



THE LIMPKIN CALL

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COMING EVENTS:

October 25, Tuesday

Regular Meeting- 2:00pm *The Dickcissel- A Neo-Tropical Migrant in Trouble.* Dr Gian Basili. Dr. Basili is an ornithologist and is project manager for SJRWMD Lake Apoka Restoration Project.

November 9, Wednesday

Field Trip to Seminole Ranch. This is a St. Johns property east of Sanford, just off Route 46. It can be found in the Great Florida Birding Trail- East, page 16. Meet at Golden Triangle parking lot Mt Dora, 8:00am. Leader- David Wilson 589 2736.

November 13, Sunday

Regular Meeting, 2:00pm. *Hidden Diversity- the Reptiles of Florida,* David Pike. He is a herpetologist and ecologist on the staff of an environmental planning firm.

November 19, Saturday

Field Trip to Moss Bluff. This is on the Oklawaha River at the north end of Sunnyhill Restoration of St Johns. There is a dam and recreation area. In the St Johns Recreation Guide, page 83. Meet at Winn-Dixie parking lot Eustis, 8:00am. Leader-Bernie Yokel.

THEATER BENEFIT- Saturday January 21, 2006-Curtain- 2:00pm

The Melon Patch presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical CINDERELLA. The theater has raised ticket prices and thus so have we, to \$ 20 but have included pre-performance food and drink at 1:30pm and at intermission.

This is a benefit raising funds for Audubon Adventures for Lake County schools. Tickets from David Wilson, Darleen Hill and all board members.

AUDUBON ASSEMBLY- OCTOBER 20-22- COCOA BEACH

This is the annual meeting of Audubon of Florida and this year it is closer than usual at Cocoa Beach. Registration is \$ 125. and this includes your participation in all receptions, meals, programs and workshops, as well as three field trips to Merritt

Island Wildlife Refuge, Orlando Wetlands Park and the Enchanted Forest of Brevard County. Special rate at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort at 800-206-2747. For all the details of the assembly call Vicky Johnston 305-371-6399 or email her at vjohnston@audubon.org.

BIRD WATCHING IN LAKE COUNTY

It's not surf boarding, nor jet skiing, nor bungee jumping, but Bird Watching. That's the fastest growing outdoor activity in the US and has become easier to do in this county.

The Lake County Welcome Center has just published a new 20 page brochure on Bird Watching listing eighteen Birding Spots including properties of the county, cities, St Johns and USDA. This was produced with input from our chapter and particularly from Mary Remer and Peg Urban, including photos by Peg Urban. Limited numbers of copies are available at Trout Lake or you can contact the Welcome Center at 800-430-5253.. We are sure you will agree that a very good job has been done in the creation of this guide.

7th ANNUAL BLACK BEAR FESTIVAL- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

It is in Umatilla as usual and is open from 9:00am until 4:00pm.. This is a family and educational event to raise funds and awareness for Florida black bears. There will be naturalist presentations, arts and craft activities, music and storytelling entertainment, field trips into the Ocala National Forest, and food. Both Trout Lake Nature Center and Audubon will be present at the event. It is easy to find and to park, in the center of Umatilla, east of Route 19 in Cadwell Park.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Florida and/or Audubon! In the last months there has been substantial excitement even outside the bird world about the re-appearance of the Ivory Billed Woodpecker. It might not find much to peck soon at the rate that cypress forests are being converted into MULCH. That cypress mulch which costs so little in a plastic bag doesn't come from re-cycling. It is the result of grinding up cypress forests and, surprise, especially along the Louisiana coast. Forget about hurricanes as soon as the season ends, the logging companies are working on one million acres in Louisiana to convert cypress trees into bags of mulch.

One way to prevent it, is that classic free market way, stop the demand. Don't buy cypress mulch; instead use pine bark or the leaves which drop from your own trees. I quote the conservation chair of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society-"It's absolutely crazy to consider cutting down cypress trees at the same time your're talking about restoring the coast of Louisiana".

Save the forests and the birds and mammals that need them. DON'T BUY CYPRESS MULCH!.

We welcome the following new members to Audubon:

Margaret Aurand
Emily Boris
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Leesburg
Leesburg
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Sorrento
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