

# The PELICAN

Newsletter of the

HALIFAX RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

A Chapter of the National and Florida Audubon Societies

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Interest	
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Checking Acct	14.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,976.25</b>
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Rent	\$ 200.00
Meeting Expenses	350.00
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Cover the pile to hold moisture and to protect it from leaching rains.

Compost is ready to use as a mulch or soil amendment when it is dark brown and crumbly. The texture does not have to be uniform. Use it as a mulch, soil builder, an additive to potting soil, top dressing, etc.

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Audrey, we thank you, very sincerely!

# Bird Trips

By Carl Lentz



Field trips scheduled for the remainder of 1995 season are listed below. All Auduboners and their friends are invited to join us.

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Please watch this space for future changes to this schedule. New information reference birding opportunities and availability of sites not presently scheduled give an opportunity to improve our operations in this field. If you have suggestions, please call me at 252-5053.

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501 N. Wild Olive Ave.

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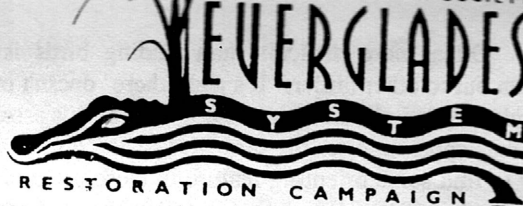
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## Birding Tip

Of The Month

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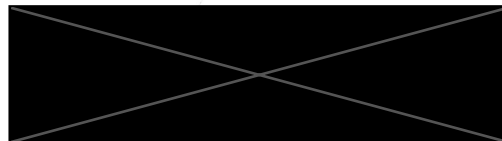
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## 1995-96 Season to get underway

In accordance with Article IV of the By-laws of Halifax River Audubon Society, Inc., 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 may desire.

The nominating committee has placed in nomination the following slate of officers.

For two-year terms:

Roy Stevenson	for	President
John Williams	"	1st Vice President
Bill Francis	"	2nd Vice President
Marie Oglesby	"	Recording Secretary
Audrey Christie	"	Membership Secretary
Morell Robinson	"	Treasurer

For a three-year term:

George Potee for Board Member at Large

Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting, providing permission of such candidates have been secured.

The newly elected officers will assume their duties immediately following the close of the meeting. (Art VI, Sec 1.)

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In accordance with Article IV of the By-laws of Halifax River Audubon Society, Inc., 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 may desire.

The nominating committee has placed in nomination the following slate of officers.

For two-year terms:

Roy Stevenson	for	President
John Williams	"	1st Vice President
Bill Francis	"	2nd Vice President
Marie Oglesby	"	Recording Secretary
Audrey Christie	"	Membership Secretary
Morell Robinson	"	Treasurer

For a three-year term:

George Potee for Board Member at Large

Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting, providing permission of such candidates have been secured.

The newly elected officers will assume their duties immediately following the close of the meeting. (Art VI, Sec 1.)

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# Birding Trips

*By Carl Lentz*

After the disappointment of having the joint field trip to Lake Woodruff Refuge with West Volusia and two other Audubon Societies rained out, good birding prevailed on the next four trips.

Black Point refuge was cold and windy. The weather, while not to our liking, must have pleased the eagles for we saw ten that day. There were also many Reddish Egrets.

The trip to the best birding spots in Deland with lunch at Hontoon Island was most enjoyable. Over forty Sandhill Cranes and many Bluebirds were seen.

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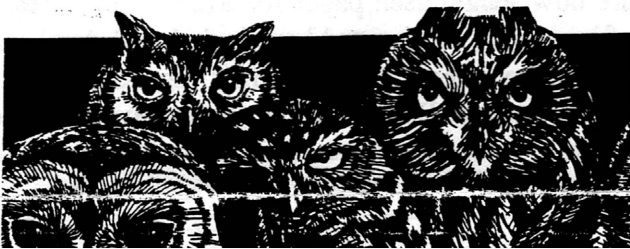
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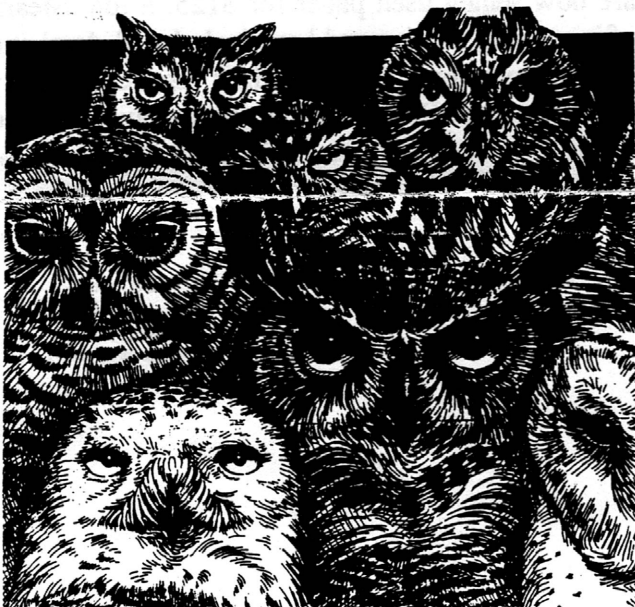
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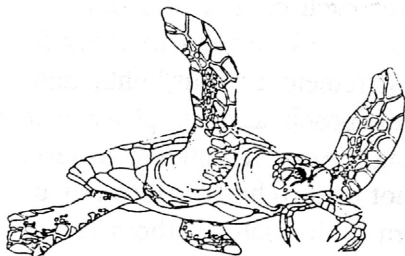
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Turtles, Owls and "Adventures"



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The following are excerpts from recent letters received by Ms Koch from 5th graders at Spruce Creek Elementary.

"I like *Audubon Adventures* because it teaches us about different animals. In the future I would like to read about different types of snakes. Thank you."

"I've learned a lot about owls and bats, but I would like to learn more about spiders."

"I help by recycling aluminum cans and other things. My grandparents buy a lot of soda in cans and they recycle them. I wrote on my sidewalk with non-toxic chalk 'EARTH DAY! SAVE OUR WORLD.'"

Teachers have told Ms Koch that our youngsters' newspaper and the Teachers' Guide are excellent.

## Migratory Bird Day: May 13th

Saturday May 13th, Audubon celebrates International Bird Day (IMBD), welcoming back more than 250 species of neotropical migratory birds to their North American breeding grounds.

International Bird Day is a hallmark for Partners in Flight, the cooperative umbrella program of which Audubon's Birds in the Balance program is a key element. This year's slogan is "Sharing a passion for birds." Audubon members, most of whom already know the wonder of birds are encouraged to celebrate IMBD by sharing their passion with policy makers, the news media, business leaders, teachers and students, friends and family.

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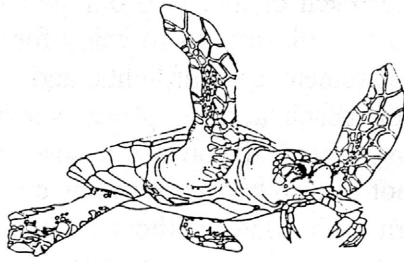
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**Turtles, Owls and "Adventures"**



H.R.A.S. Education chair, Glade Koch, observed Earth Week, April 16-22, at South Daytona and Spruce Creek Elementary Schools. She shared with them slides of Turtles, Owls and other Adventure subjects. She also informed them that Florida tops all the southeastern states of the U.S. in the number of classrooms participating in the *Audubon Adventures* program (2,164). The next highest in the southeast region is Alabama with 270. (Editors note: I hope you read about her activities in the *News Journal* of April 27th).

The following are excerpts from recent letters received by Ms Koch from 5th graders at Spruce Creek Elementary.

"I like *Audubon Adventures* because it teaches us about different animals. In the future I would like to read about different types of snakes. Thank you."

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International Bird Day is a hallmark for Partners in Flight, the cooperative umbrella program of which Audubon's Birds in the Balance program is a key element. This year's slogan is "Sharing a passion for birds." Audubon members, most of whom already know the wonder of birds are encouraged to celebrate IMBD by sharing their passion with policy makers, the news media, business leaders, teachers and students, friends and family.

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# Lights out for turtles! It's nesting time again

*Special, from Jo Ellen Basile, Volusia Turtle Patrol*

Sea Turtle nesting season begins May 1 and will continue through October 31.

We are very fortunate here in Volusia County to be visited by nesting sea turtles during this time. So remember to make them welcome by turning off or shielding any beachfront lights that illuminate the beach. Besides being required by ordinance, turning out lights will provide a more inviting beach for nesting turtles and a safer beach for emerging hatchlings.

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NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

We are very, very pleased to receive letters from 5th grade children in our Halifax area, whose classes have had provided for them a subscription to AUDUBON ADVENTURES this last school year. Here are three of our latest:

Dear Audubon Society:

Thank you for giving my whole class AUDUBON ADVENTURES. I really liked the one about the bats. One of my favorite things was the illustrations of the cover with all the bats flying.

Sincerely,  
Zak Felisko

Dear Mrs Koch,

Thank you for all the AUDUBON ADVENTURES. I have learned a lot from the books about Butterflies, bats, and owls. When I leave this grade I will know a lot.

You have probably had to do all the business to get it for us and thank you again for sending this to us.

Your friend,  
Ayasna Baker

Dear Audubon Society,

I thank you for all the Audubon Adventures you sent to Ortona Ele. It was fun and interesting to read about animals that you don't know of. I liked the bats article. I learned that they could catch more than 600 mosquitoes an hour.

I want to tell you all the illustrating was beautiful and all the things written were beautiful too. I liked the "Bird Brain Says." It was interesting where all the owls live.

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The topic of a recent *AUDUBON ADVENTURES* issue was *Sea Turtles Swim the World's Oceans*. We quote:

"The baby turtles escape from the sand at night. They must reach the sea quickly, before predators find them on the beach. They scramble through the sand, kept moving by other turtles which bump and push them. When they reach the sea, they will be swimming. Many are caught by birds and other predators. The turtles, looking like miniature adults, swim for many days until they find mats of floating seaweed where they can feed and hide. Only one or two that hatched this night will live to return to the beach to lay eggs in future years."

So you see, late elementary pupils all over the United States read about "our" turtles in *AUDUBON ADVENTURES*



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From: Judy Rosier, Permit Coordinator, FAS  
To: David Hartgrove, Conservation Chair HRAS  
Re: Flooding the St. John's Water Management District with objections to the issuance of a permit to fill 12.6 acres of the Banana River Aquatic Preserve.

...The Cape Canaveral Hospital has applied for a dredge and fill permit to fill 12.6 acres of submerged bottomlands in the Banana River Aquatic Preserve. Although the precedent itself is located in Brevard County, it may set a precedence on how the state and water management districts

permit projects Aquatic Preserves and Outstanding Florida Waters.

If the hospital is allowed to fill 12.6 acres of this aquatic preserve, the water management districts may be forced to issue (permits for) future projects in aquatic preserves across the entire state. On the other hand, if our letters of objections PREVENT the issuance of this permit, aquatic preserves across the state may be protected. ...

Editor's Note: Send your letters to:  
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# Birdwatcher's Bulletin



Have you ever gone owl hunting? Owls are nocturnal. They are among the most primitive of birds. You rarely see them but hearing them is another matter! Best source to review hoots, whistles and whinny of various species of owls listen to Peterson's Field Guide to songs of Western (Eastern) Birds or Walton & Lawson's BIRDING BY EAR (Eastern/Central) CD set disc #2,p29-30. Review calls before setting out.

Best locations: Thick woodlands, swamps, edges of wood/meadow interfaces, salt marsh hammocks, and woods on offshore islands.

Best time of day: dusk to after dark - p.m., and dark to dusk - a.m.

Take your hand-held recorder with you. Better yet take recorded owl calls on tape and play to attract owls and to hear them reply. Owls are classic echo-locators. For excellent essay on owls read THE BIRDER'S HANDBOOK by Ehrlick, Dobkin and Wheye pp 288-293.

Happy owl hunting!

John Conover WIQLT

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### *Mysterious Mariners*

In this issue of *Audubon Adventures* and the *Leader's Guide*, we look at the natural history of sea turtles. These ancient reptiles have been plying oceanic waters for 90 million years, returning to shore periodically for the sole purpose of nesting but otherwise living out their lives in the seas. Only recently has much been learned about their life histories, with their breeding activities being the best understood aspects of their biographies. For the most part, sea turtles remain an enigma to zoologists. Where do they spend the first few years of life after the frenzied race from the nest to the water? How far do they really wander? And how do they manage to navigate thousands of miles of open sea to return to their natal beach once they mature enough to breed? Tragically, the secrets of the sea turtles may be lost forever. Once they were so abundant that many New World tropical islands were referred as "tortugas" because turtles frequented them to nest. All seven sea turtle species have now been brought to the brink of extinction.



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I wonder if Mr. Kelly is acquainted enough with the local situation to know that we once had free flowing water (the so-called sulphur-water used locally) all along our ocean front, that the water wells serving the present cities with potable water, were once pumping from our peninsula area and now, due to salt-water intrusion, are as far west as Rima Ridge. I believe, that if something is not done to reverse the trend, what "people keep saying"

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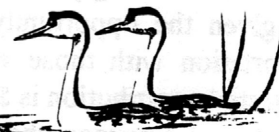
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## Many Volusians seem blind to county's natural beauty

Clay Henderson, president of the Florida Audubon Society  
THE NEWS-JOURNAL, Nov. 6, 1995

In Brevard County, just south of Volusia County, residents embrace turtles. For several years, their tourist campaign slogan was "our turtles are neither Ninja nor Mutant." They learned some time ago there was room on their beaches for turtles and for people.

For some reason many Volusians seem to want to chase this area's nesting sea turtles back out to sea. These are reminiscent of those same voices who nationally embarrassed our country with talk of opening a "manatee cannery" to solve our manatee problem. Those people do not yet understand that what makes Volusia County special is its beautiful natural places that attract tourists and new residents, as well as rare species.

Our quality of life in Volusia County is dependent on the quality of our environment.

At a time when Congress is reexamining the Endangered Species Act, it's important for us to see that what is special about our community is that we share it with many threatened or endangered species.

As we see eagles, manatees, wood storks - and even nesting sea turtles - in and about our urban environment, we should appreciate the simple fact that what is rare has the most value.

We should be proud that we share this community with as many as 200 threatened or endangered species, because it differentiates us from other places.

Some of us may loudly complain that people are more important than endangered species, but the clear evidence is that for the most part we are learning to get along with each other.

Indeed, most of us want to get along with each other. When we see wood storks and roseate spoonbills, it is a gentle reminder that we have kept our waters cleaner than most.

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# Many Volusians seem blind to county's natural beauty

Clay Henderson, president of the Florida Audubon Society  
THE NEWS-JOURNAL, Nov. 6, 1995

In Brevard County, just south of Volusia County, residents embrace turtles. For several years, their tourist campaign slogan was "our turtles are neither Ninja nor Mutant." They learned some time ago there was room on their beaches for turtles and for people.

For some reason many Volusians seem to want to chase this area's nesting sea turtles back out to sea. These are reminiscent of those same voices who nationally embarrassed our country with talk of opening a "manatee cannery" to solve our manatee problem. Those people do not yet understand that what makes Volusia County special is its beautiful natural places that attract tourists and new residents, as well as rare species.

Our quality of life in Volusia County is dependent on the quality of our environment.

At a time when Congress is reexamining the Endangered Species Act, it's important for us to see that what is special about our community is that we share it with many threatened or endangered species.

As we see eagles, manatees, wood storks - and even nesting sea turtles - in and about our urban environment, we should appreciate the simple fact that what is rare has the most value.

We should be proud that we share this community with as many as 200 threatened or endangered species, because it differentiates us from other places.

Some of us may loudly complain that people are more important than endangered species, but the clear evidence is that for the most part we are learning to get along with each other.

Indeed, most of us want to get along with each other. When we see wood storks and roseate spoonbills, it is a gentle reminder that we have kept our waters cleaner than most.

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Who in our community is not proud that bald eagles, our national symbol, are routinely in the skies above our urban areas. Indeed, the recovery of the bald eagles stands as evidence of the prudence and success of the Endangered species act.

Now it is time for us to protect nesting sea turtles. And if we make ourselves better a beach or resort destination (just as they did in Brevard, then isn't that a rewarding byproduct?)

There have been many recent days where, as a result of a judge's order, no car has been seen in sight on Volusia County's beaches.

People who get to see that sight understand the real attraction of our area. We have a beautiful beach that is our greatest natural asset. Unfortunately, we manage it as a giant parking lot.

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The bad part about our local debate about turtles and driving is that many are looking at short term expense of our future.

Fifteen years ago, the Florida Audubon Society called for an end to driving on all of Florida's beaches. Looking back, those places such as Brevard and Jacksonville are glad they listened to this call.

It is time for reasonable people to come forward and participate in a habitat conservation plan for our beach. Let's find places for parking and parks.

We can't do it overnight, but as Central Florida's population grows toward 3 million people, we'd better do it for our own selfish reasons.

And when it's done, we can thank the turtles who have been nesting on our beach long before any of us existed.

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### Next membership meeting

7:30 PM, Monday, Nov. 17th

Seabreeze United Church

501 N. Wild Olive Ave.

Daytona Beach

Come and bring a friend!

Program by Larry Bell

Refreshments by

Marie Oglesby and Mary Lou Weiner

### From our Conservation Chair,

*David Hartgrove*

To: Senator Connie Mack  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator,

The Congress and the Senate are about to consider the question of re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act. This landmark legislation has been directly responsible for the survival of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle, Ospreys, Peregrine Falcons, Brown Pelicans and a host of other birds, reptiles, mammals and even plants have been saved from extinction prompted by adherence to the Act.

Have there been problems with overzealous administration of the Act? Perhaps!

Can these problems be addressed without gutting the Act? Certainly! If you get a splinter in your thumb, you don't have your arm amputated.

The current proposals requiring a cost/benefit analysis of regulations and slashing of funds for enforcement amount to an unacceptable weakening of the Act. On behalf of the 393 members of our organization, I implore you to vote to keep a strong Endang'rd Species Act in place, and our country in the forefront in the protection of our environment.

### Reynolds to speak at Sierra:

From Environmental Council of Volusia and Flagler Counties

Shirley Reynolds, one of the plaintiffs in the Endangered Species act suit brought against Volusia County on behalf of nesting sea turtles, will be the speaker at the November 29th meeting of the Volusia-Sierra Club at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting Hall, 56 N. Halifax Avenue, Ormond Beach (behind the Post Office). She will display photographs and video tapes -- some of the evidence relied upon by the Federal Judge who last August issued the temporary injunction banning motor vehicles from the dune conservation zone on Volusia County beaches.

### Creating a culture of conservation

After more than a year's work, the National Audubon Society has completed a strategic plan that will take us well into the 21st century. The process that led to the plan encompassed interviews, focus groups, and surveys that involved all of Audubon's staff and trustees, dozens of leading environmentalists, 700 Audubon chapter leaders and nearly 1,300 randomly-selected members.

The resulting plan maps Audubon's course for the next 25 years, dedicating the Society to bringing about a "Culture of Conservation." As approved by the National Board of Directors, the plan mandates that Audubon focus on its campaigns and resources on the conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

The plan also calls for the expansion of educational programs to nurture nature appreciation and strengthening its chapter network.

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HALIFAX RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY  
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The battles to protect the Arctic Refuge and its winged inhabitants will be decided in *the present budget battles*. Your help is needed to halt this sneak attack. 1) Please thank President Clinton for promising to veto the budget and urging him to veto any future

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## Helping the greedy

The latest chapter in the tale of the tall towers near Smyrna Dunes State Park is being written by Congress.

A bill by Rep. Tillie Fowler of Jacksonville would require taxpayers to subsidize the Inlet project with its ghastly towers and even gastlier proposed additions. So, if Rep. Fowler's bill passes, citizens of the north beach would not only get to look up at the towers, they would also help pay for them.

Florida Audubon's President, Clay Henderson, has sent the following letter to Rep. Fowler, Rep. John Mica, and other members of the Florida delegation, protesting Fowler's bill HR 2100.

If you want to help, write or call Sen. Bob Graham, and Sen. Connie Mack concerning S-344 which corresponds to HR-2100. Our best chance of defeating this unwise bill may be in the Senate where cooler heads often prevail. - from *The Skimmer*, newsletter of the southeast Volusia Audubon Society.

The Pelican editor regrets there is not enough space available to copy FAS President Clay Henderson's letter. It is excellent. Call me, 253-3815 and a copy will be mailed to you. - CMS

## Field Trips

Your Editor is sorry to inform you that our Field Trip Director, Carl Lentz, has been under the weather since his return from his and his wife Kay's European trip. His condition in fact has worsened. Our best wishes for a rapid recovery go out to him. The following brief report is submitted on field trip activities during his confinement.

The November 18th trip was supposed to be to Lake Woodruff Wildlife Refuge but due to the Federal Government Shut Down, the refuge was closed. No admittance!

On finding the refuge closed they decided to visit Blue Spring State Park near Orange City. The birding was poor but Manatee observation was excellent. The rangers reported that as of that date, 53 manatees had already returned to refuge in the park. At least 26 were there at the time our group was there.

Friday, December 1st - Twelve birders visited Black Point on Merritt Island. Present were Larry Griffin, John & Ruth Hough, Glade Koch, Harold Nett, George Potee, Jeannie Riley, Carlton & Vivian Smith, Frank & Irene Tworowski, and Jeri Wyly. Identified were 54 species including a group of 5 Snow Geese and 3 Bald Eagles. Two adult eagles were working on the nest at Black Point and one was near the nest in New Smyrna Beach.

Upcoming trips are as follows:

Friday, December 15th - Every few years it is fun and educational to have a guided tour of the FAS Birds of Prey Center at Maitland. A good chance to pick up some wonderful Christmas gifts also. Our picnic lunch will be at the Big Tree State Park

Friday, January 5th - We will take advantage of those hardy souls who got up early and stayed late in cold weather to make the Christmas bird count by visiting those spots where they found the most and rarest birds. There should be some EAGLES on their nests.

Friday, January 26th - A special guided tour by an expert of Orlando Wetlands Park. This unique park returned pasture to wetlands. There are 90 species of birds and many animals in the park in winter. Lunch at Ft. Christmas park. Leave the courthouse annex parking lot at 7:30 instead of 8:00 A.M.