



# EAGLE'S VIEW



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## Lake Region Audubon's Newsletter Moves Into 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Finally, after much discussion and planning, your Board of Directors has voted to send our newsletter, The Eagle's View, via e-mail. This decision was made for a number of reasons. The primary one was financial. Just the printing costs us almost \$3,000 per year. Then there is the postage for five mailings to about 750 addressees for each edition. A great deal of the funds we raise annually goes to produce the newsletter. The Board wants to direct those funds to more educational, environmental and other projects. Besides the financial cost in producing newsletters to our members, there are the hidden non financial costs. It requires many volunteers to donate many hours. Volunteers have to: pickup the newsletters from the printer; for each edition, volunteers have to review the mailing list to be sure everyone who should be on the list, is on the list; volunteers have to produce the labels and place them, manually, on each newsletter; then they have to be driven to the Lakeland bulk mail post office for mailing. It is quite an undertaking to produce each one. All of these costs and volunteer hours will be totally eliminated. The volunteers will then be able to devote those hours to other productive projects at our nature center.

Now you will get the newsletter on your computer, and the great advantage will be all those wonderful pictures that you have been getting in black and white, will now be in stunning color.

### HOW WILL THIS BE DONE?

We are asking each of you to go to our web site at [lakeregion.net](http://lakeregion.net) . Once there, go to the upper left corner of the home page, and click on **Register here** . That will bring you to a page to enter your e-mail address. That is all it takes.

### WHEN SHOULD YOU SIGN UP?

Please do it now, before you forget.

### HOW LONG WILL THE NEWSLETTERS BE SENT THROUGH THE MAIL?

After this issue (the Nov – Dec 2007 issue), you will receive only one more. After that, you will be notified by e-mail when a new edition is available [but of course you will have had to sign up for the notification to be sent to you]. In that e-mail will be a link for you to click on, and then all you will have to do is read the new issue.

### WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER WITH E-MAIL?

If you are unable to receive the newsletter electronically, you will have to send a note to

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She will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.  
Thank you, all our members and subscribers, for your cooperation.

## Compendium of Fall Field Trips

Paul Fellers

John Chesnut, Sr. County Park, located on the SE corner of Lake Tarpon, N of Clearwater was our first destination on 9/22/07. In good weather, the 8 of us enjoyed a fine day of hiking the 3 trails there. Much of each trail was on boardwalk through jungly terrain. Each hike had its high points. I was partial to the trail running adjacent to a blackwater creek. Another trail runs along the edge of Lake Tarpon. Super looks at a pair of Veerys at close range as well as 2 Prothonotary Warblers were the day's highlights for me. In all we



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
by Ron Butts

observed 10 Warbler species: female Hooded (located by Liz Lane), 8 N. Parula, 3 Yellow-throated, 8 Pine, 3 Black-and-white, 3 American Redstart, Ovenbird, N. Waterthrush, and 4 Common Yellowthroat. Other birds of note in checklist order were King Rail, 2 Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Barred Owl, 3 Pileated Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, and Carolina Chickadee. Lots of Spider Orchids (*Habenaria odontopetala*) were in the wet woods, but not yet in bloom. After lunch we headed north to the remarkable Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center. The weather turned against us, so we decided to wrap up another outstanding day after perusing the facility.

Turkey Creek Sanctuary Park near Palm Bay was visited on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Hiking the boardwalk along gorgeous blackwater Turkey Creek flowing under the huge Live Oaks is the big draw here.

Top birds were Merlin (flying overhead due north and obviously not migrating, and a bird not on the local list), female Ruby-throated Hummingbird (feeding on bugs near the bark of a large Live Oak), 4 woodpecker species, a pair of Red-eyed Vireos and a very cooperative female Painted Bunting (also not on the local list). Nine warbler species were observed: Magnolia, male Black-throated Blue, 3 Yellow-throated, 2 Prairie, Palm, 3 Black-and-white, 3 American Redstart, 3 Ovenbird and Common Yellowthroat. Plants of note were many Paintbrush (*Carphephorus corymbosus*), a couple species of Blazing Star (*Liatrus sp.*), luxuriant Beauty Berry (*Callicarpa americana*), loaded with their purple fruit, and some rare Shoestring Fern (*Vittaria lineate*). We enjoyed our brown bag lunches, then drove north to Pumphouse Rd and 6-mile Blackpoint Dr. in Merritt Island NWR. Good wading birds were 5

Reddish Egrets, 350 White Ibis, 15 Glossy Ibis, 10 Roseate Spoonbills and 15 Woodstorks. Shorebirds included Willets, Ruddy Turnstones, Sanderlings (at Playalinda Beach) and 7 Short-billed Dowitchers. A final stop was made at the small but scenic palm/oak hammock located near the visitor's center. Dinner was at Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville where I still think the seafood is the best anywhere. It was another very long, but thoroughly enjoyable day.



Celestial Lily  
by Ron Butts

A lightly-attended Colt Creek State Park outing on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> ended up being mostly a birding trip in my quarter-section for assaying birds and butterflies in the park by LRAS members for a year.

Ron Butts and I had spent a nice day the prior Thursday scouting for the field trip. One special flower that we found that was not found on Saturday was a group of several Celestial Lilies (*Nemastylis floridana*). This rare endemic blue flower that the writer has only seen one other time only blooms for a couple of hours in the late afternoon. Ron and I had seen a few in bloom as early as 3:30 pm. They were located in the north section about 300 yards in along the new 6-mile trail where the woods end and the field begins. Other

flowers of note were luxuriant Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta*) in their prime, 2 or 3 species of Blazing Star (*Liatrus sp.*), and Paintbrush (*Carphephorus corymbosus*). Along a mile-long scenic woods road in my southern 1,300 acres were beautiful Blue Curls (*Trichostema dichotomum*), Seymeria (*S. cassoides*; uncommon; also at Wakeford Rd. entrance to Tiger Creek Nature Conservancy property), and Ironweed (*Veronia angustifolia*). Good birds included 10 warbler species, best being Magnolia, American Redstart, 4 Tennessee, and 4 Ovenbird (2 we watched at one time walking down a small limb near the ground). In a small rain-flooded field not far from the park entrance were several shorebirds: 2 Greater and 5 Lesser Yellowlegs and 5 Least Sandpipers. Some of the other birds were 15 Wild Turkey, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 3 Pileated Woodpecker, 13 Phoebe, 8 Carolina Chickadee, 6 Brown-headed Nuthatch, 8 House Wren (1<sup>st</sup> of the fall), 7 Eastern Bluebird and 2 Red-eyed Vireo. The woods were sure beautiful. Ranger Scott Spaulding is doing a great job in the park's initial phases.



Black-eyed Susan  
by Ron Butts

### Annual Fall Migration Count

Paul Fellers

The participating LRAS birders: Benny Bindschadler, Linda and Buck Cooper, Jim DuBois, the writer (also compiler), Chuck Geanangel, Liz Lane, Herman Moulden, Tom Palmer, Mali Rafats, Lois Smith, Bob and Linda Snow, Pete Timmer, Les Twining and Don VanDeman did a great job. On or about Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, we recorded a very respectable 127 species. Most major Polk County areas were covered: phosphate mines, Colt Creek S.P., the rest of the Green Swamp, Saddle Creek Park, Circle Bar-B Ranch Preserve, and the Crooked Lake Prairie Preserve.

Birds of note in checklist order were: 5 Brown Pelican (used to be rare inland), 508 Great Egret, 2,130 White Ibis (most in the Green Swamp), 5 Roseate Spoonbill, 40 Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Swallow-tailed Kite (very late; Green Swamp), Snail Kite (Lake Pierce), 2 Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon (Green Swamp surprise), 31 Wild Turkey (fairly common in the Green Swamp these days), 99 Sandhill Crane, 2 Semipalmated Plover (mines), 5 American Avocet (mines), 3 Ruddy Turnstone (mines; rare inland), 8 Pectoral Sandpiper (sod field, S. Polk County; rare in county), 10 Gull-billed Tern (mines), 3 Royal Tern (mines; normally coastal bird), 41 Sandwich Tern (high no. at mines), 105 Black Tern (high no. at mines), 24 Ground Dove (good no. for this declining species), 4 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (3 at a Lakeland feeder), 4 Red-headed Woodpecker (Green Swamp), Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher (Colt Creek), 60 N. Rough-winged Swallow (mines), 3 Florida Scrub Jay (Crooked Lake Prairie), 15 Carolina Chickadee (1 Lakeland, rest at Colt Creek and Green Swamp), 17 Brown-headed Nuthatch (Colt Creek and Green Swamp), 30 Eastern Bluebird, 10 Veery (8 at Colt Creek, 2 at Saddle Creek Park), 3 Yellow-throated Vireo, 37 N. Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler (Peterson Park), Black-throated Blue Warbler (SCP), Blackburnian Warbler (SCP), Worm-eating Warbler (SCP), N. Waterthrush (Colt Creek), Louisiana Waterthrush (Green Swamp; late) and 5 Summer Tanager.

Thanks to all for such an excellent effort.



## Cultivating the “Artist Conch” *Ganoderma Applanatum*

Mali Rafats

Growing up with a mushroom hunting father in the mountains of Western Maryland has given me a background as an amateur “shroomer”. In Maryland there are many mushroom clubs and my father



Bass Etching on Artist Conch

regularly took me mushroom hunting on the weekends. We would hike into the forest and come out with brown paper bags full of mushrooms that we would come home and try to identify. We would note such things as the shape of the cap and the attachment of the gills and then we would confirm our identification with a spore print. As my father’s interests in mycology developed he began cultivating gourmet mushrooms such as shiitake that he would sell to local merchants. Now my interests are developing and I am currently cultivating the “Artist Conch” not for consumption but for art.

The Artist Conch is a member of the polypore family. It is a shelf mushroom that grows mostly on dead fallen trees and stumps throughout North America. This mushroom usually grows on deciduous wood but here in Florida it can also be found on dead palm trees. They are very common in the Hillsborough River State Park.

This unique mushroom has a hard brownish top shell and a soft white porous underside that can be bruised easily to create a drawing or a piece of artistic writing. Once the mushroom is harvested there is an approximate 12-hour window to etch impressions on it before it can no longer be bruised. I am experimenting with different ways of preserving the freshness to extend the amount of time there



Danon Moxley Planting Mushrooms

is to etch on them. So far the best way has been to stick it in a cooler full of ice with a sheet of aluminum foil separating the mushroom from the ice to keep it from getting soggy.

The Artist Conch cultivation kit I ordered from Fungi Perfecti included a bag of 100 mycelium infused dowels and a block of cheese wax. Danon Moxley provided the land, logs and the electric drill. We spent two sweaty summer afternoons at Tenoroc inoculating logs. The logs should take between 9 and 12 months to become infused enough to fruit and I am anxiously awaiting the results.



Mali Rafats Plugging a Log

(All photos by Mali Rafats)

### Perseverance Gets the Birds

Paul Fellers

Fall migration at Saddle Creek Park beginning in late July and continuing to late October was decidedly unspectacular with literally only a warbler here and a warbler there. Bob Snow gallantly led his birders each Saturday. I must admit that even I started losing confidence in seeing warblers and the other migrants flitting about. However, I had the added impetus to hike the trail in 90 + heat and humidity to walk our happy dogs Onyx and Lady. Then when we thought migration was all but over, birds appeared in later October, and such good ones many of them were! Finally weather conditions with fronts, rains, and overcast skies apparently was all it took. I was there for 3 of those great days. Thirteen to 15 warbler species were the order of the day with Black-throated Green (rare), several Bay-breasted (rare), Magnolias, Black-throated Blues, Chestnut-sided, Tennessees, etc. Other notable migrants were Veerys, Swainson's Thrushes, and even rare Wood Thrushes, Summer and Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and a bunch of Indigo Buntings. Once again all was right with the world of birds. Frosting on the cake was a scouting trip to Little Manatee State Park on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct. by the writer, David Brooke, and Don VanDeman. On our 3-mile hike we were real happy with 14 warbler species including a whopping 9 Bay-breasted, Black-throated Green, Tennessee, Magnolia, 26 Pines, etc. A pair of E. Wood-Pewees, Wood Thrush, and rare Broad-winged Hawk rounded out our great list. Perseverance is a fine trait for a birder to have.

### Native Plant Sale

Tom Zimmers

Lake Region Audubon held its semi-annual native plant sale on Oct. 27. In spite of threatening weather, the turnout was large. In addition to many repeat customers there were plenty of new faces. This is not so surprising as more and more homeowners are looking to re-landscape their properties, utilizing Florida's natural plants.



Carrie Plaire helps a customer  
by Tony Catalano

The success of the plant sale was due largely because of the careful planning and display arrangements set up by Carrie Plaire, who organizes the plant sales. And, the help from many volunteers including but not limited to Ron Butts, Herman Moulden, Marvel Loftus, Lois Smith, Jack Moulton, Betty Butcher, Tom Zimmers, Lee Shoe, Mali Rafats, Paul Fellers, Jewel Mason, Mae Hartshaw, Chuck Geanangel and Bill Karnofsky.

A good way to learn about Florida native plants is to

volunteer your free time to help re-plant the garden areas around the main building. You can usually find Carrie, a member of the Native Plant Society, somewhere near the butterfly garden on Tuesdays.



Customers look the plants over  
by Tony Catalano

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Tom Zimmers

Have you noticed the two new cabinets in the main rooms of the Audubon Center? They blend in remarkably well with the refurbished floors and walls, making the entire area now more useful than ever before. The large cabinet accommodates a projector and storage area for tapes. The smaller one sits under the guest book and monetary donations box near the front entrance.



Both of these hand-crafted cabinets were presented as a gift from Reed Builders Group, Winter Haven. Our special thanks goes to Bill Reed, a well known and respected businessman in this area for many years.

**Saddle Creek Migration Bird Walks**

Bob Snow

One Saturday remains for the Fall Warbler Migration Walks at Saddle Creek Park. The totals so far are 25 warbler species and 106 total species to date. It has been a strange migration, since the numbers and diversity of the migrants have been unusually low. According to reports, our numbers have been similar to other locations around the state.

October 13th marked the start of higher numbers of birds, and the appearance of a beautiful Philadelphia Vireo. The Vireo appeared in the same tree as last year. The walks on October 20th and 21st garnered a total of 16 warbler species. Highlight birds were good numbers of Bay-breasted Warblers, Black-throated Green Warblers, Magnolia Warblers, Chestnut-sided Warblers and fairly rare for Saddle Creek, Wood Thrushes. Larry Albright reported a House Finch, which I believe is a new bird for the park. The Short-tailed Hawk made an appearance, after an absence of several weeks.

Total number of participants was lower than previous years, with 104 thus far. We had visitors from Scotland, England, California, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Ohio.

**EVENING PROGRAMS**

On January 28, 2008, Bill Haddad will present a wonderful program, "Enjoy the Nature of the Blue Ridge Mountain". This will be a delightful evening and refreshments will be served after the program. It will be held at the Street Audubon Nature Center, 115 Lameraux Road, Winter Haven, FL 33884 at 7:00 PM For more information call:

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**Natural Florida 2007 Photo Contest**

To promote the natural resources of Florida and to encourage the citizens of Florida to use and enjoy their natural resources, The Lake Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a Natural Florida Photography Contest.

All photographs must be taken in Florida during the calendar year of 2007.

Photographs must be of natural Florida with no man-made structures or non-native animals or plants. Photographs of captive animals or pets are not allowed.

Levels:

- A. 18 years of age and older - anyone who has had their 18th birthday (persons turning 18 during 2007 may enter either level.)
- B. 17 years of age and younger- anyone who has not reached their 18th birthday.

Categories:

Judges will assign photographs to the appropriate category.

General requirements:

Photographs must be taken in the State of Florida during the year 2007.

Enhancements to the image are limited to those commonly used in conventional photographic darkrooms.

Images may be cropped, but must be at least 1024x680 pixels in size or a maximum of 8 inch x 12 inch print.

Images may be submitted in digital (jpg or tif on a cd) or printed format.

For Level A a Five Dollar fee will be charged for up to five entries. The sixth and additional entries will be assessed a fee of Two Dollars each. There will be no fee for Level B.

Details will be available on the Lake Region Audubon web site at [www.lakeregion.net](http://www.lakeregion.net) . Prizes will be awarded.

**LRAS Photo Contest 2007 Entry Form**

Photographer information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Audubon Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Level: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

**Level A only: Entry fee \$5.00 up to five photographs and \$2.00 for each additional photograph.**

Make check payable to Lake Region Audubon Society and mail with photographs to:

LRAS Photo Contest 2007  
 3101 Young Court  
 Lakeland, Fl 33803

Number of photographs entered \_\_\_\_\_ Total fee \_\_\_\_\_

List the first five photographs below. List additional photographs on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form. List file name if a digital file. Also attach this information to the back of each photograph.

Title	Location Taken	File name
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## Great Deal!!

Have we got a deal for You!! A new membership with Lake Region, Florida and National Audubon is available for only \$20 for the first year (renewals will be \$35 ... still a great deal!). In addition to all membership privileges, you also get the Audubon magazine and the Florida and Lake Region newsletters.

The \$20 initial membership would make a great gift for a niece or nephew graduating from school, a new retiree or a friend that enjoys nature. Just fill out the membership application in this newsletter, enclose a check made out to National Audubon Society for \$20 and send it to Membership Chairman, Lake Region Audubon Society, 115 Lameraux Road, Winter Haven, FL 33884

An alternative form of membership is local membership in Lake Region Audubon Society only. You will receive the local, "Eagles View" newsletter and all of your \$20 fee will be used locally. Make the check out to Lake Region Audubon Society and mail to the same address.

## Volunteers Needed

Hours are 9 am to noon or noon to 3 pm.

Duties are to be present at the Street Audubon Center, open the center and close it.

Sally Gilmore, 863-299-7123

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## Street Audubon Center Work Day

The first Saturday of each month is WorkDay at Street Audubon Center. There is much work to be done to keep the center operational. This work spans the range of very light to very heavy. Trail clearing, tree cutting, trash hauling, dusting, sweeping, window cleaning or providing a cool drink for those doing the heavy work. We need you!

What do you have to do? Just show up at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of each month and plan to stay til noon or one. Pizza and soft drinks will be served to all volunteers at 11:30. A free LRAS T-shirt will be available on your first volunteer workday

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## Lake Region Web Site

The printed version of the *Eagle's View* is in black and white. For a full color version, check it out on the Lake Region web site at [www.lakeregion.net](http://www.lakeregion.net). The photographs are much nicer in full color. You will also find the latest schedules and other information. Rae Bourquein is the webmaster and she does a terrific job keeping it current.



**BIRD CLUB**

The bird club is in full swing again. Everyone is welcome. We are just a group of people that like to see if we can find some beautiful birds, and enjoy all of the wonderful places that are located within a 150 mile radius of Lakeland/Winter Haven. Thursday is the day we do most of our trips from November to the first Thursday in April, except during the Holidays. Car pooling is our mode of transportation and everyone is expected to pay their fair share of the expenses. Check our website for our schedule. Before you decide to join us, please call Marvel Loftus, 863 324 9657 to make certain that the schedule is correct. You will need binoculars, insect repellent, water and if you own a spotting scope, cell phone or a walkie-talkie, these will enhance your trip. We usually bring a picnic lunch and some snacks. There will be some short hikes on a few of our trips and it will be stated in our schedule, otherwise we drive, stop, and look around to see what we can see. If you feel you can not hike, you can always stay with the car and you will probably get to see some birds that the hikers miss. I believe our group is very friendly and helpful so do not be afraid to ask a question, like where is that bird you are seeing? Some of our upcoming trips are: Dec. 6, 2007 — Viera Wetland, Melbourne, FL: January 3, 2008 — Somewhere locally: January 10, 2008 — Merritt Island Refuge, Titusville, Fl. All trips go rain or shine, we never cancel a trip. It is always up to the individual to go or not. Come and join the fun and companionship.

**PIZZA AND FILM NIGHT**

On the first Monday of every month we show a film, usually an interesting documentary, and pizza along with a salad, cookies, potato chips and drink. The price is minimum — \$1.00 for a slice of pizza and \$1.00 for a salad. The rest is free. Come and join the fun at Street Audubon Nature Center, 115 Lameraux Road, Winter Haven, FL 33884 (Map on our website) at 7:00 PM.

Schedule is as follows:

Dec 3, 2007 Film "Expedition Borneo"  
Jan. 7, 2008 Film "Raptor Force"

For more information call

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**PHOTO WALK WITH REINIER MUNGUIA**

On Saturday Oct. 13, 2007, Reinier Munguia, a well known photographer from Lakeland, honored a small group of photographers on a walk around Viera Wetlands in Melbourne, Fl. The weather cooperated by being sunny and cool. He demonstrated how he sneaks up on wildlife to get their picture. He worked with the people with their equipment and explained some of the light problems. Also what setting he uses for different situations. The wildlife was not too cooperative but we did see some Eagles, Caracaras, A Black-bellied Whistling Duck with her ducklings, big frogs starring at us from the ponds and Osprey. All in all, it was a wonderful time, and we are very thankful that Reinier gave us so much of his time. We will do this again on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at Lake Parker, Lakeland, FL. Registration will be on Monday, Feb. 11, 2008 at 9:00 via telephone.AM. Call Marvel Loftus at 863 324 9657. First Come, First Served is the rule. It is limited to 10 people.



Reinier and some of the group at  
Viera

So circle these dates and watch the newspapers. Reinier gives programs all around this area

## Audubon Adventures

We are still in the fund raising campaign to finance Audubon Adventures. UNFORTUNATELY, we are \$700 in the red on this project. This is the very first time our members have not fully supported this very important project. This is one of our primary projects focused on the youth of Polk County. Each of our members should have received a letter describing this very important project. A brief reminder; we provide the county schools with learning kits exposing young children to the natural world through language arts, science and environmental literature. Each kit correlates to specific sections of the Nation's and State's academic achievement standards. To date we have had 41 members generously contribute toward this year's campaign. Unfortunately, that is a very small percentage of our over 700 members. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, we would be most grateful if you would do it now. We pay \$46 per kit. If you would like to fund one or more kits, that would be great. If you would like to help fund a part of a kit with \$5, \$10 or more we (and the children of Polk County) would be very grateful.

Contributions should be sent to:

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## Schedule

**Dec 15, 2007, Lakeland Christmas Bird Count, Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

**Dec 29, 2007, Lake Wales Christmas Bird Count, Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

**Jan 5, 2008, Sat, Photography Class.** 4 Saturdays, Jan 5, 12, 19, and 26. 9 AM to noon at Street Audubon Center \$50 with \$25 due at registration. Photography classes presented by a professional photographer. **Tony Catalano 863-294-3556 or pegtony515@msn.com**

**Jan 7, 2008, Mon, Pizza & Film Night.** Audubon Nature Center 7 PM. Film, "Raptors Force". **Marvel Loftus 963-324-9657**

**Jan 10, 2008, Thu, Bird Club Trip to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, Titusville, FL. Marvel Loftus 963-324-9657**

**Jan 12, 2007 Photography Class. See Jan 5**

**Jan 12 2008, Sat, Mosaic Phosphate Mines Birding Trip.** LRAS members only. Meet at Publix parking lot in Bartow at 8 AM. Lunch by Mosaic. Reservations required 80 to 90 species probable, including 12 duck species. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

**Jan 16, 2008, Wed, Bird Identification Class, 5 classes, Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6 and 20. Meet at Street Audubon Center, 7 PM \$30 fee, includes some field trips. Registration required. Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

**Jan 19, 2008, Photography Class. See Jan 5**

**Jan 23, 2008, Wed, Bird ID Class see Jan 16.**

**Jan 26, 2008, Sat, Merritt Island NWP.** Black Point drive, Oak Hammock, Crossover Canal (Manatees), Bio Lab Road by Indian River Visitor Center, Playalinda Beach (seabirds). Bring snacks, early dinner at famous Dixie Crossroads Restaurant. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 7 AM to carpool. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

**Jan 26, 2008, Photography Class. See Jan 5**

**Jan 28, 2008, Mon, Evening Program at Street Audubon Center.** Bill Haddad, "Enjoy the Nature of the Blue Ridge Mountains", refreshments provided. **Marvel Loftus 963-324-9657**

**Jan 30, 2008 Wed, Bird ID Class see Jan 16.**

**Feb 4, 2008, Mon, Pizza & Film Night, Street Audubon Center, 7 PM.** Film, "A River Reborn", restoration of Fossil Creek. **Marvel Loftus 963-324-9657**

**Feb 6, 2008 Wed, Bird ID Class see Jan 16.**

**Feb 7, 2008, Thu, Bird Club Trip.** Paul Fellers will lead us to Mosaic Phosphate Mines. Reservations required. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

**Feb 11, 2008, Mon, Registration for Reiner Munguia's Photograph Walk on Feb 16, limited to 10 people. 9 AM. Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

**Feb 16, 2008, Sat, Nature Photograph Walk with Reiner Munguia.** Boat Ramp Parking Lot, Lake Parker Park, Lakeland at 3 PM. Registration required. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

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This membership automatically enrolls you in the National Audubon Society, Audubon of Florida, and Lake Region Audubon Society.

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