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Newsletter of the Halifax River Audubon Society

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Between 1780 and the 1980's The lower 48 have lost (on the average) 60 acres of wetlands for every hour. That equals one acre per minute. Think about it!

Each year, the Interior Appropriations bill determines how much of the money credited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund will actually be spent to acquire and protect land. The appropriations process begins with the Interior Appropriations subcommittee holds hearings between February and March. The bill is marked up in the spring and moves to the floor in the summer or fall. - Keep your eyes and ears open.

Letters From Our Members

Members input on environmental issues or other subjects for the good of the society are earnestly solicited. They should be brief, normally not more than 200 words. The right of the editor to edit, shorten or reject is reserved. The use of your name, initials or a pseudonym is allowed, however, your letter must be signed

From a Life Member now a resident of Wesley Manor in the Jacksonville area.

The enclosed check is for Audubon Adventures, the second one is for general expense and to help with the mailing of "The Pelican" to me. I do enjoy it.

We have had two pied bill grebes along with our regulars. The Little blue heron, Great blue heron, Green heron, Great Egrets and now Anhingas are here. We are also happy to see Ospreys rebuilding their nest atop a high dead tree.

Our residents would be green with envy to be able to see all you, birdwatchers that is, see on field trips. I do have pleasant memories and am thankful for good past vision.

I wish a very successful and happy New Year to you all.

Sincerely, Thelma Acosta

Field Trips

By Carl Lentz

Our planned trips through March 4th are as follows:

- Saturday, Feb. 19th - If road conditions permit, we will drive through Shiloh Marsh on our way to visit Black Point Drive again. This should be the height of the season for White Pelicans and ducks.
- Friday, Mar. 4th - Eddie Williford, who knows all the secrets of the Wekiva River will guide us on a delightful canoe trip. It will be easy paddling and if this is too much, you may just go along for the ride. Eddie's personality and love of the river makes this a "Must" trip.

Please plan to take part in as many of these outings as possible. This is one way to enjoy seeing familiar birds, learn about ones that might be seen and not known by you and you may even just enjoy being out in God's Country. Bring a friend or friends if you like. It could be an enjoyable way to introduce them to Audubon.

Next membership meeting
7:00 P.M., Monday, February 21st
Seabreeze United Church
501 N. Wild Olive Ave.
Daytona Beach

Mary Keller, widely known for her success in caring for sick and injured birds in this area, will be the guest speaker at our monthly meeting, February 21st, at Seabreeze United Church. She will have birds with her and, after telling about her efforts on their behalf, will entertain questions from the audience.

Mrs. Keller can use the following items to help her continue this great work: Wild Birdseed, working heating pads, towels and frisbees (for water and seed dishes). If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to the meeting and they will be put to good use.

Socks still needed **For Lake Apopka Project**

Shirley Owens tells us that cotton or cotton blend socks of any size and color (white is preferred) are still needed for the Lake Apopka restoration project. For those not already familiar with this effort, the socks are filled with sand, tied to the rootballs of aquatic plants and dropped into the water. The sand filled socks keep the plants on the bottom and by the time they decompose, the plant roots have taken hold in the bottom. The plants will help cleanse the polluted water of the lake, afford habitat for aquatic life and, hopefully restore it to a prime fishing lake. Please bring any old discarded socks to the meeting and give to Shirley or Angelo Cerrito.

How to care for a marsh, or **How to have a marsh** **and use it too !**

You don't upset Mother Nature,
You work with her.
Don't drain the marsh, don't fill it,
don't rut it up, don't dam it,
and don't flood it.
That's how you do it right.
It's Swampyankee common sense!

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What is Audubon ?

A compilation of thoughts gleaned from various Audubon publications, magazines, newsletters and official journals.

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All aboard for "Adventures"

First, Thanks to you who responded to our Audubon Adventures appeal inserted in the last Pelican! It is great to have you aboard.

If you would like to sponsor a class set of National Audubon's bi-monthly environmental newspaper for 5th graders, please send your tax deductible check for \$35.00 made payable to Halifax River Audubon Society (marked "Audubon Adventures") to Glade Koch, 128 Fiddlesticks Cir., Daytona Beach FL 32114. Your gift in any amount will help us reach our goal of 52 classes (all 5th graders in the Halifax area) receiving the Audubon Adventures for the school year 1994-95.

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Past Trips

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The 12th of February trip to Lake Woodruff was outstanding. Barbara Samler of the West Volusia Audubon Society did a superb job in bringing together birders from Central Florida. Almost a hundred birders joined forces to enjoy a memorable birding experience. Besides the good fellowship, a Sora Rail that posed in the open for the best part of two hours and a Snipe that did its best to hide but to no avail due to the sharp eyes of one of the birders, made the trip especially enjoyable. . .

On the 19th of February rain prevented us from birding Shiloh Marsh. We had to be satisfied with Black Point. Many Widgeons and Pintails were seen but only a few Mottled and Ring-necked ducks. Blue-winged Teal were conspicuous by their absence. We have since learned that there was a 25% reduction in nesting teals. We looked in vain for Avocets but thanks to Vivian Smith, we did see one Black-necked Stilt.

On the 4th of March the Wekiva River provided a peaceful haven for a few of us. Only a few species were seen but no matter as the solitude and beauty of the Wekiva made us glad that we live in Florida.

Upcoming trips

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NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY



YOU STILL HAVE TIME to help with our project *Audubon Adventures*, the National Audubon's elementary school environmental newspaper. HRAS has a goal of providing it, during the 1994-95 school year, to every fifth grade class from Ormond Beach through Port Orange. The cost is \$35. per class. If you have meant to send your check and have not as yet, please make it out now, payable to HRAS and send it to Glade Koch, Education Chair, 128 Fiddlestick Circle, Daytona Beach FL 32114, or call her at 253-8438 with any questions you may have.



Songbirds Shine in Springtime

This spring, have you seen a large tree with visitors that fly thousands of miles each spring to our yards and parks? They are wood warblers, little songbirds we some times call "the butterflies of the bird world." Like butterflies, their feathers seem to reflect the colors of the rainbow - red, green, yellow, blue, or orange. They fill our trees with brightness and song.

Most warblers spend the winter in Central or South America. When spring comes, and insects begin to hatch in our fields and forests, more than 50 kinds of warblers fly north to the United States. The wood warblers are part of the spring's glory.

The names of the warblers in the picture are (in clockwise order beginning at the upper left) worm-eating, MacGillivray's (reaching for spider), yellow warbler, redstart, yellow-rumped, hooded, chestnut-sided, black-and-white (upside down), common yellowthroat, and Wilson's warbler.

The Honorable Robert Graham
U.S. Senator
Washington, D.C.

CONSERVATION

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the 480 members of the Halifax River Audubon Society in Daytona Beach, I'm writing to appeal for your support of a strong Clean Water Act.

As a native Floridian I'm sure you are aware of the ever present threats to our wetlands. And having watched the decline of the Everglades and Florida Bay you're cognizant of what can happen when our wetland ecosystems are overwhelmed by pollution.

In many cases the federal government is the last line of defense for these fragile environments. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that federal protection of these areas be maintained through vigorous enforcement of section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. Delegating this important wetlands program to the states or weakening of the authority of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to block permits which threaten endangered species will mean further setbacks in the quest for clean water and a healthier environment for us all.

When the portions of S.1114 which weaken federal oversight are addressed, we hope you will raise your voice along with our's in opposition. for this and future generations it's the wise thing to do.

Thank you, S/ David Hartgrove, Conservation Chair, Halifax River Audubon Society



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HRAS now tops 500 for the first time in our history. Our latest report showed 502 members. HURRAH!

Field Trips

By Carl Lentz

Recent Activities

Saturday, March 19th - David Hartgrove led us on a real birding trip to the Deland area. It was great to get out of the cars and stroll slowly looking for the birds. Kinglets and warblers were out in force. Unfortunately Red Headed Woodpeckers failed to show up. Hontoon Island provided an excellent spot for our picnic.

Saturday, April 16 - The pontoon boat trip on the St. Johns River was once again most enjoyable. Balmy weather, smooth sailing, and many birds made it a trip to remember. Lunch at the new Spruce Creek Park brought the day to a successful conclusion. After lunch, a few of us returned to the pond off Conrad Rd. in New Smyrna to look for Black-Crowned Night Herons. We were rewarded for our extra efforts by sighting a LEAST BITTERN, thanks to the sharp eyes of Lois Pauchey.

Saturday, April 23 - The trip to the Ocala National Forest to seek the RED COCKADED WOODPECKER was a great success, once again, thanks to Lois Pauchey. After visiting the Ranger Station at Salt Springs to see the fine display on the red cockaded, Lois led us directly to a group of five trees marked with painted white circles around their trunks. They were located near the road so we could watch them closely. The woodpeckers first came singly, then in pairs, and finally six at a time. Needless to say, this added a new bird to the life-lists of several birders. On the way home, Lois provided us an extra thrill by finding six huge WILD TURKEYS in a field on route 40 near the Camp Winona cutoff.

Looking to the Future

Saturday, May 7 - It has been necessary to cancel the escorted group trip to the alligator farm at St. Augustine. It is strongly recommended that all birders make a trip there some time during the next four weeks on their own. Herons and egrets are nesting in great numbers. They are protected from predators by the alligators below the nests. Be sure to take along a camera. Some of the nests are only an arms length away.

(Editors note: Carl's description of the alligators keeping predators away reminds me of a trip we made to a White Ibis rookery some time back on Seahorse Key. That is off the coast over near Cedar Key. Larry Griffin, Harold Nett and Shirley Owens will remember it. It was said there were 10,000 White Ibis nesting in the mangroves protected by 20.00 rattlesnakes beneath. There were no poachers there! - cms)



THANKS

Florence Waldman, Dorothy Weller, and Vivian Smith provided a fine selection of goodies that were enjoyed by all present at our last meeting of the season. (March). Thank you so much!

Audubons Birds in the Balance Program

In some parts of North America, scientists are calling attention to evidence that migratory bird populations, while currently secure, are beginning to decline. Ornithologists are concerned about the birds' habitat at both ends of their migratory journey. The biggest single cause of declines in migratory birds is the destruction of habitat, both here in North America and in their wintering grounds in Latin America and the Caribbean. Woods are logged and fragmented, shorelines and open areas are developed and wetlands are drained and filled and polluted.

National Audubon Society has launched an unprecedented international campaign - *Birds in the Balance* - to save the habitat most desperately needed by migratory birds. Audubon is cooperatively within the structure of the Partners in Flight program. Partners in Flight is a government program which is coordinating research and compiling information to target the problems facing migratory species and set appropriate conservation priorities. This partnership of federal and state agencies, universities, and non-government organizations have offered their scientific expertise and administrative support to build the basic framework for a hemisphere-wide monitoring program. Audubon staff and activists currently participate in a number of Partners in Flight "working groups." Several regional groups are helping to compile existing data, identify key habitat and target policy areas needing reform. Audubon, with its unique combinations of scientific research advocacy and grassroots involvement can translate the recommendations of the Partners in Flight working groups into practical conservation campaigns assuring the widest possible impact and effectiveness.

Audubon's chapters in seven southeastern states (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida) have been surveyed to determine which chapters are currently participating in activities that deal with migratory birds and which chapters would like to increase their involvement with the *Birds in the Balance* program. Thirty four chapters have responded and results are now being tabulated.

Saturday, May 14, 1994 has been designated as the second International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD). It is being recognized by hundreds of organizations who are raising public awareness about migratory birds and recent declines in their

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by Dianna Flynt

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Hérons, egrets and wood storks were nesting there in large numbers. Many of the nests were so close to the board walk over "The Swamp" that they could be photographed with a standard lens. We were told that this is the first year that woodsorks have nested there and it was a surprise to find them that far noprth. Historically they nested qs far north as Volusia County but this writer, until this year, has not known that to happen.

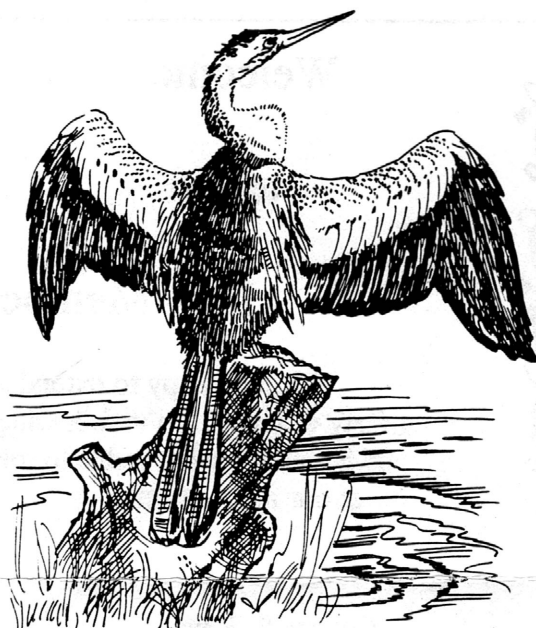
Some of the HRAS people known to have been at the Gator Farm May 7th, and I believe they were all taking pictures, were Florence Waldman, Lisa Stein and her mother, Al and Kathy Giddens and Carlton and Vivian Smith. Maybe we will be able to see some of these pix at a meeting during our next season or, better still, have a program centered around them. Carl Lentz, our Field Trip Director and Glade Koch, our Education Chair, could get together on it. How about it?

- CMS, Editor

AVIARY GETS A FACE LIFT

(Continued from front page)

One day a year Ivey, Harris and Wells closes its doors and donates its entire staff for a full day of work that will improve the community. The Birds of Prey Center was fortunate to be accepted as their 1994 Community Service Project.



Pin-tailed whydah

(*Vidua macroura*)
Native of East Africa



Believe it or not! One was spotted and identified, in Ormond Beach near the corner of Neptune Drive and Hwy A1A Monday afternoon, June 6th, by Mrs. Sang Roberson. Mrs Roberson notified Carl Lentz who in turn notified several others of the Extra Special find. Carl was then able to locate the bird and agreed with the identification. Glade Koch, who will be going to Africa soon, found it sitting on a power company wire Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, Carlton and Vivian Smith tried twice to find it but could not. Glade, with her sister and their sister-in-law tried again without luck. David Hartgrove also tried on Wednesday, could not find the Whydah but did identify a flock of Bachman's Sparrows in the area..

ANHINGA

A common waterbird found in Florida's fresh-water swamps, ponds and lakes. It is also called the "snakebird" and "water-turkey."

It is a large black and white plumed bird with a long neck and tail. The bird swims with only his head and neck above water. He eats fish, frogs and snakes that he spears with his long, sharp bill.

Like the cormorant, the Anhinga's plumage contains no natural oils as most water-birds do. After swimming he perches in a bush or low tree with his wings outstretched to dry.

In breeding season the bill and bare facial skin of the male become brightly colored. The female has buffy neck and breast. Immatures resemble adult females but are browner overall. Anhingas fly high overhead with slow regular wing beats alternating with flat wing soaring. Cormorants normally fly much lower and appear to be flying uphill.

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Kevin Ruffing
Mrs June Siebert
Glen L Turner
W J Wareham
J Warren
Rita R Waterbury
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Our Thanks are extended to all participants in our Audubon Adventures project (AA) which is National Audubon Society's elementary school environmental newspaper. Our Spring project was to provide AA to each pupil in every 5th grade class in the Halifax area. The cost, \$35.00 per class, covers six issues of AA for the 94-95 school year. Every teacher who responded to our offer will be receiving the papers and related materials this school year.

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Recommended Reading

From "The Peligram" Newsletter of The Pelican Island Audubon Society, "August 1994., and contains their abstractions from the publication. - Editor

SAVING WHAT'S LEFT is a recent publication authored by FAS staff members Dr. Peter Pritchard and Dr. Herbert W. Kale, with a grant from Waste Management, Inc. It is a citizen's guide to the need, process, and politics of environmental land acquisition. Don't let that scare you from ordering a copy for \$4. from Fla. Audubon Society, 460 East Hwy 436, Casselberry FL 32707.

Florida's best kept secret, they say, is the states's program to save natural areas. This is an entry level primer for those who want to help, as we all must if we save it before it's gone.

It is a given fact that if we are to save it, we must purchase it. We are talking of course about places that are worth saving such as habitat for rare or endangered species, wetlands, places that assure good water and air quality, and corridors that allow wild things to move about.

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The Cari program receives only 50% of the Preservation 2000 (P2000) allocations. Thirty percent of the remaining money goes to Save Our Rivers administered by the five Water Management districts. The Florida Communities Trust (Dept. of Community Affairs) receives 2.9 % as do the following state agencies: State Park System (Div. of Recreation and Parks), Forest Lands (Div. of Forestry), Wildlife Management Areas (Fla. Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission), Rails to Trails Fla. Scenic Trails (Dept. of Environmental Protection) gets 1.3 %. In 1981 Save Our Coast was financed by \$275 million in bonds, debt serviced by some LAFT money. Save Our Rivers got \$30-\$40 million per year, and CARL bonding about \$200 million, **ALTHOUGH LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF THIS HAS BEEN USED SO FAR.**

The 1990 Legislature provided first-year funding \$300 million for P2000, which is a 10-year program requiring annual reauthorization. The 1994 proposal to make reauthorization automatic failed in the Legislature

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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting, October 3, 1994

The October meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Roy Stevenson at 3:00 p.m. in the lounge of the Seabreeze United Church. Those present were Audrey Christie, David Hartgrove, Glade Koch, Carl Lentz, Harold Nett, Marie Oglesby, Lois Robinson, Morrell Robinson, Carlton Smith, Roy Stevenson and John Williams.

Minutes: Marie Oglesby, Secretary, gave members copies of the minutes. Lois Robinson moved to accept the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Morrell Robinson, Treasurer, provided a detailed financial report to the board. To summarize, assets as of October 1, 1994 are as follows:
 Checking Account (8/31) \$6,398.50; Savings (6/30) \$2,218.48; Investments (Barnett Bank) \$8,897.52
 Certificate of Deposit \$6,764.04;
 Total Assets \$24,278.54

John Williams moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: Audrey Christie, Chairperson, said that the National Audubon Society sent her the wrong report last spring. She has now counted all cards in the membership file and has an accurate account of the current HRAS membership. At the end of September there were 359 National Audubon Society members, 19 Florida Audubon Society members, and 1 Honorary member making a total of 385 members. Mrs Christie constantly pulled cards of persons whose memberships have not been renewed. She asked the Board how long she should keep them.

David Hartgrove moved that Mrs Christie retain membership records for three years after expiration and then dispose of them. The motion was seconded and passed.

Conservation: David Hartgrove, Chairperson, reported that one of the constitutional amendments to be on the November ballot needs our attention. He will get copies of the legislation (for) the October ... membership meeting.

that 55 thru grade classes in our area have signed up for *AUDUBON ADVENTURES* this year. The program was 100% funded from donations with a small surplus to start the program next year.

Field Trips: Carl Lentz, Chairperson, announced that the trip schedule through December will be published in *THE PELICAN* next week. David Hartgrove will lead the first trip October 15th.

Hospitality: Lois Robinson, Chairperson, will not be at the November Board meeting so tentative plans for the Christmas Buffet were discussed. HRAS will furnish ham, chicken wings and beverages. Members will be asked to bring their favorite covered dishes. Full details will be given later in *THE PELICAN*.

THE PELICAN: Carlton Smith, Editor, said that the next *PELICAN* early next week in time for members to receive the news about the first bird trip and the October 17th General Meeting. Mr. Smith also suggested that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting be published in *THE PELICAN*.

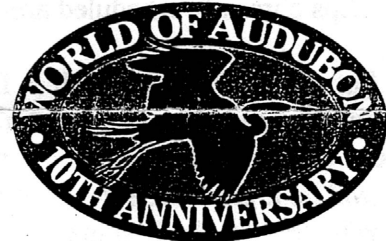
Special Committee Reports:

Finance and Budget Committee: Discussion of this committee report was deferred to next month when Angelo Cerrito, Chairperson, would be present to explain it fully.

Program: John Williams announced that the program for the October 17th meeting would include commentaries and photos of the fabulous trips taken by two members this summer. Glade Koch took an extensive trip to Africa while Carl Lentz enjoyed Russia.

There was no Old or New Business to discuss, so with the reminder that the next Board meeting would be November 7th at 2:00 p.m., President Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by Marie L. Oglesby, Recording Secretary



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- **Wrap It Up:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection offers a free consulting service that gives companies no-risk advise from engineers and chemists who conduct on-site "waste audits" and suggest improvements. Known as "Wrap," it shows business owners environmentally friendly improvements that may pay off financially.
- **Turn-around:** The Department of Environmental Protection now says that it will issue permits for construction of Harbor Village Marina in Palm Coast.

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Editorial

The Nature Conservancy - Their stated mission is to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Conservancy's Florida Chapter has protected 470,000 acres of habitat throughout the state since it was established in 1961.

Dr. Walter Boardman, now Deceased, a well known conservation activist of his time and chairman of our Conservation Committee for several years, was one of its founding members. Reid Hughes, one of our present members, is on their Florida State Board.

HRAS has been a strong supporter of theirs for a very long time and it is the strong opinion of this writer that we, HRAS, should continue or preferably increase that support, not decrease it.

S./ Carlton M. Smith

Do you Know Also from *The Skimmer*

The difference between Dolphins and porpoises? In an article by Cynthia King in *FATHOM*, she states that the best way to tell them apart is by the shape of their head. Dolphins (not to be confused with the fish called Dolphin or Mahi-Mahi) tend to have a large, rounded head with a well defined snout while porpoises tend to have a smaller, rounded head and a very short, indistinct snout or beak.

As mammals, dolphins and porpoises all breath air and bear live young. They have the same up-and-down movement of their tails for swimming, a single nare (blowhole) at the top of the head for breathing, and some ability to emit sound either to navigate, locate their prey or to communicate with each other. Dolphins and porpoises also have a strong instinct for community. Dolphin herds travel together for life as do porpoises. Porpoises are very rare south of North Carolina, but dolphins are common in both our inshore and offshore waters.

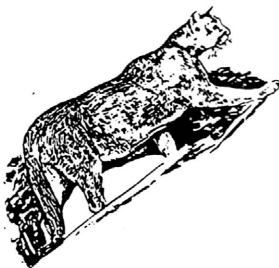
(Editor's note: During the school year of 1934-35, during my senior year at Daytona (now Mainland) High School, I was briefly on the staff of our school newspaper. The name of our paper was "The Porpoise" and our motto "We come to the top to blow." I edited a short column for which we dug up supposedly little known facts about any subject that caught our fancy and the title of the column was "DO YOU KNOW?"

Now YOU know why this column in "The Skimmer" caught my attention and why I just had to slip it in here. It allowed me to reminisce about events of 60 years ago. No, I have not known the difference between dolphins and porpoises until now. We always called them porpoises. - Editor.

Note new address!

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Saturday, January 7th - Once again Barbara Samler of West Volusia Audubon Society has arranged a joint field trip with four Audubon Chapters to the Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other birders and to swap information on fine birding spots.

Friday, January 20th - This trip will be to the best birding spots in the DeLand area with lunch at Hontoon Island. Sandhill Cranes will be the Piece de Resistance.

Saturday, February 4th - A drive through Shiloh Marsh, if the road is open, then to Black Point Refuge.

Friday, February 17th - This trip will be to the best birding spots in south Volusia County. We will concentrate on waders but will not neglect the passerines.

Saturday, March 4th - Tomoka Farms Road to Mullett Lake. This use to be one of our best trips. There are indications that the birds have returned.

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This is our Christmas meeting and we will celebrate with a Covered Dish Dinner with Entertainment. Lois Robinson, our Chair person for refreshments is in charge and relays the following information.

The main course, consisting of Ham and/or Chicken will be furnished by the Chapter along with Coffee, Tea, and Rolls. Members should bring a covered dish, enough to serve about eight, of Vegetable, Salad, or Desert and your own silverware.

We will be entertained by "The Clodbusters," a well known local singing group. We are very fortunate that they could fit us into their busy Christmas Schedule. We have tried for them previously but always missed the boat. Angelo Cerrito arranged for them this year.

Please come out and enjoy!

Biannual Nominations are Open

In accordance with Article IX of the By Laws of the Halifax River Audubon Society, the Board of Directors has named the following, members

Carl Lentz, Ph. 353-5053

John Williams, Ph. 255-8631

Lois Robinson, Ph. 760-8480

to a committee to nominate members to serve from March 1995 to March 1997 in the following positions:

(See NOMINATIONS, Page 2.)

Saturday, April 8th - Captain Hopkins takes us birding on the St John's River on his 50 passenger pontoon boat. Coffee and Donuts will be served. The price is still \$9.00. Note: Watch for a possible earlier starting time for this one.

Friday, April 21st - We will travel the back roads to the west of Daytona. Migration should still be underway. We will especially look for nesting Blue Grosbeaks.

Saturday, May 6th - A must trip to the St. Augustine Alligator Farm to see nesting herons and Egrets. Hopefully, the Wood Storks will repeat their last year nesting and fledge young. There is an entrance charge for this one but it is surely worth it. Photographic opportunities are boundless.

Good News for Everglades Restoration

submitted by Edwin Moure, acting Executive Director, NAS Everglades Campaign

Florida's Governor and Cabinet recently voted to confer condemnation authority to the South Florida Water Management District to acquire the western half of a South Dade tomato field, known as the Frog Pond. Acquisition will enable the District to provide emergency freshwater releases into Taylor Slough (southern Everglades) and ultimately Florida Bay (which is rapidly approaching a state of ecological collapse).

The move comes after more than 9 years of contested water management practices in the area. The District and Corps of Engineers had managed a canal separating the Frog Pond from Everglades National Park/Taylor Slough to provide drainage for the tomato fields, thereby draining huge quantities of water out of the Everglades during critical nesting periods for wading birds. Last Fall and this Spring the Everglades Campaign intervened successfully in three separate legal actions by the Frog Pond farmers, and through subsequent lobbying efforts before the District, a state lands agency and now the Governor and Cabinet, have finally assured some emergency relief for Florida Bay.

Stay tuned, though. Acquisition of the western half of the Frog Pond will allow only partial restoration of flows to Florida Bay. The battle continues for acquisition of at least a flowage easement over the eastern half.

More good news. Scarcely 10 months after the Campaign issued its "Report on Water Supply Preserves" recommending creation of a continuous buffer between the Everglades and urban areas, the Water Manage-

ment District's Governing Board officially accepted its staff's fully developed plan for the Lower East Coast Buffer--the District's expanded version of Water Supply Preserves.

The plan calls for acquisition and inclusion of virtually all remaining wetlands in the westernmost development corridor for Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. The plan is hotly opposed by development interests. Recognizing these lands are critical to providing aquifer recharge for urban drinking water wells as well as providing a tool for raising Everglades water levels, however, the District voted to move the plan forward. This is perhaps the boldest wetlands stand taken by a state agency in the history of Florida. While much work remains to be done to convert the District's plans into a state water management/wetlands/Everglades restoration tool, this is, nonetheless, a huge step forward.

The campaign team thanks all of you for your continuing support of this critical wetlands/ecosystem campaign.



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