	Black Vulture
Pied-billed Grebe	Turkey Vulture
Herring Gull	Black and White Warbler
Laughing Gull	Myrtle Warbler (Yellow-rumped)
Ring-billed Gull	Palm Warbler
Marsh Hawk	Parula Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	Yellowthroat
Sparrow Hawk (Kestrel)	Yellow-throated*
Great Blue Heron	Pileated woodpecker
Green Heron	Red-bellied woodpecker
Little Blue Heron	Red-headed woodpecker
Louisiana Heron	Greater Yellowlegs
Glossy Ibis	Lesser Yellowlegs
White Ibis	

*Referred to in the March newsletter in error as "golden-throated."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 20. Field trip leaves City Island 8 A. M.

Tuesday, May 1. Museum of Arts and Sciences, 8 P. M. Lecture by Dr. Craig D. Shaak, "Motions of the Continents--The Forces behind Earthquakes and Volcanoes." Museum members free, non-members \$1.00 admission.

Wednesday, May 2. Museum. Lecture by Dr. Milanich, "Indians of Northern Florida/McKeithen Archaeological Site in Columbia County." Free to Museum and Anthropological Society members, non-members \$1.00.

Friday, May 4. Last field trip of season leaves City Island 8 A. M.

~~Tuesday, May 8. Museum, 5:30 P. M. Dave Marsh of WESH-TV, Channel 2, will give his weather report live from the Museum of Arts and Sciences and also give a lecture, "The Meteorology of the Florida East Coast."~~

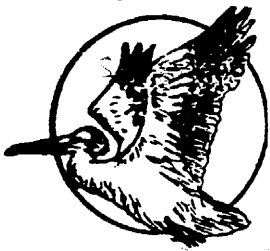
A FEW BIRD NOTES

Some of the participants in a Sierra Club outing to Canaveral National Seashore saw flamingoes in Mosquito Lagoon, a mile or two south of the old coast-guard site. One of the Museum bird-watching classes saw an Iceland Gull at the Port Orange Bridge. Another class found 14 sandhill cranes at a farm off Botts Landing Road April 4th. This farm is near the Se Val Condominiums on this road. Botts Landing Road can be reached by turning off SR 44 the other side of Deland onto Old New York Avenue. Drive past the Deland Amtrak Station, turn into Hontoon Road and turn again at Botts Landing Road.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, members of Halifax River Audubon Society and friends to another season of activities. Usually, we refer to summer doldrums, but as related later in this bulletin, some of us at least went out on fruitful birding expeditions. Also, conservation did not mark time during the summer. Our Conservation Committee Chairman, Dr. Walter Boardman, wrote many a letter to national, state and local leaders giving our chapter's viewpoints on the Tellico Dam, Alaska lands, Turnbull Hammock, the Barge Canal and many other problems. The Halifax Plantation fight still drags on. Our sincere thanks are due Dr. Boardman for his unceasing work for conservation.

Our first general meeting will be held on October 22nd (note date). Following our first field trip on October 19th there will be 13 others, spaced every second Friday until late April, except for a slightly longer break over the holiday season.

GENERAL MEETING

Because of a conflict of dates at Seabreeze United Church, our first general meeting will take place on the fourth Monday of October instead of the usual third Monday. See you there, Monday October 22nd at 7 P. M.

OCTOBER MEETING - THE WATERCLOCK CRISIS

Debbie Fritz, of Florida Audubon Society Education Division, will present our first program of the year. We are fortunate to be able to obtain "The Waterclock Crisis", a 16 mm color movie which deals with the problems of Florida's water. Amongst the problems noted are how to ensure the quality and quantity of clean water in the state.

This film is FAS's newest and was premiered in Orlando only this month. It was produced for the society by International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation.

Miss Fritz is coming over from Maitland just for this showing. I know we appreciate her interest in us and will be benefited by her program. Come out and enjoy!

-Carlton Smith, Program Chairman

CONSERVATION REPORT

HALIFAX PLANTATION

Hearings on the Final Development Plan - Phase 1 of Halifax Plantation continue. The Halifax Zoning Commission has conducted two sessions and a third is scheduled for October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 307, City Island Annex. Much of the discussion has related to the flood plain. At least 60% of the land lies below the six foot Mean Sea Level and as we have seen in September, is subject to flooding when there is a long or unusually heavy rain.

The Action Committee believes that we face an environmental disaster if the plans as presented are approved. The further deterioration of the Tomoka-Bulow Creek estuary with the great loss of bird and wildlife habitat is inevitable and it will happen unless those who care come out to the meetings and join in the protest. Attendance does count.

TOMOKA RIVER-SPRUCE CREEK STUDY

The County Planning Board was charged with the responsibility of making a study of the Tomoka River and Spruce Creek watersheds and a report to the County Council. For the past two years, a subcommittee has been working upon this report and is scheduled to make its report to the Council on October 29th, 7:30 p.m., City Island.

The number one recommendation is that the County Council apply to the State for consideration of the establishment of a "Scenic River" classification. Even the idea gives some big land owners "cold chills", lest their freedom to build on stream banks is limited.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Authorization of an ENERGY MOBILIZATION BOARD seems certain. As the energy moguls push it through, it will give a three-man board dictatorial powers over all matters pertaining to energy production. Rules and regulations that have been created over the past twenty years for the protection of the environment can be swept away without recourse of appeal at the will of this board. It is a long step toward authoritarian government.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 19, Friday - Field trip leaves City Island 8 A.M.
- Oct. 22, Monday - General Meeting, Seabreeze United Church, 7 P.M.
- Nov. 2, Friday - Field trip leaves City Island 8 A.M.

ROSE BLOCK (SEPTEMBER 13, 1880 - AUGUST 20, 1979)

Rose Block, a former president of Halifax River Audubon Society died recently. Herewith are excerpts from the April 1964 Pelican when she assumed the presidency.

ROSE P. BLOCK: A professional woman of stature, Mrs. Block our new president, has been a member of the Halifax River Audubon Society since 1946, serving the organization in many capacities since 1948. She has been an educator, journalist, college librarian, wife, mother, and church and community worker in many areas. She is also an accomplished musician and has been prominent in forensic and little theatre activities. She came to Florida in 1944 where she was house mother and disciplinarian for the U.S.O. club in Tampa until the end of the war. After coming to Daytona Beach, she was supervisor and house mother for the student nurses' dormitory until Mary Karl became part of Daytona Beach Junior College.

IN MEMORIAM, GEORGE MURRAY

We regret to inform you that George Murray also died this summer after a long illness. George served for 7 years from 1964 to 1971 as our field trip leader. He also held positions at various times on the Board of Directors, as a member-at-large and as a vice-president. After his resignation as field trip leader he still continued as a participant on our field trips for a number of years, giving us the benefit of his keen eye and ear. He contributed the section on the Daytona Beach-New Smyrna Beach area to the publication of the FAS "Where to Find Birds in Florida."

BEATRICE PRATT CHILDS RESIGNS

Beatrice Pratt Childs has resigned as Recording Secretary. Previously she served as membership secretary, then five years as president. After 15 years as an officer of our organization she is surely entitled to a rest. The Halifax River Audubon Society wishes to express gratitude for such long and faithful service.

NEW MEMBERS

New members reported over the summer:

H. F. Baird, Ormond Beach
 Dr. & Mrs. John F. Birmingham,
 Daytona Beach
 Vera V. Caines, Daytona Beach
 John S. Clarkson, Ormond Beach
 Arthur H. Davison, Ormond Beach
 Ethel Demos, Ormond Beach
 Tom Gibbs, Daytona Beach
 Frank H. Gumme III, Daytona Beach
 Mrs. Stella Gustafson, Daytona Beach
 Kenney L. Hicklin, Daytona Beach
 Shores
 Mrs. Beryl P. Hicks, Daytona Beach

Mrs. E. K. Jones, Ormond Beach
 Mrs. Emeline Lufkin, Canaan, NH
 Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Moore, Jr.,
 Ormond Beach
 Sidney Possick, Daytona Beach
 Miss Dorothy Price, Port Orange
 Mr. & Mrs. C. N. Rice, Ormond
 Beach
 Morrell & Lois Robinson, Daytona
 Beach
 Steven L. Shaddix, Daytona Beach
 Julia B. Shaw, Daytona Beach
 W. C. Slotterback, Daytona Beach
 Homer Smart, South Daytona
 Harold W. Wiggins, Daytona Beach
 Jan Zimmerman, Holly Hill

BIRD SIGHTINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

A gentleman called to report three flamingos in the marshes near the New Smyrna Beach power plant; possibly, these might really have been roseate spoonbills. Noteworthy, nevertheless. A roseate spoonbill has been staying on the links at Oceanside Country Club, Ormond Beach. Over the summer, Mrs. Esten was visited by a yellow-billed cuckoo and Mr. and Mrs. Little by a prothonotary warbler. Mike Brothers, of the Daytona Beach Museum and West Volusia Audubon, went out as Hurricane David approached and saw noddy and sooty terns at the Yacht Basin. Norris Kahn drove groups of birders down to Merritt Island during July, August and September. On the first trip 300 white pelicans and 100 roseate spoonbills were there. Among the 57 species on the August trip were hundreds of eastern and gray kingbirds, with a painted bunting also being seen. Sightings on the September trip totaled 68 species, including 7 white pelicans, a number of reddish egrets, avocet and black-necked stilt. On the way back, a stop at the Port Orange Sugar Mill produced gray-cheeked thrush, redstart and black-and-white warbler. On an earlier September trip to Washington Oaks and Matanzas besides redstarts and black-and-whites, black-throated-blue, parula, prairie, Tennessee, worm-eating and yellow-throated warblers were noted. At that time, the road leading into Anastasia Park had been washed out by Hurricane David and heavy rains of subsequent days.

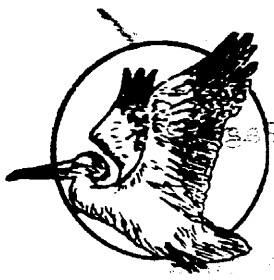
Many warblers and some other interesting birds were spotted at parks in our area during the first few days of October: black-and-white at Strawn Park on Lake Dias and at Sanchez Park, Ormond Beach; black-throated-blue at Sanchez; palm and prairie at Sanchez; parula, pine and yellow-rumped at Strawn; redstarts at Lake Woodruff and at Strawn (a tremendous number of them); yellow-throated at Strawn. White-throated vireos were visible at Lake Woodruff and Lake Dias. Finally, a summer tanager and a wood pewee were at the Strawn Park.

Our first field trip of this season will leave City Island at 8 A. M., Friday, October 19, bound for Dupont Road, Lake Dias and Crows Bluff.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

SPECIAL TREAT--Our program for this month will be a special showing of color slides of our late member Reginald Hicks. Reg was one of our most talented photographers and was also an award winning artist. In later life his interest turned to wildlife and to birds in particular. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have seen some of his programs know how well he combined his talents in these fields of endeavor. His widow, Mrs. Beryl P. Hicks, has graciously allowed us to make a selection of a large number of his slides for this showing. Some of them we have seen before, some will be new to us as they have never been shown and all of them are excellent. Mrs. Hicks, by the way, is a lifetime member of Audubon as Reg was. We hope to be honored by her presence the night of November 19th. Come early and bring a friend. I'm sure that we will all enjoy the evening.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

November 16, field trip leaving City Island at 8 A. M. for Orange City and Hontoon Island

November 19, general meeting at Seabreeze United Church, 501 N. Wild Olive, Daytona Beach

November 30, field trip to Tomoka Farms Road, Osteen Bridge and Mullett Lake, leaving City Island at 8 A. M.

December 14, half-day field trip leaving City Island at 8 A. M.

MUSEUM CLASSES

The Daytona Museum of Arts and Sciences has announced two series to be conducted by Naturalist Mike Brothers. Beginning Wednesday November 28th there will be a birding class traveling by mini-bus on four Wednesdays. Also, beginning Thursday November 29th four Ecology Auto Tours will be held. For more information call the Museum at 255-0285. Fees will be \$30.00 for members of the Museum, \$35.00 for non-members.

THE YEAR OF THE COAST

"As you are probably aware, 1980 has been declared the YEAR OF THE COAST by President Carter. Activities are being planned which will highlight the tremendous economic, environmental and aesthetic values of the coast, while recognizing the widespread misuse and abuse of coastal resources.

"Florida has the nation's second longest coastline, Alaska is first, and literally every coastal crisis imaginable occurs on Florida's coast. Oil spills, erosion, poorly or unplanned development, pollution, dredge and fill, chemical spills, and reduced shellfish and fish harvests continually plague our coasts."

The above paragraphs are quoted from a letter received from Florida Audubon Society's Chapter Liaison Officer, Peter A. Quincy. He continues:

"I will canoe along Florida's coast from Pensacola to Fernandina Beach, taking every opportunity to make the public aware of the coastal resources. I plan to depart from Ft. Pickens State Park (Pensacola) on March 1, 1980, and finish at Ft. Clinch State Park about 65 days later. While enroute, I will meet with 32 chapters of Audubon in Florida.

"Your chapter has the tremendous opportunity to participate by having a member paddle a leg of the trip with me."

If anyone is interested in this please let us know. Mr. Quincy should be in our area sometime in April.

FLORIDA AUDUBON CONVENTION

Your chapter president attended the recent Florida Audubon Convention October 26-28 at Miami Beach. The principal topic of the meeting was "Hurricanes and Florida: An Invitation To Disaster." Dr. Neil Frank, Director of the National Hurricane Center, gave the keynote address. He stressed the fact that many of the newer residents on the coasts of Florida have never experienced a hurricane's winds and storm surge. Dinesh C. Sharma, Environmental Resources Consultant, National Science Foundation, gave a lecture accompanied by slides on the fragility of barrier islands. Other addresses followed, and there was a panel discussion with Roland Eastwood, Director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, as moderator. Dr. Russell Peterson, president of National Audubon Society, spoke at the banquet.

"THE BEACHES ARE MOVING"

The Sunday, November 11, edition of the Orlando Sentinel Star carried a review of a new book, "The Beaches are Moving," by Dr. Orrin Pilkey of Duke University and Wallace Kaufman, a North Carolina writer. A couple of quotations: "When a hurricane the size of Camille strikes Miami Beach, the damages will be in the hundreds of millions, perhaps over a billion dollars."

The authors' summation: "If anyone were taking bets on whether man or the sea will win the struggle of the beaches, we would bet heavily on the sea."

CONSERVATION REPORT

Due to the press of conservation business, Dr. Boardman is unable to prepare a formal conservation report this month. The following, however, is taken from the agenda he prepared for and the discussion he led at the last meeting of the Conservation Committee.

NEW CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS IN VOLUSIA COUNTY

- 1) VOLT - Volusia Land Trust, a seven-to-nine person committee to seek and acquire lands for public use in Volusia County. It is allied to the National Trust for Public Lands.
- 2) STP - Scenic Tomoka Preservation is being formed by a group of lawyers and business people who are deeply concerned about the environmental impact of Halifax Plantation and seek to stop or significantly modify it.
- 3) IRNS - Indian River Natural Systems is an organization based in New Smyrna Beach and fills a void in the conservation activities of that area. It is concerned with the whole estuarine system of Volusia County and Canaveral National Seashore.

A WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

H. R. 5487 would grant to the State of Florida some 37,000 acres of wilderness. It includes lands within Apalachicola, Osceola and Ocala National Forests. By name, these are: Mud Swamp Wilderness, Bradwell Bay, Big Gum Swamp, Alexander Springs and Billies Bay, Juniper Prairie and Little Lake George. Congressman Chappell has supported this bill. A letter will be sent him from the Conservation Committee thanking him for his efforts and stating our support of the bill.

HALIFAX PLANTATION

In the continuing protest against this giant development, Dr. Boardman strongly urged that a letter go to the Halifax Zoning Commission to request clarification of some problems not yet fully explored. One of these is the effect of landfill on the area's trees (even a modest build-up of soil around the base of a tree will eventually kill it). A second unresolved issue is the disposition of soil which would have to be removed to create water retention ponds.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Besides the new book mentioned above ("The Beaches are Moving", Anchor Press, Doubleday, \$10.95), Banyan Books Inc., Miami, announces a book of local interest. Written by Olga Lakela and Richard P. Wunderlin, it is entitled "Trees of Central Florida". It covers a 30-county area, from Broward to Volusia County on the east coast. It will be available in January, priced at \$14.95.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

There is a correction and some additions on Mike Brothers' sightings the day of Hurricane David. Mike reports 15 bridled terns and 2 sooty terns at the Yacht Basin and 15 bridled terns and 20 noddy terns at the north shore of Ponce Inlet. A little further on along the inlet shore there were flocks of 1000 black terns and 500 common terns. Roaming through Tusceawilla Park behind the Museum Mike has seen, as of a few weeks back, 15 Swainson thrushes, 3 wood thrushes, 3 magnolia warblers, a wood pewee, 2 rose-breasted grosbeaks and 2 Tennessee warblers. On the afternoon of October 11 Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Little, who live a few blocks from the Museum, had in their garden 2 catbirds, 6 bay-breasted warblers, male and female redstarts, 5 yellow-throated warblers, 3 parula warblers and a black-throated blue warbler. Mrs. McNeely who lives in the Commonwealth Mobile Park on Pineland Avenue, Port Orange, reported 2 bald eagles in a telephone call. Another call received later from Mrs. Ryder, who lives at Lakeview Estates, reported 2 bald eagles flying about the lake at Nova and Reed Canal Roads.

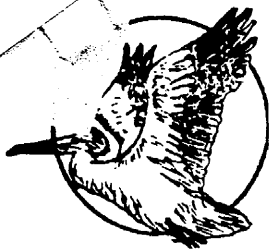
FIELD TRIPS

On our first field trip October 19th 8 birders journeyed to Sanchez Park, Dupont Road, a cemetery in Deland and Botts Landing Road west of Deland. Among the 44 species counted were 7 different kinds of warblers, downy woodpecker at Sanchez, red-headed woodpecker at the cemetery, bluebirds and towhee at Dupont Road and 6 sandhill cranes at Botts Landing Road. On November 3rd, a overcast day, 7 of us went to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge and Playlinda Beach. There were just a few moments of drizzle. This trip had been postponed a day because of Friday's rain. There were no great flocks of ducks but we checked off mottled ducks, pintails, shovelers, blue-winged and green-winged teal and widgeons. Also, we looked at dunlins, sandpipers, yellow-legs, plovers, phoebes, scrub jays, willetts, 40 or so white pelicans, wood storks and a bald eagle. The count reached 60 species.

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our January program will be Florida Audubon's new film, "The Predators." This will be a 16 mm color movie portraying the role of predators, both avian and mammal, in Nature. It is receiving wide acclaim around the state and we are fortunate to be able to obtain it. There will be more about this next month.

For this month, my wife Vivian and I would like you to join us in viewing the pictures of our trip to Yosemite National Park this past May.

We start with a week-end of birding on Dauphin Island, Alabama. We were there during the spring migration and right behind a front that passed through on Friday afternoon. The birds were really dropping out of the sky to feed and rest on this, the first land they reached after crossing the Gulf. Their plumage was brilliant.

We then visit parts of Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Among the parks we visit are the Saguaro National Monument, The Tucson-Sonora Desert Museum, the Grand Canyon, the San Diego Zoo, King's Canyon and of course Yosemite. We enjoyed the trip very much and hope you will enjoy the pictures.

Meeting time is 7:00 P. M. December 17 at Seabreeze United Church, Wild Olive Avenue just south of Seabreeze Blvd. on the peninsula.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 13, 1979, County Council meeting at Deland. More details on a following page.
December 14, 1979, half-day field trip leaving City Island 8 A. M.
December 17, 1979, general meeting at Seabreeze United Church.
January 4, 1980, half-day field trip leaving City Island 8 A. M.
January 18, 1980, half-day field trip leaving City Island 8 A. M.

**** A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ****

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AUDUBON SOUTH All members of the National Audubon should be receiving this publication. It is worth careful reading. The October issue carried an eight page insert, "Suwannee River Coalition," an appeal for united effort to protect the river from adverse developments. The threat is very serious.

ALASKAN LANDS (From NWF - "Conservation Report") "It is now time for the Senate to debate and vote on this major conservation issue. It is now time for individual Senators to support an alternative which incorporates the lessons of the past with the needs of the future. It is now time to pass the Tsongas substitute to the Alaska Lands Debate."

Senator Richard Stone - Suite 1327 Dirksen Building -
Washington, D.C. 20510

SPRUCE VIEW As one drives west of the Golf Course you may note an intermittent small stream flowing under the roadway toward Spruce Creek. A developer seeks to build upon 25 acres, part of which is in this low ground. (It is the flood plain of Spruce Creek). He proposes to fill to the height of three feet to bring floor levels to the required grade. This raises the question of where the water that has always flowed there in wet times will go. It also means building within the flood plain of Spruce Creek.

Due to the protest of the Environmental Council and some members of the Task Force, the plans are not being pushed by the engineers. We thus can be only on the alert in case there new moves by the owners. Your chairman would like to have someone on the committee keep a watch upon what happens.

ANOTHER UNNECESSARY CANAL Florida Audubon alerted us to a plan of the Deltona Corporation to dig a canal between Lake Mitnik and Lake Doyle in Southern Volusia. Local residents are strongly opposed to it and Archie Carr III has appealed to the D.E.R. to oppose it. A letter to Jacob Varn, Secretary, Department of Environmental Regulation, Twin Towers Building, Tallahassee, FL 32301 would be in order. (Copy to Mrs. Mary Coppen, P. O. Box 247, Osteen, Florida 32764).

HALIFAX PLANTATION It is anticipated that the County Council will set a time for discussion of the question of whether it wants to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the environmentally sensitive part of the Halifax Plantation, or will proceed with a hearing upon the Final Plan - Phase I. An announcement was to be made. If, as expected, it is a meeting with the owner and legislators on December 13, plan to be at the Council Chamber in Deland at 7:00 P.M.

An application for land acquisition by the State has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources. One of the several strong documents in that packet is a letter from Charles Lee

of the Florida Audubon Society. Mr. Lee is also working with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to see what steps can be taken to safeguard the wetlands.

The whole case is summarized in the editorial appearing in the December 2 Sunday News Journal. Please do read it carefully.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

MORE ON CONSERVATION

HALIFAX PLANTATION The announcement came out the afternoon of December 6 that the County and the State of Florida may jointly purchase about half of the Halifax Plantation acreage from Bellmead. Our members are strongly urged to attend the 7 P. M. meeting on December 13 at the Council Chamber adjoining the Court-house in Deland. We are informed that a bus will leave Ormond Beach that evening for Deland, 50 cents round trip. Call 677-1667 or 672-4378 in the evening for further information. Our chapter's Board of Directors voted to contribute \$500 to the Florida Audubon Society to pay their expenses in the Halifax Plantation matter.

ALASKAN LANDS National Audubon Society's "National Outlook" ^{gives} the following reasons for its support of the Tsongas-substitute Alaskan Lands Bill as it

Provides vital wilderness designation for all of the Arctic Wildlife Range, assuring habitat protection for wilderness-dependent wildlife species.

Maintains the integrity of the National Park System in Alaska. In particular the Gates of the Arctic and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks would be protected from the detrimental impacts of possible mining activity.

Provides wilderness protection for key areas in Southeast Alaska. Maintains the full boundaries for the Admiralty Island Misty Fjords National Monuments. (However, a compromise is included which assures U. S. Borax access to its mineral claims at the heart of the area.)

FLORIDA-AUDUBON SOCIETY

Hal Scott is resigning as Florida Audubon Society's president and will sever all ties with it on February 8, 1980. Dr. Peter Pritchard will take over as an interim president while a search for a replacement for Mr. Scott goes on.

National Audubon Society is dissatisfied with the present three-way membership arrangement now in effect. It is said to be the only such arrangement in the country. Chapters in other states are supposed to be complaining that Florida is getting too much money from dues, thus adding to National Audubon's continuing deficit.

FIELD TRIPS

Florida Audubon Society field trips for the next three months include the following:

Jan. 19 --St. Marks N.W.R. - Meet at refuge headquarters just west of Newport on U.S. 98. Meet at 8:00 A.M. Leader: Red Gidden, Biologist, USP&WS.

Feb. 16 - McKay Bay, Tampa area - Meet at Cooks Dept. Store on 50th St. just south of I-4, east side of Tampa. Meet at 8:00 A.M. Leader: Bill Courser, Biologist, SWFWMD.

Mar. 15--Walt Disney World Conservation Area - Meet at Stuckeys Restaurant at Lake Buena Vista exit on I-4. Meet at 8:00 A.M. Leader: Fred Harden, Biologist, WDW.

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As for our chapter field trips, on November 16 we went to Orange City, Crows Bluff and Hontoon Island. We checked off 48 species. Highlights were snipe at a pond along Route 15-A; five sandhill cranes and a marsh hawk at Botts Landing Road; black-and-white and yellow-throated warblers, solitary vireo, gnatcatchers, kinglets, downy woodpecker and sapsucker at the Hontoon Island tower.

The November 30 trip took us to Tomoka Farms Road, Osteen Bridge and Mullett Lake Park. Among the 54 species were glossy ibis at Osteen Bridge, Mullett Lake and Lemon Bluff; limpkin at Lemon Bluff; hundreds of white ibis; rusty blackbirds at the Tomoka Farms Road dairy farm; hooded merganser and blue-winged teal at Osteen Bridge; the two species of yellow-legs at Osteen Bridge and Mullett Lake; pileated woodpecker and snipe at Mullett Lake.

***** MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR *****

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