



THE LIMPKIN CALL

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Coming Events-----

October 26, Tuesday

Regular Meeting, 2:00PM. FLORIDA SCRUB JAYS, Steve Adams- Land Programming Group Environment Permitting Services.

November 13, Saturday Field Trip to Crooked River County Park- (25 miles south of Leesburg) Meet at 8:00AM Publix parking lot inter-section Routes 27 and 44 Leesburg. Leader- Bob Putman.

November 14, Sunday

Regular Meeting, 2:00PM. CENTRAL FLORIDA WATERWAYS- A HISTORY AND TODAY. Dr. Joe Branham, retired educator

Message from the President-

Jerry Bohmann

I welcome you back, either to Florida or to the Audubon season. In just a few weeks, there will be an occasion to make a major decision. Perhaps the natural events in Florida during August and Labor Day weekend will remind us that we are, in fact, part of the natural world. Our present Administration tries to deny this by converting our air, water and land into corporate profits. As the COO of National Audubon stated, "...this is no way to provide the environmental leadership this country needs.. " **VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2.**

7TH Annual Florida Birding and Nature Festival - October 7-10, St Petersburg

This is the 7th year for this event, held at Eckerd College and sponsored by many groups including Audubon of Florida and the chapters of Clearwater, Tampa and St Petersburg. It includes keynote speakers, seminars and field trips which require fees ranging from \$10 to \$60. For information-visit-www.flabirdfest.com or call 321-951-210.

Audubon of Florida Assembly - October 7-10- St Petersburg

This annual meeting will be held to coincide with the above Florida Birding Festival. The venue will be at the Hilton St Petersburg which is just a 10 minute drive from Eckerd College. Some keynote speakers include, Peter Stengel, Dr. Stephen Kress, Kenn Kaufman, Richard Paul. Registration fee is \$150. per person and includes meals, work-shops and keynote speakers. The Hilton has a special rate of \$95 per room for Audubon members. One can also select certain activities and pay a la carte instead of the inclusive registration. For more information and registration- www.audubonofflorida.com or call Katie Gill Warner at 407 539 5700.

6TH ANNUAL BLACK BEAR FESTIVAL-UMATILLA, OCTOBER 2

This will take place on Saturday Oct 2 from 9:00AM-5:00PM at Cadwell Park. It includes field trip to Ocala Forest, presentations by a well-known naturalist, 5 Florida authors signing books as well children's activities, entertainment and food. Trout Lake Nature Center will be present and your participation helps Florida black bears.

1ST NATURE COAST WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE- OCT 28-31, CEDAR KEY

Various Cedar Key environmental groups have planned this event primarily for birding, especially shore birds. Lectures, field trips, kayaking, photo workshops are included and the registration fee is \$25. Contact- www.naturecoastwildlifeexperience.org, or call the coordinator, Doug Maple, 352-543-9523.

WHY KILL A TREE TO GROW A FLOWER?

Bags of cypress mulch are everywhere but did you ever stop to think where this comes from? By cutting down cypress trees and grinding them up.

Almost all of Florida's old growth cypress is gone and the mulch mills are grinding up trees simply to produce mulch. The trees are being clear-cut from our wetlands and not being replanted.

What are the alternatives? Use your own leaves and pine needles first or use re-cycled yard debris which your city or county collects.

If neither are available, buy pine bark or pine needles. Help save the cypress.

(This is abstracted from an article of the Suncoast Native Plant Society.)

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