



THE LIMPKIN CALL

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COMING EVENTS:

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 along the Oklawaha River on the western edge of the Ocala National Forest and is part of Sunnyhill Restoration, at the north end with a dam and recreation area. It can be found in the St Johns Recreation Guide, page 83. Meet at 8:00am at Winn-Dixie parking lot, Eustis.
Leader- Bernie Yokel, 383 0501.

December 10, Saturday- 11:30am

This is our Christmas Picnic which will be held together with TLNC and is our only chance to meet at holiday time. The picnic will be indoors at Trout Lake and you should bring enough food to share with friends. OVAS and TLNC will provide table decorations and drinks.

December 16, Friday

Christmas Bird Count. Meet at 7:00am at Emeraldal Marsh Wood Duck parking lot. Leaders- Mary Remer 365 0934 and Peg Urban 326 3838. This year we need to cover even more ground than last, so all volunteers welcome, members or not. Refreshments at Blue House Sunnyhill Farm at conclusion.

January 11, Wednesday

Field Trip to Audubon Birds of Prey Center, Maitland (Donation- \$5.) and Mead Gardens, Winter Park. Meet at Golden Triangle parking lot Mt Dora. 8:00am.

Leader- David Wilson 589 2736. Audubon Center can be found in Great Florida Birding Trail-East. Page 14.

January 21- THEATER BENEFIT

CINDERELLA- Rogers & Hammerstein.

Join us at 1:30pm for food and drink at the Melon Patch Players- Leesburg and a 2:00pm curtain.

Tickets NOW- \$20 from David Wilson and all board members.

This is a fund raising benefit for Audubon Adventures for Lake County schools.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to Audubon:

Jean W. Garrison	Umatilla
Coleman Holt	Sorrento
Mary Hutchens	Mt Dora
Alice J. Allegar	Leesburg
Lawrence Ashman	Leesburg
Grace Calhoun	Grand Island
Iris W. Dimercurio	The Villages
E. Dippon	Leesburg
Stephan Drazinic	Eustis
Mark Emden	Eustis
H. Flynn	Oklawaha
Junette Grossenbacher	Mt Dora
Betty Hamilton	Tavares
David/Carolyn Jenner	Mt Dora
Shirley Lewis	Zellwood
James A. Nichols	Tavares
George Pearce	The Villages
Katherine Truett	Leesburg
Larry Show	Leesburg
Edward M Anderson	Oklawaha
Jessica Anderson	Lady Lake
Kathryn Berry	Montverde
Rhonda Boston	Eustis
H. Bradwell	Sorrento
Alfred L Britt	Lady Lake
Barbara Buscher	Tavares
Julianne Canale	The Villages
Gail Cunicelli	The Villages
Rebecca Eisenhauer	Tavares
Belinda Fugua	Umatilla
Mary Gehring	Oklawaha
Paul/Claudette Gerhold	Lady Lake

C W Graves	Altoona
C G Green	Lady Lake
Susan Harris	Eustis
Hoffman	Leesburg
Bernd Hornbacher	Tavares
Jacki Jessee	Leesburg
Edmond Loverde	The Villages
Jeri A Moore	Leesburg
Virginia Moylan	The Villages
Gene Packwood	Umatilla
Yvonne Pollack	Fruitland Pk
Glennette Schrock	Eustis
Linda Smith	The Villages
Sally Walford	Mt Dora

Audubon Eagle Watch Program

Despite some efforts in Congress to destroy not only endangered species but also the Endangered Species Act which saved them from extinction, one of those saved is Eagles, and they are so well in Florida.

Did you know that Audubon of Florida has a watch program to monitor bald eagle nests, some of which were hard hit by hurricanes last year and this..

The nesting season just began in October and runs until May 15, and VOLUNTEERS are particularly needed in Lake County

If you would like to become involved in helping with this vital program, just contact Lynda White who is the EagleWatch Coordinator in Maitland.

You can reach her by e-mail at- eaglewatch@audubon.org or call her at 407 644 8940.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pests or Pesticides?

In fact, there is no need for either. Most destructive insects and fungi can be controlled, if not eliminated, without the use of toxic chemicals..

One way to start, is by planting as many native species as possible; exotic plants bring exotic pests.

And there is not need to wait for additional studies of the effects of most widely used pesticides on health, especially children..

It is quite astonishing what can be accomplished with simple, old home remedies like soap, oil and water, together with proper mulch.

Stop using synthetic pesticides and you will reduce the negative impact on human health and the planet's.

As a National Audubon board member commented,
“ There is no reason at all to use pesticides on your lawn. People shouldn’t teach their children to be afraid of bug but to be afraid of pesticides.”

ERRATA-

In the last issue of The Limpkin Call, two typographical errors escaped the eyes of our proof reader !

Our new PO Box is 268. We previously shared the box 641 with Trout Lake, but our mutual mail has become too great for a single box.

On the OVAS Membership Renewal Form it states to send a check for \$10. The correct figure is the one mentioned in the form- \$15.

OVAS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A word of explanation about membership renewal. If you renew with this chapter, the cost per family is \$15 per year and the entire amount supports the chapter.

This includes all Audubon benefits except the Magazine.

If you wish to renew with National, they will send you a notice of the time due and amount.

Names _____Please send \$15. check to OVAS

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OUR FLORIDA

In 2003, the Army Corps of Engineers approved 3,400 permits to destroy Florida wetlands. Only one was rejected.

Since 1990, the state has lost 84,000 acres of wetlands to development, making residents more vulnerable to hurricanes that perennially lash its coasts.

Divisions and strip malls. The wetlands have been mostly supplanted by sub-

The federal government has fueled the coastal craze by providing flood insurance and paying for the rebuilding of homes, bridges and roads in high-risk areas. With more than half of Americans now living along the coast... one can't help but ask:

Are we courting disaster?

Extract from- Environmental Defense- New York

Thank You to Donors to Audubon Adventures

We would like to thank those of you who have responded to our request for funds to support Audubon Adventures in Lake County schools:

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