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MARVEL MIX for birds

A t this time of the year, it's nice to think of giving a present to the birds in your backyard. As temperatures drop, it is more important for birds to maintain their fat content in order that they might stay warm.

A good source of fat is peanut butter but by itself, it can be fatal to birds. It is much to sticky. The solution is to make up batch of, what John Torres calls, "Marvel Mix." The following recipe is from his book on attracting backyard birds.

1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups plain cornmeal
1/2 cup plain flour
Do not use self-rising meal or flour.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

The nominating committee needs your help in selecting candidates for the following offices: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and 3 Board of Directors members at large.

Please submit recommended names to: Angelo Cerrito Ph 767-5397, Carlton Smith Ph 253-3815 or Carl Lentz Ph 252-5053.

That portion of our by-laws that pertains to election and installation of officers is as follows:

"ART IV, Sec 3. The annual meeting of the society shall be the regular meeting in March at which time the program shall include elections and such other business as the membership shall desire.

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ART. IX, Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint at the January Board meeting a nominating committee to consist of three members of the society. The names of the members of such nominating committee shall then be made known to the members of the Society in the January Pelican... suggestions for nominations for members of the Board of Directors

HUMMER MAKES HISTORY

By Frank Brown, Huntsville AL

Last October, after all of the common Ruby Throated Humming Birds had left for Central and South America, I noticed one hummer was still hanging around my feeder.

Not being an expert on humming birds, I reported it to an authority on hummers who bands them for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Upon capturing and banding it, to his he found, to his utter amazement, that it was an ANNA'S Hummingbird, usually found near the coast of California. It was the first one ever reported east of the Mississippi River. Anna was put on the rare bird hot line and immediately she became the talk of bird watchers throughout the country.

To date she has had over 200 watchers from as far way as Oklahoma and Michigan come to see her. A local station put her on TV, which was then picked up by CBS, who sent it to all their affiliates and the armed forces TV stations over seas. If you saw my ANNA on your local TV station I would appreciate you letting me know. Enclose a self addressed stamped envelope, and I will send you a picture of her.

Frank S. Brown, 6304 Trailwood Dr, Huntsville, AL. 35811 (12/27- She is now perched in an apple tree right by my front window. -FSB

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TO BE SUBJECT OF NEXT H.R.A.S. PROGRAM

OE NOLIN, Volusia Sea Grant Extension Program Agent, will make a presentation at our next meeting, January 18th. 7:00 PM is the time and the place is Seabreeze United Church, 501 N. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach.

The Extension Program is a county wide non-traditional educational program that focuses on promoting the conservation and wise use of Volusia marine resources.

Mr. Nolin will present slides from various marine resource based education programs in which Volusia Sea Grant has been involved. The presentation will focus on the use, management and value of the Halifax and Indian Rivers ion Volusia County. Future trends in marine resource management will also be discussed..

- John Williams, VP/Programs

SOLAR BRIGADE

TO ALL AUDUBON MEMBERS:

The National Audubon Society has a new campaign. The idea is simple. You send a notice along with your utility bill, every month stating "We want 10% solar energy in 10 years." Then you notify Audubon of your action because the utility companies will not tell Audubon how many people have responded. Audubon uses the collective clout of the respondents as leverage to negotiate with the electric utilities to make the switch. Solar energy will promote clean, safe efficient and economical renewable energy and will save the planet from 170 million tons of carbon dioxide a year. Please register with the solar brigade, National Audubon Society, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, or by calling (212) 979-3000. - marty fee

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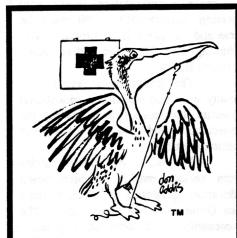
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S. W. I. M.

(Surface Water Improvement & Management)
at Lake Apopka

Restoring the shallow water area around the shoreline of Lake Apopka, where plants are normally rooted, is a key element in the restoration of this once very popular fisherman's lake.

Half a century ago, the water in Lake Apopka was clear. Large marshes bordered the lake and its sandy bottom had vast areas of submerged plants, with a diversely vegetated near-shore zone. These characteristics made the lake a popular attraction for sportsmen seeking the ultimate trophy bass.

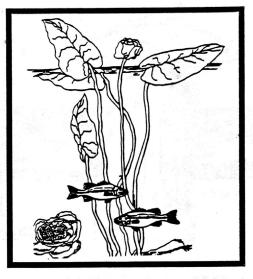
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St. John's Water Management District (SJWMD) is working to re-establish native aquatic plant communities in the lake, stabilizing the sediment and creating fish and wildlife habitat.

Native plant species from nearby lakes including giant and soft-stemmed bulrush, fragrant water lily, Southern naiad, spatterdock, knot grass, eel grass and pondweed are being planted at 25 sites around Lake Apopka.

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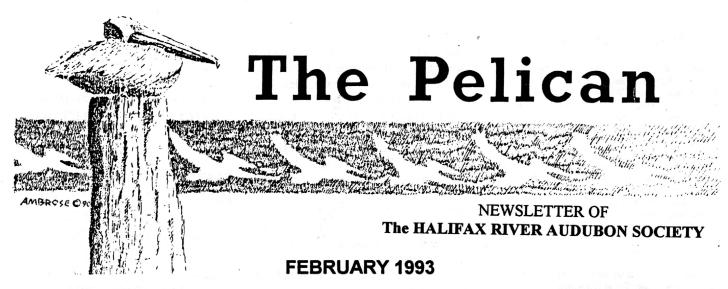
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(Trips, From front page)
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Spoonbills and Avocets in the marsh.
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Marbled Godwits to small Dunlins and
Least Sanpipers, were out in force.
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Florida, including the Reddish Egret,
were seen. Seven species of ducks
including a Red Head were observed.
The biggest thrill was to see acres and
acres of marsh ponds covered by Pin
Tails with their fannies in the air. To
top off all of this, there were two flocks
of White Pelicans.

Hope you will join us on one of our future exciting trips. - Carl L.

KUDOS
To
RUTH HOUGH
For January Refreshments
THANKS, VERY MUCH!

- FLASH -

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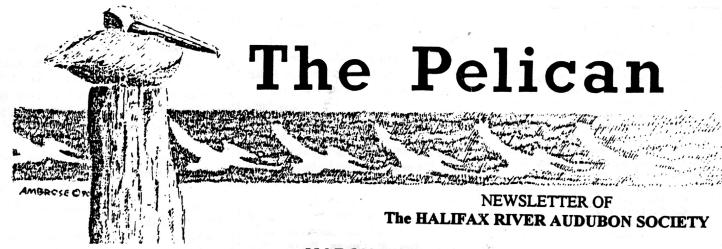
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SURVIVAL IN AN EGGSHELL



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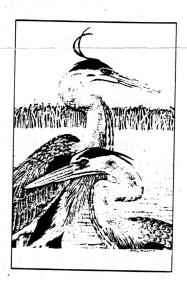
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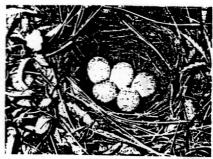
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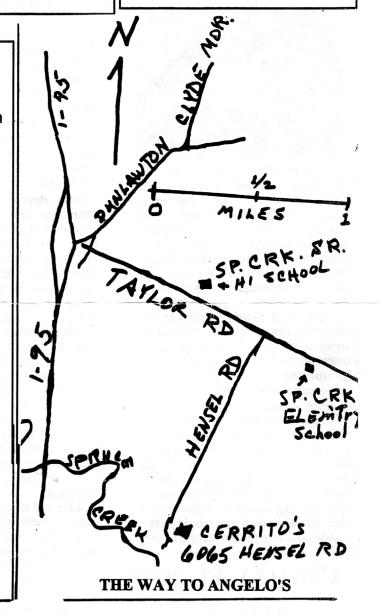
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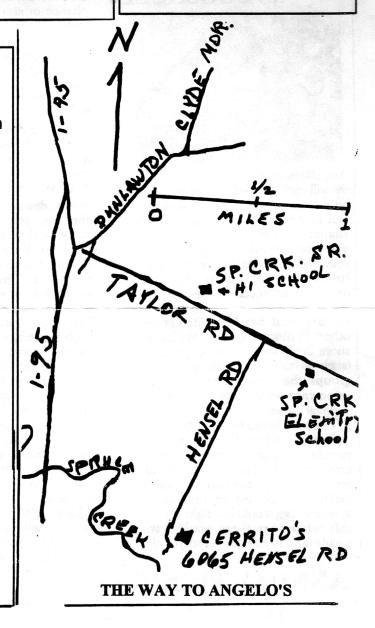
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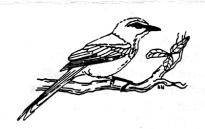
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The FAS Center for Birds of Prey cares for injured Eagles, Hawks, falcons, owls, kites and vultures. Some 43% of these are released back to the wild. Many permanently injured are placed in other facilities where they are well cared for. Unfortunately mortality is a common occurrence.

Even in death interest in these birds do not stop. When endangered species die, federal law requires their remains be sent to the National Wildlife Health Research Center where a necropsy is performed to determine the cause of death. Birds of prey are constantly facing danger of poisoning. In these cases Fla. G & F W Fish Comm. use this info to try to find the source and prevent other injuries to birds and animals.

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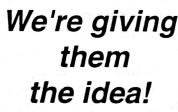
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Chick scratch or developer scratch, which usually contains corn, wheat, kaffir, millet and milo is popular. Sunflower, cantaloupe, squash and watermelon are well liked. These mixtures are liked by Sparrows, Towhees, Quail, Doves, Cardinals, Woodpeckers, titmice and others.

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The Society will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a side dish (vegetable, salad or dessert) and your own plate and utensils.

The program will be a special treat - The Hawaiian Dancers.

Come, enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Place on the feeding tables stale bread, cake, doughnuts, and cookies; cereals that have become "Buggy," dry cereals, crackers and fat trimmed from uncooked steaks for even more guests. Robert L. "Roy" Stevenson 112 Oak Lane, Orm Bch, 32174

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Suet, peanut butter, and nut meats are welcomed by Woodpeckers, Titmice, Chickadees, Kinglets and Bluejays.

Nectar, made of one part sugar and six parts water, put in a hummingbird feeder for them and in containers with a larger opening for Warblers, Tanagers and Orioles, will invite extra guests.



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FIELD TRIPS

Our pre Thanksgiving turkey hunt on Nov. 12th, organized and lead by Mary Lou Weiner was a great success. The weather was delightful, the countryside was beautiful and good fellowship abounded. Just as we were about to depart without finding a single turkey, the keen eyes of Lois Robinson spotted six. Our mission was accomplished.

The trip on Dec. 3rd to Bromeli Art Gardens was sparsely attended but the three of us enjoyed immensely the instructive talk by Mr. Hyland about his hundreds of bromeliads. He is willing to show his gardens to visitors if they call ahead. His phone No. in Orange City is 775-9919.

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