



# THE LIMPKIN CALL

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## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **October 24, Tuesday**

Regular Meeting- 2:00pm. New Zealand's Birds and Biology- Dr. Jim Dinsmore, Professor of Ornithology, retired from the University of Iowa. New Zealand is a special paradise for wildlife and for birds of the South Pacific.

### **November 8, Wednesday**

Field Trip to Ocala National Forest . This is a special birding trip to see, hopefully, the red-cockaded woodpecker and we will stop at the Ranger Station to locate nesting sites and hear about this species' recovery. So it is an early morning start since these wood peckers are truly early birds! Meet at 6:30am at Winn-Dixie, Eustis. Leader- Peg Lindsay, 326 3868.

### **November 12, Sunday**

Regular Meeting- 2:00pm BEARS- Tom Shupe of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will talk about Florida black bears. It is a presentation suitable also for school children.

### **November 18, Saturday**

Walk the hiking trails at Sabal Bluff in Leesburg and then go on to the Venitian Gardens for more birds and a picnic lunch. Meet at Sabal Bluff, just off either Route 44 or Route 441. Leader- Bruce Phillips, 315 0593.

### **8th Annual Black Bear Festival- Saturday, October 7- Umatilla**

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 presentation, arts and craft activities and story-telling 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.

## **Audubon Assembly- October 20-22 Cocoa Beach**

This is the annual Audubon of Florida meeting which was cancelled last year due to hurricanes. Registration is \$ 125 and this includes participation in all receptions, meals, programs and workshops plus four field trips.

The hotel with a special rate is the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort at 800-206-2747. For all the details of the assembly contact Vicky Johnston at – [vjohnston@audubon.org](mailto:vjohnston@audubon.org) or call her at 305-371-6399

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to Audubon, and hope that you will join in as active participants at our meetings, field trips and especially as volunteers at our chapter:

Gary Depalma  
William Hayton  
Marjorie Hutker  
E. Barry Ault  
Philip Campbell  
Katheleen Cantwell  
Francis Doher  
Gerard Depuis  
Ellen Dwyer  
Robert Adell Elko  
Robert Goss  
Lloyd Hillis Jr  
Carolyn Kennedy  
Pam Kirkland  
Jacqueline K Mann  
Sharon Osterholt  
The Rigling Family  
Alton Roane  
Jean Schmidt  
F PSilver  
Raymond Stauder  
Irene Belfield  
William Bloomfield  
Belle Brin  
Cathy Burris  
Fran Carajohn  
Norma Custer  
Nancy Duncan

Pat Goodell  
Edwin Goodridge  
Mary Ellen McKibben  
Diane Miller  
Majorie Murray  
Andrea Pasco  
Linda Patterson  
Edward Pfeifer  
Josephine Troiano  
Norma Granger  
Peter Booth  
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E K Chambers  
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Peter Edwards  
Naomi Findley  
June Kriedler Garcia  
M A Hartlerode  
Lloyd Hillis  
Dorothy Hummell  
Paul Lee  
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Donna Sherman  
Susan Taylor  
Janice Thurman  
Susan Tuhey  
Bob Toni Wiese  
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Betty Seutzius  
Raymond Stauder  
Alfred Therous  
Glenn Usilton  
John Alianell  
W E Bickel  
Greg Laugen  
Wendy Neff

**Birds and Bicycles**  
**OCTOBER 28**  
**8:00AM TO 12 NOON**  
**WOOD DUCK PARKING AREA- EMERALDA MARSH**

Join Trout Lake Nature Center, Lake Audubon, City of Leesburg for, "Birds and Bicycles", at Emeraldal Marsh on October 28. Emeraldal Marsh is a St. Johns River Water Management District property purchased to protect and preserve the water of Lake Griffin and the Ocklawaha River. Individuals from the community and visitors are invited to **bicycle** or **walk** the Interpretive Drive, and if they are feeling extra adventurous the extension which goes out to Lake Griffin. There will be birders, naturalist, and biologist stationed at rest stops on the route to tell you about the natural systems, plants and wildlife you are passing. The Interpretive Drive is about 4.5 miles of hard packed clay. Ibini Tera will provide snacks and drinks at the rest areas. Participants may begin between **8:00 and 11:00AM**. All participants must be signed off of the ride by 12:00 noon.

There is a \$2.00 donation for this ride. Call Trout Lake Nature Center 357-7536 for more information and to reserve a space. There are additional beautiful two lane country roads through out the 7,089 Emerald Marsh Conservation Area if you would like to extend the ride on your own.

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## President's Message

Welcome back to all, and especially to the many new members who have joined since our last newsletter in April.

Often we are frustrated as individuals, feeling that we are unable to achieve much alone.

Yet there are individual actions which taken on a large scale can have major impact.

For example, simply by replacing your conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones, you can cut your energy use and your electric bills by 75%. Thus a 100W bulb consumes only 25W of energy but provides the illumination of 100W. And these bulbs do not produce the unpleasant glare of fluorescent tubes.

If you use long distance telephone service, then by using Working Assets as your carrier, you can contribute to dozens of non-profit groups who work for a better world. Since 1985, Working Assets has given some \$ 50 million to these groups from money you spend on phone service. Their rates are competitive and if that is not enough, they give

you 12 pints of Ben and Jerry ice cream Free for a year!. Why not go to- [www.workingassets.com](http://www.workingassets.com) or call 800 362 7127, and find out?

### **GOLDEN TRIANGLE- WHAT AND WHERE IS IT?**

You will find this mentioned in quite some field trips—Meet at the Golden Triangle parking lot, Mt Dora. But not everyone has heard of it, and for good reason. It is not a noticeable triangle and certainly not golden.

In fact, it is the remains of a strip mall and it is located on Old Route 441 just as it enters Mt Dora and is joined by County Route 19A and Eudora Road. If you live in Mt Dora, you know where it is so if you come from anywhere else, it is immediately on your left, after the three roads mentioned above meet at a traffic light. There is even a large sign mentioning Golden Triangle. We meet there before any shops are open so it is easy to spot the OVAS group.

### **Theater Benefit- Saturday, March 24**

The Melon Patch Players will produce **The Music Man** next March and we have reserved our benefit performance for Saturday, March 24.

Tickets will be available soon. They cost \$ 20 and include food, drink and a charitable donation to Audubon Adventures program for Lake County schools.

**The Music Man** was the main hit on Broadway in 1958, winning nine Tony awards.

Ticket contact is Fawn Vocci- 360 0507.