



The Limpkin Call

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Birding Overnight Trip

Mary Ellen Cannon

Get ready for the biggest birding adventure of the year. Our Overnight Trip will include three days and two nights of wonderful birding in a variety of Brevard County habitats. Tentative itinerary:

Thurs Feb 18 - Car pool to Titusville, meet for lunch, observe birds at Blue Heron Water Area, then continue to motel in Melbourne. Evening birding at Indialantic Beach Park on the Atlantic shore. Visit optional parks.

Friday Feb 19 - Visit Turkey Creek Nature Center, lunch, then off to Capt H's. Indian River Lagoon **boat ride**. Evening free for individual trips to local parks, including Suntree Rotary Park, Fl Tech Botanical Gardens, and Coconut Point Beach.

Saturday Feb 20 - Return home with birding and tour of Viera Water Park.. Optional visit to Brevard Zoo.

The first 40 to register can get their rooms at \$49 plus tax per night.(2 nights). Others rooms at the going rate. Boat ride costs \$13. Meals optional. Call Mary Ellen Cannon, 735-2501 for reservations.

Dream the Impossible Dream

The musical *Man of La Mancha* will be presented at 2:00 PM, Saturday Jan 26 at the Leesburg Melon Patch Theater. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Jan 13th meeting or from any OVAS officer. Complimentary refreshments will be served at intermission.



For more info call Martha Anderson at 735-2499.

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Painting Auction

OVAS is conducting a silent action of two beautiful original water colors by St. Petersburg artist, Dale Wiles. One is of a Florida lighthouse and shoreline (20 3/8 by 28), the other of a butterfly on a plant (15 1/2 by 18 3/4). View and bid on these paintings at OVAS meetings and at the musical play *Man of La Mancha* on Jan 26. Bid minimums are \$50 and will be accepted no later than Jan 26, 2002.



SJRWMA Survey

John Stenberg of the St. John's River Water Management Area along with Ruth Duesing, OVAS field trip leader make bird counts at Emeralda Marsh ever 4th Saturday,. They start at 8:00 AM from the Wood Duck parking lot on the road going northwest out of Lisbon, FL.(continues)

Coming Events

- Jan 12 – Sat 8 AM, Golden Triangle Shopg Ctr PL – Field Trip on Dikes of the N. Shore Restoration Project
- Jan 12 – Sun 1:30 PM, Trout Lake NC – Reg. Mtg – "Cryptic Critters", Steve Decresle, Nature Nerd Co.
- Jan 23 – Wed 7 AM, Golden Triangle SC PL – All day field trip to the Bartow Phosphate Mines
- Jan 26 – Sat 2 PM, Leesburg Melon Patch Theater – *Man of LaMancha* benefit for children's environmental ed.
- Feb 9 – Sat 8 AM, Winn Dixie PL – Field Trip to the Emeralda Marsh
- Feb 18 to 20 – Monday to Wednesday – Overnight Trip to Brevard County birding areas
- Feb 26 –Tues 1:30 PM, Reg. Mtg – "Orlando Wetlands, From Experiment to Success", Mark Sees, Analyst

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Due to heavy rain the Sept. count was postponed to Oct 6 when 56 species and 2321 individual birds were seen. On Oct 27. 62 species and 2373 individuals were seen. Special was the return of 3 species not seen recently.

	<u>Last seen</u>
Coopers Hawk	Feb 1998
Common Nighthawk	5/11/1996
Loggerhead Shrike	1/29/2000

Web Site Comments

www.oklawaha-audubon.org

From Todd Jones, Seattle WA: Need your help to settle a bet. Recently saw flocks of buzzards flying in downtown Miami. Coworkers bet me they were hawks. I know they were buzzards. Can you provide additional information - species, habits, photos.



Thanks - \$4 is riding on this!

(OVAS gave him what he asked for plus advised him to go outside, lay down quietly and see if he is attacked. He replied: "I like the idea of ly-

ing around in the Florida sun waiting to see if I attract the interest of chicks.....")

Whooping Crane Reports

Spotted 4 banded Whooping Cranes in field with approx. 15 Sandhill cranes on 12/9/01 @ 9:50 AM. 4 miles west of intersection 33 & 48 (Okahumpka, FL) on CR 470 (north side). 2 were in the same area 12/10/01 @ 5:20 PM
Judi Ross via website comments form

Jerry, Steve and Kathy Day and I saw our first Whoopers on November 30 at The Villages in Lady Lake. They are quite a site.

Frances Sellers via email

Judi's report was immediately sent via email to all who have given us their email addresses. We request yours. Ed.

Audubon Adventures

Elizabeth Ballard, President

Revise your New Year's Resolutions to include \$41.50 to sponsor an Audubon Adventures classroom. It is vital that we reach these young people now and in the future. Please send a check, in any amount, to OVAS Treasurer, Box 641, Eustis, FL 32727, noting on the check Audubon Adventures. You'll be glad you did.

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Conserve to Observe

Frank Miller, Editor

I joined Audubon 5 years ago because I enjoy birding and wanted to go to some of the best birding spots around. The OVAS certainly has fulfilled my desires.

As an Audubon magazine subscriber, I notice that the National and State Audubon Societies have a strong emphasis on advocacy, that is, they emphasize legislation for many conservation projects. Not being a legal beagle I shyed away from this emphasis, until 2 years ago. It was then I realized that to see birds, one must save their habitat so they will be plentiful. In other words: you must Conserve to Observe.

Be assured, OVAS will remain a strong "observing" chapter. Plan to enjoy our birds now. Plus we hope you will plan to continue to enjoy them by supporting Audubon's conservation efforts. Send your letters of support when the call comes. Your letters to government officials and attendance at public events really do count.

Conservation Briefs

Yvonne Rice

Ocklawaha River restoration is moving closer. The US Forest Service is nearing definition of a time limit for Florida to remove the Rodman Pool and breaching a portion of the Kirkpatrick (Rodman) Dam. If the deadline is not met then the US Forest Service will attempt to obtain necessary permits and funding to proceed with breaching the dam.

Arctic Refuge drilling is still undecided. Call, email or write Sen. Graham and Sen. Nelson and ask them to stand firm in opposing drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. See the blue pages or go to our web site's Conservation Page for addresses.

www.oklawaha-audubon.org/ovascons.html

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