



Street Audubon Center
115 Lameraux Road
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Avon Park Air Force Range Field Trip

By Paul Fellers

Lois Smith and I were happily scouting the next day's field trip to the APAFR, when afternoon weather deteriorated to a misting rain sending us home. Little did we know that it was the beginning of Tropical



Snowy Orchid
by Ron Butts

Storm Barry. After watching the weather report that evening, I decided to reschedule for the next Saturday (a rare happening). So in fine weather on June 9, 2007, 22 of us enjoyed a great day starting with School Bus Rd. in Arbuckle State Forest with rare finds of Florida Bonamia or Scrub Morning Glory (*Bonamia grandiflora*) and Scrub Buckwheat (*Eriogon longifolium*). A couple other good plants were Beardtongue (*Penstemon multiflorus*) and several stands of Indian Plaintain (*Arnoglossum floridanum*), both found originally on the scouting trip. Some of the group spotted a dark-phase Short-tailed Hawk. Unfortunately the gate was locked at Route 64 (it was open the previous Saturday) causing us to go way back around. Oh Well!

However, another dark-phase Short-tailed Hawk was sighted on the way round, so those of us who missed the first one were delighted by this second one.

For the whole trip, 119 flowers, shrubs, ferns, etc. were identified. Lois Smith created a compendium of same that appears on the Lake Region Audubon website (Good Job Lois!) I will mention a few of the more memorable ones. Tarflower (*Bafaria racemosa*) with its stickiness was new for some; Hooded Pitcherplant (*Sarracenia minor*), a carnivorous plant, was in good supply, a few

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Butterfly Orchid
by Ron Butts

with flowers and a target for photographers; Loosestrife (*Lythrum alatum*) was in wet areas (not the invasive species found up north according to Linda Cooper); *Agalinus fasciculata*, several pink blooms on a stem in a



Grass Pink Orchid
by Ron Butts

wet area at the end of Ebersbach Rd. where a few years earlier the whole field was covered with pink; Water Willow (*Justicia* sp.), probably *J. ovata* but the flowers were larger than average, fitting the description of *J. crassifolia* of West Fl?; Purple Bladderwort (*Utricularia purpurea*), small but showy purple and white flowers on a stem above water with its submerged leaves actually being bladder-like traps for catching minute aquatic insects, and found in the small ditch along Durden Rd.; Nodding Club-Moss (*Palhinhaea cernua*), sometimes called Christmas Tree Fern, a primitive plant with ancient origin and located along the same ditch as above; Foxtail Bog Club-Moss (*Lycopodiella alopecuroides*), another plant with ancient origins, having erect "clubs" from arching horizontal stems; 3 terrestrial orchids growing in wet habitat: several Rose Pogonia (*P. ophioglossoides*), one of my all-time favorite wildflowers; several Snowy (*Platanthera nivea*), rare, having a delicate fragrance; and lots of Grass-pink (*Calopogon tuberosus*)

found over much of Eastern U.S. with color ranging from very light to deep pink; Scarlet Ladies' Tresses, Leafless-beaked Orchid or Frost-flowered Neottia (*Sacoila lanceolata*), several along Kissimmee Rd. allowed good photo ops; and the final orchid, Butterfly (*Encyclia tampenses*) attached to the Live Oaks at Morgan Hole, some literally overhead as we enjoyed our lunch by the tiny creek of the same name. A final mention will be of 2 species of Milkweed: Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) found along School Bus Rd. and through much of Eastern U.S. including New England, and Fragrant or Large-flowered (*A. connivens*) located near the seep on Durden Rd.



Rose Pogonia
by Ron Butts

A few other birds of note were 4 Red-shouldered Hawks, 3 Wild Turkeys, Northern Bobwhite (numbers are way down), Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Brown-headed Nuthatch, 4 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (they breed here), 4 Eastern Bluebirds, and Bachman's Sparrow at 15'. Numerous butterflies were identified. On Frostproof Rd., most of us saw a doe deer cross in front of us going lickety split. It was another fine day out-of-doors. Hope you will join us in the fall when field trips resume. ***

Editors note: Visit the LRAS web site at www.lakeregion.net for a list of the flowers found on this field trip. The list was compiled by Lois Smith.

Birding Morocco

Chuck Geanangel

Agadir—Casablanca—Marrakech—exotic places that bring to mind vacant lands, desert scenes, Bogart movies, camel trains, lush oases, the Kasbah, rampaging Berber tribesmen riding beautiful Arabian horses and the French Foreign Legion. Well that was then and this is now. For me the lure is finding new birds, especially Marbled Teal, Bald Ibis, Mediterranean Gull and at least twelve different species of wheatears and larks. For those of you who don't remember your high school geography, Morocco is on the Atlantic coast of North Africa immediately across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain. In fact if you took a boat out of Miami headed east, in a few days you would reach Morocco. Morocco is not an easy country in which to find birds. Water is scarce, distances are vast, roads almost invisible, and finding anything requires local knowledge. Longtime birding pal, Larry Albright and I hooked up with a British tour group for ten days to explore the birds of this fascinating kingdom.



Desert near Mersuga in eastern Morocco
by Chuck Geanangel

The adventure started in Agadir on Feb 17, 2007. We drove south down the coast to the Sous Massa National Park, birding all the way. Our group traveled in four identical 4-wheel drive SUV's and the



Ait ben Haddou Kasbah (desert fortress)
by Chuck Geanangel

scramble to get a dozen eager birders into the correct vehicle after every birding stop was at times amusing. Because the Sous valley is flat and virtually without vegetation the leader would at times pull off the paved road and drive out across a gravel covered field looking for a likely spot to find birds. We spent a good bit of our trip riding along in fields with no sign of roads, houses or for that matter, anything. Fortunately the leader knew where we were headed but the rest of us were lost all of the time. There were birds of course and the colorful Mousier's Redstart was the star for me. Our destination, the Sous River, was the only visible water for dozens of miles. By the time we got to the end of the Sous waterway we had tallied several dozen species among them being the rare Marbled

Teal and several Mediterranean Gulls, target birds for me. The waterway which goes all the way to the Atlantic Ocean was filled with water birds. Flocks of egrets, herons, gulls, ibis, flamingos, small waders and various ducks were easy to see. Along the banks we found a wide variety of small birds including Sardinian Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Cirl Bunting, Stonechats, and a nice migrating Wryneck. A pair of colorful, noisy Barbary Partridges also made an appearance, a lifer for me. We birded until dusk and were rewarded with a pair of Stone Curlews and a Red-necked Nightjar. The next day we drove the coast road north of Agadir to look for the exceedingly rare Bald Ibis. Of the 250 known to exist in the wild we must have seen 175 of them roosting in a hidden inlet by the sea. On the way back to the hotel we passed several California style coastal

towns with Surf Shops for the tourists.

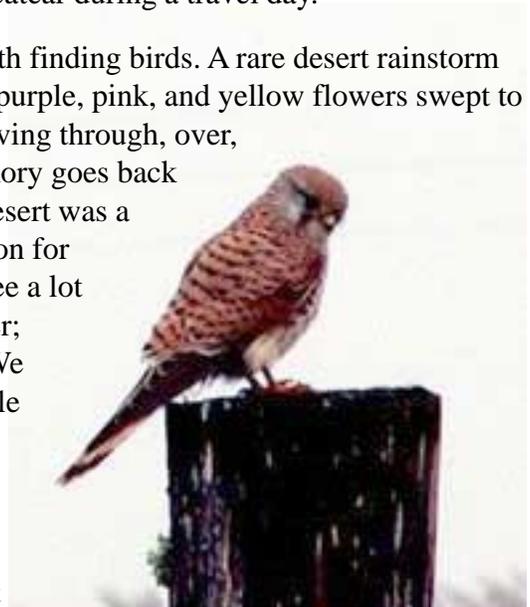


Oukaimiden near Marrakech, 10,000 ft.
Chuck Geanangel

Day four found our caravan headed east into the heart of the Sous Valley toward the village of Boumalne. On our left the entire way was the snow covered Atlas Mountains and far to the south another range of hills outlined the valley. The Sous is one of the principle agricultural centers for the country. Most of the birding was confined to the usual roadside fare with numerous raptors like the Long-legged Buzzard and Barbary Falcon catching our interest. By day five we are in the center of Morocco, exploring the Tagdit Track. The track, or trail, is a dusty line in the gravel littered with blowing plastic bags from a nearby landfill. It's not the kind of place you would give a second thought to. The bird life however is something else. The birds observed were all desert specialties such as Trumpeter Finch, Thick-billed Lark, Temminck's

Lark, Hoopoe Lark, Thekla Lark and a flock of twelve Crowned Sandgrouse to name a few. It's hard to imagine how such a desolate place could produce so many spectacular birds. Day six was a wheatear day while driving to the town of Merzouga on the edge of the great sand dune area of the Sahara Desert. We found Black, Desert, Red-tailed, White-crowned and Northern Wheatear during a travel day.

Day seven was a day to remember for sure and it had little to do with finding birds. A rare desert rainstorm ten days before had produced a blaze of wildflowers. Vast areas of purple, pink, and yellow flowers swept to the distant horizon. The desert was blooming! We spent the day driving through, over, and around the incredible dunes. Even now as I write this, my memory goes back to that unbelievable landscape. In some places the normally drab desert was a riot of colors. I can understand now Lawrence of Arabia's fascination for such places. This day made the whole trip worthwhile. We didn't see a lot of new birds but the bird of the day was the Cream-colored Courser; normally a scarce bird but we tallied an astonishing fifty of them. We ended the day back at our auberge (Inn) where we dined on a whole roast lamb and all the fixings. On day nine we crossed the mighty Atlas Mountains at Tizi n'Ticka Pass (8,000 ft) and did some high elevation birding, then on to the fabled city of Marrakech. That evening we sampled the central market replete with snake charmers, singers, dancers, outdoor grills with a variety of different meats, colorful mounds of spices and booths selling anything you could ever wish. The last day of our trip we ascended the nearby mountains to the ski resort at Oukaimiden. We were rewarded with great looks of both Red and Yellow-billed Chough, Golden Eagle, and the elusive Crimson-winged Finch. The view from nearly 10,000 feet was spectacular and wonderful ending to a great trip. We totaled nearly 165 species and enough lifers for me to go to 3707. ***



Eurasian Kestrel
by Chuck Geanangel

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FOURTH OF JULY BUTTERFLY COUNTS

Linda Cooper

Twelve years ago we began two North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July Butterfly Counts. Lake Region Audubon Society has been gracious and generous enough to support our efforts by paying each participant's fee of \$3.00. The count circles are set up exactly as Audubon Christmas Bird Count circles – a 15-mile diameter circle. Teams spread out from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. or so, depending on the weather, covering as much of the circle as they can. The



Gray Hairstreak

counts are done close to the Fourth of July throughout the U. S., Canada and Mexico and are published each year by North American Butterfly Association (NABA).

Disney Wilderness Preserve, near Poinciana, is an 11,000 acre mosaic of flatwoods, swamps, oak hammocks, streams, lakefronts and former pastures. This count fielded three teams for a total of fourteen people. One team works on the preserve, the other teams off the preserve. All contribute species not seen by another team. Zebra and Eastern Tiger Swallowtails were well represented with 27 seen. Gray and Red-banded were the only two hairstreaks seen but Grays totaled 88. The most numerous skippers were Horace's Duskywing and Whirlabout. A continuing detriment to butterflies outside the Preserve is the mowing of ALL vegetation in roadside ditches. Couple that with road widening and it is dismal for butterflies in the Poinciana area though the rest of the count circle is productive. We

ended the day with 52 species and 810 butterflies. We have

seen 78 species over the past twelve years of the DWP count. Team members on June 30 were Ben Bindschadler, Chuck Geanangel, Jim DuBois, Libby Eastman, Sue Farnsworth, V. Friedman, E. LaSpada, P. McCamay, Tom Palmer, B. Simpson, H. Wallace, S Wallace, compiler Buck Cooper and the writer.

Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (KPS) northwest of Okeechobee is so named because the count started on the old Audubon property, just east of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park (KPPSP). In 2002 KPS became part of the state park but retains the old name of the count. The park is 84 square miles of dry prairie, interspersed with marshes, cabbage palm and oak hammocks, wet prairie, sloughs, and riverine habitat. KPPSP has a nationwide reputation as THE place in Florida for skippers.

This count continues to draw enthusiastic seasoned butterfly watchers as well as enthusiastic beginners. Seventeen

participants were split into four teams – three on state park property and one off park property. The open prairie provides little shade. We were all thankful to get to a shaded hammock for part of the count. This year we set a record of 62 species. Numbers of individuals were down to 1117 but still above average. The prairie was dry but roadsides were full of unmowed *Phyla nodiflora*, a favorite of grass skippers. Areas normally filled with Redroot (*Lachnanthes caroliniana*) had very few plants in bloom. Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*) marshes were totally dry and could be walked with ease though a waste of time with no blossoms.



Aaron's Skipper



Zebra Swallowtail

Swallowtails were in short supply except for Zebra with 36 recorded. Twenty-nine Little Metalmarks, the most we have seen on this count, were recorded inside the park. Tawny and Hackberry Emperors were seen in Kilpatrick Hammock. Twenty-seven species of skippers were found but the numbers were way down from previous years. The drought took its toll on wetland species such as Aaron's with only 3 seen and no Berry's this year. Our species count total over twelve years is 76. Team members on July 14 were Ben Bindschadler, Dave and Marga Cutler, Kay Eoff, Alana, Dave and Lana Edwards, Sue Farnsworth, Mary Beth Litrico, Kathy Malone, Nancy Prine, Tom Palmer, Jack Shaw, Don Stillwaugh, Barbara Woodmansee, Buck Cooper and the writer. The state park butterfly list stands at 85 with the addition of Cuban Crescent photographed last October by butterfly enthusiast Melanie Brown, the park manager's wife.

Thanks to Disney Wilderness Preserve and KPPSP personnel for transportation and access. Thanks to all the participants who continue to make these counts fun and a learning experience for all. We greatly appreciate the support of Lake Region Audubon and welcome members' participation. The counts occur approximately the same time each year. Buck compiles six counts: one centered in the town of Okeechobee, one at Lake Louisa State Park near Clermont, Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area in Osceola County and the newest one in Polk – Colt Creek State Park plus these two. We also participate in eleven other counts. We hope to have you join us on an NABA butterfly count next summer. To participate you can reach Buck at 863.439.2704.

The removal of ancient dunes as fill for new housing areas in east Polk continues to trouble us. This part of the DWP count circle is depressing. Beautiful scrub sites and high sandhill dunes filled with native vegetation are leveled in our continuing efforts to look like overbuilt coastal areas. Pitiful.

Photographs by Linda Cooper ***

Schedule continued from page 9

Nov 29, Thu, Bird Club Trip, Green Swamp. Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657

Dec 02, Christmas Party at Street Audubon Center. 2 PM. Bring in the holidays with fellow Audubon members. "The Sassy Singers" choral group will entertain us with their wonderful holiday music. Bring finger food to share. Beverages will be provided. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Dec 3, Mon, Pizza and Film, Street Audubon Center, 7 PM. Film "Expedition Borneo". Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity

Every year in the spring around Earth Day, LRAS is invited to participate in outdoor education events designed to educate the public about wildlife or the environment and showcase the work of the Audubon Society. The sponsoring organizations usually provide a large table, chairs and a location. We need a creative person to put together a bulletin board display to be used at these events. We have several displays but they are badly in need of upgrading. We also have PowerPoint equipment if you like working in that media. You would have help staffing the booth and transporting the materials to the site of the event. The board has authorized a budget of up to \$500 to purchase materials. This is a fun way to get involved in the work of the Audubon Society and meet some really interesting people. We really need your help on this project. Call Chuck Geanangel at (863)326-5748 for more information.

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 . 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.

Table with 3 columns: Title, Location Taken, File name. Includes five rows of blank lines for data entry.

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

Ann Pinner, 863-956-2374



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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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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. 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.

Tentative Schedule

The 2007 Fall Warbler Migration Walks at Saddle Creek, continue each Saturday, at 8 a.m., through October 27th. The trail head is located just beyond the Polk County maintenance buildings and firing range at Saddle Creek Park. The walks typically last about four hours, but will vary depending on the number and variety of birds present. We will be looking for warblers, and a variety of song birds that are migrating south. Please bring binoculars, insect repellent, beverage, and wear comfortable shoes. **Bob Snow (863) 644-4868, e-mail: blsnow11@verizon.net**

First Saturday of each month is work day at Street Audubon Center. 9 AM - Noon. Pizza provided for lunch. Just show-up and help.

Sep 22, Sat, John H. Chestnut Count Park (SE corner of Lake Tarpon). Fall migrants and nature hike, 2 great trails, each about 1/2 mile and a third about 1/4 mile. Then on to **Brooker Creek Preserve, Environmental Education Center** and possibly 1 3/4 mile hike. Meet at 7 AM in Lakeland's Lake Mirror Center parking lot for carpooling. Bring lunch and drinks. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Oct 06, Sat, Turkey Creek for migrants, also **Merritt Island NWR, Black Point Drive, Playalinda Beach.** Bring your Golden Age Passport. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 6 AM for carpooling. Bring lunch and drinks, Dixie Crossroads for early dinner. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Oct 08, Mon, Circle B Bar Reserve, Registration for Reiner Munguia's Photograph Walk on Saturday October 13th. Limited to 10 people, 9 AM. **Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657.**

Oct 8, 2007, Mon. Pizza and Film 7 PM at the Street Audubon Center. "Secrets of the Crocodile Cave". Small donation for the pizza. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Oct 13, Sat, Nature Photograph Walk with Reiner Munguia, 8 AM at Circle B Bar Reserve. Registration required on Oct 08. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Oct 13, Sat, Colt Creek State Park, our newest S.P. The plan is to hike about a 3 mile loop trail of a 6 mile trail, then do some sightseeing afterwards by car. Hope to see a few flowers, birds and perhaps deer. Meet at Rails-to-Trails Trailhead in Polk City at 8 AM for carpooling. Bring lunch and drinks. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Oct 20, Sat, Hillsboro River State Park, great 3 mile Florida Trail loop hike, plus more trail along the river to the rapids. Migrants and scenic. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at 7 AM at Lake Mirror Center, Lakeland for carpooling. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Oct 27, Sat, Native Plant Sale, 9 AM-2 PM at the Street Audubon Center. We need home grown plants and lots of volunteers. These two things made the spring sale the best ever. We will have Florimulch for sale. Using this mulch is very good for the environment. Come out and find your favorite

native plant. Many to choose from for all soil conditions from dry to wet and sun to shade. If you can help set it up call **Carrie Plair at 863-683-8094**

Oct 29, Mon, Evening Program, Street Audubon Center 7 PM. "Fire Ant Swat Team"; how to get rid of fire ants without destroying the environment. Marylee and Michael Taft. Refreshments. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 01, Thu, Bird Club Organizational Meeting, 9:00 AM at the Street Audubon Center. We plan our schedule and organize car pools at this meeting. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 03, Sat, Little Manatee State Park, hike a 3 mile loop of a 6.2 mile Florida Trail loop, half of the trail along the river and part along Cypress Creek. Then drive to the park's center for lunch. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at Publix parking lot in Bartow at 7:30 AM or Mulberry's McDonalds at 7:45 AM for carpooling. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Nov 5, Mon, Pizza and Film 7 PM at the Street Audubon Center. "Planet Earth, Fresh Water", Small donation for the pizza. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 8, Thu, Bird Club Trip, Fort DeSoto, St. Petersburg. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 10, Sat, Lake Arbuckle State Forest. Hike of about 4.5 miles along and above Reedy Creek, along Lake Arbuckle, back to School Bus Road. This requires moving of cars. Take drinks and lunch at Lake Godwin or cabin. Brown-headed Nuthatches and Short-tailed Hawk a possibility. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 8 AM. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Nov 15, Thu, Bird Club Trip , Circle B Bar Reserve, Winter Haven. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 17, Sat, Lake Marion Management Area. 2.5 mile hike (see 5 species of aster and pristine Snell Creek) and **Osceola County School Boardwalk.** 1 mile roundtrip to Reedy Creek in Poinciana. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 8 AM. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

Nov 18, Sun, Street Audubon Center's Open House and Chicken Dinner. 2 PM, \$10 per person. Come and learn about our activities and programs; see all the improvements to the Nature Center. The film "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown after dinner. Make reservation by Nov. 10. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 19, Mon, Evening Program, "Hawaii", with Paul Fellers. Lakeland Public Kibrary, 100 Lake Morton Dr., Lakeland, FL, 7 PM. **Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657**

Nov 24, Sat, Disney Wilderness Preserve. 3 mile nature hike to Lake Russell and more. Meet at 8 AM at Street Audubon Center. Should still be some fall flowers and some good birds, Take lunch, drinks and \$2 fee per person. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

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Colt Creek State Park Census

Chuck Geanangel

The LRAS bird and butterfly surveys of Colt Creek State Park have reached the halfway mark this summer. The new 5,080 acre park located 16 miles north of Lakeland in extreme northwestern Polk County has



Hermit Thrush
by Herman

proven to be an avian gem. All of the birds considered to be Green Swamp specialties such as the Carolina Chickadee, Bachman's Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, Wild Turkey, Swallow-tailed Kite, and Yellow-throated Vireo are present in good numbers along with some pleasant surprises. Surely no one expected to see a Mississippi Kite here and the Crested Caracara was far out of range too. Nesting hummingbirds, Hairy Woodpeckers, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Yellow-throated Warblers and Yellow-throated Vireos were good finds. At the same time the scarcity of several species caused some head

scratching. Where were the Loggerhead Shrikes, Eastern Screech Owls, Great Horned Owls, Northern Flickers, Snowy Egrets, and Blue Jays hiding? Maybe they will show up in increasing numbers in our second half.

Our total number of species so far is 124 and monthly individual counts are in the low thousands depending on the season. Typically there is a lot less activity in the summer than in the winter. The diversity of the park is interesting in that in June, for example, we tallied 65 species overall but none of the four territories into which we have divided the park had much over 40 species by themselves. The northern section of the park is mostly Long-leaf Pine while the southern half is heavy with Oak Hammocks and open pastures and the middle holds the three large fishing lakes. Different habitats, different species of birds, what a surprise!



Barred Owl
by Herman

We are expecting a productive fall migration coming up and hope to fatten our

list of species considerably. We can easily add 20 species of warblers and their allies. The thrill of doing these counts is the finding of some rarity but the value to the public is the baseline information that is documented. This snapshot in time will allow future generations to look back and know with certainty what it was like here, bird wise, in 2007.



Hummingbird Clearwing Moth
by Herman

The Park manager, Scott Spaulding and his small staff have bent over backwards to help us with this census and that has made all the difference in the world. Thanks Scott and James! ***

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Mission Statement: Lake Region Audubon Society, a Chapter of National and Florida Audubon Societies, is dedicated to youth education, conservation, clean air and clean water, preservation of our native flora and fauna, and the promotion of public awareness of the remaining natural beauty of our Florida and our world.

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