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Duck Hunts at Circle B Bar Reserve

During the winter of 2008 and 2009 there were three duck hunt sessions at Circle B Bar Reserve. Circle B is a Polk County Environmental Lands Site located on SR 540 two (2) miles east of U.S. 98. There was a two (2) day hunt in December and another two (2) day hunt in January. At the end of February there was a one day youth hunt. These hunts were possible due to a provision included in the Management Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2002, although the enabling ordinance passed by the voters in 1994 stated that the environmental lands could be used for passive recreation only.

Surveys of the birds in the marsh hunt area were conducted prior to and after the hunts. Survey team members included Circle B volunteers Chuck Geanangel and Herman Moulden, an environmental lands staff member and several duck hunters. These surveys indicated a severe drop in the duck population following each hunt with a very slow increase between the hunts to just over 40% of the pre-hunt population. Another severe drop in the duck population followed the second hunt session.

In addition to the surveys listed above, Reinier Munguia and Herman Moulden monitored a Bald Eagle nest located adjacent to the marsh during the hunts. During the first hunt session the eagles were incubating eggs and during the second hunt session there were two eaglets approximately three weeks old in the nest. These observations and video obtained during the hunts indicate that the eagles were disturbed by the gunfire.

Circle B Bar Reserve is visited by up to 1,000 persons on a weekend and often 100 persons on weekdays. Most of these people are interested in wildlife viewing. In addition to the number of people visiting the site the nature center classroom has programs for middle school students.

Our position is that Circle B Bar Reserve is not an appropriate site for hunting, due to the above conditions as well as other factors. Many of our members may be hunters. This is not an anti-hunting position, but only against hunting on this site. Many hunters have agreed that Circle B is not appropriate for hunting.

This matter should come before the Board of County Commissioners within the next month. Please contact the commissioners to voice your opinion and watch the agenda for the commission meetings for this topic. It should be listed as the Circle B Bar Reserve Management Plan. Here are the email and telephone number for contacting the commissioners:

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Or telephone 863-534-6000

NOTICE: After the newsletter was complete I was notified that the issue will be voted on by the commission at the June 17th meeting. Please plan to attend if possible.

Editor.

Open House & Silent Auction

A GREAT SUCCESS!

By Bill Karnofsky

Sunday February 22nd was a great day, not only for everyone who attended Lake Region Audubon's Open House and Silent Auction, but for Lake Region Audubon itself. It all started some months earlier when **Marvel Loftus** began preparing for our Open House. **Carrie Clair** suggested combining a silent auction with the Open House, and Marvel agreed. Subsequently, **Emily Sansone** jumped in with both feet. She approached many of the businesses listed below, for contributions to the Silent Auction, as well as agreed to chair the food committee along with **Lee Shoe**.

The Food Committee chose to have the event catered by **Brock's Smoke House**, whose owner, **Dennis Brock**, happens to be a member of LRAS. Besides some of the best food served anywhere in Polk County that day, he graciously provided us the meals at a substantial discount. A big thank you!, Dennis.

About 100 members attended the event which also included musical entertainment. Besides the great dinner, the big event was the Silent Auction. It was a huge success. It turned out to be our biggest fundraiser in many years. There was a lot of spirited bidding on a number of items. In an event such as this one, the intent is to raise money. In theory, if you bid even more than the value of the item, you know the money is for a worthwhile charity, and there is a certain amount of satisfaction in winning the bid. I believe every single person who won a bid felt they were more than satisfied with the item they won. **A really big thank you to all who supported us by attending** and to those that bid on any of the items and congratulations to the ones who were successful.

I would guess that everyone who attended will be back again next year. And for those who could not make it this year, watch for announcements about next year's Open House in subsequent newsletters.

Absolutely none of the success we achieved could have happened had it not been for the following volunteers and contributors:

The Organizing Committee:

Marvel Loftus
Carrie Clair
Emily Sansone
Janet Anderson
Paul Anderson
Gloria Brooks
Betty Butcher
Tony Catalano
Bill Karnofsky
Ann Pinner
Liz Purnelle
Ginger Ramsbottom
Lee Shoe

All the volunteers who did everything from house cleaning before the event, set up for the event, handled parking, assisted with the Silent Auction, went to businesses to get contributions and all the other things that made the day such a success:

Nola Bowman
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A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the contributors to the Silent Auction.

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Many members dropped off their contributions to the Silent Auction but did not leave their name. To those members, although we can not publicly thank you, we send our utmost thanks and appreciate your part in our success.

Open House photos by Tony Catalano

BIRD CLUB 2008 - 2009

We finished the year on April 9th by going to Fort DeSoto, St. Petersburg, Fl. and we added a few new species to our list for the year. We ended up with 192 species this year compared with only 179 the year before. The difference came because this year we went to STA 5 and we did not last year. In 2006 - 07 year we went to STA 5 and we had 191 species. One of the big misses this year is the Northern Gannet. When we went to Merritt Island we didn't have time to go out to the ocean. Last year we had the California Gull, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-back Gull, and Glaucous Gull when we went to a landfill near Ponce Inlet. As you can see, we get the different species when we go to different areas. We had great participation and I wish to thank the telephone committee for all their hard work organizing the car pools. I am not coming back to Florida until the middle of November but Ann Pinner and Larry Lane said that they will hold the organization meeting on the first Thursday in November and they will go to Ft. DeSoto on the 2nd Thursday of November. I will help them to keep you all informed via e-mail but watch Lake Region's website, www.lakeregion.net, for up to date information. I wish to thank everyone for the wonderful gift. I will put it to good use by birding my way back to Florida from Minnesota and Oregon. As for now, I will see you next year. Hope everyone has a nice summer and comes back with many ideas for the Bird Club.

Marvel Loftus
Lake Region Bird Club

Evening Programs

The year is over. I wish to thank everyone who participated. Our Circle B Bar Reserve evening programs went over well. Weren't the refreshments that Emily put out for us, great? We will certainly do them again next year.

The Pizza & Film nights at the Nature Center went well too. February and March were our biggest months. The April film was "Galapagos" and it was well received. This year we added salad to our menu and everyone seemed to enjoy that along with the pizza. Where else can a person get a piece of pizza or a salad for a buck? Come out next year and join the fun and a good film.

Marvel Loftus



Brown Pelicans are once again nesting in Lake John in southeast Lakeland.

Photos by Herman

FUND RAISING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bill Karnofsky

The Board of Directors wants to take this opportunity to thank all those members and friends who supported our various fundraising activities throughout the year just past. We have acknowledged those who supported our Audubon Adventures campaign in our Nov/Dec issue, and we acknowledged all who supported our Open House and Silent Auction in another article in this issue.

Special thanks go to the following individuals who were so generous to send in contributions to **Audubon Adventures** following the publication of the Nov/Dec issue.

Albert & Gunn Honican	Ann Pinner
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With great thanks to the following contributors to our **Christmas Bird-a-thon**. It was one of our most successful to date. Many thanks to Paul Fellers and Mali Rafats who co-chaired the event.

Gail Allen	Paul & Janet Anderson	Leena Blythe	Brock's Smoke House
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Bird Club, Tosohatchee State Preserve, 3/12 /09

We rediscovered how beautiful Tosohatchee State Preserve really is on our Bird Club Trip on March 12, 2009. I can't believe that the first time I went there I only allowed 2 hours because we had an appointment to get into Orlando Wetlands at noon. On this trip we birded 6 hours, 9:00 to 3:00 and only covered a portion of the Preserve. We met it the parking lot at 8:30AM listening to Northern Parulas singing but our quest of the morning was to find the Bachman Sparrow. Last year they were singing all over the place. That was not true this year. Gloria played their song but no one appeared. That was the only disappointment of the day. We tried to find them in all the appropriate habitats but to no avail. Brown-headed Nuthatches were found in several places. When we turned the corner from St. Nicholas Road onto Powerline Road we stopped to watch the Eastern Bluebirds which were around their nesting box that was attached to one of high wire poles. We then heard the squeaky call of the Brown-headed Nuthatch. There they were and we all had a very good look. We also found them several times on Fish Hole Road. Fish Hole Road was a little scary to drive because of the two long stretches of soft, dry sand but thankfully everyone made it through without getting stuck and we were able to enjoy all the birds that we found on that road. Where the creek flows under Fish Hole Road, a Barred Owl flew across and we were able to put a scope on him. We thoroughly enjoyed watching him watch us. At the end of Fish Hole Road we drove under Hwy 528 to a little lake. There is a roost of nesting birds, Anhingas and Great Egrets, across the lake. Here we observed Great Egrets sitting on their nests and also two baby Anhingas sitting on a branch. Their faces are so pale compared to the adults. We even had an eagle's nest with two almost grown eaglets. They were bouncing around and flapping their wings, impatiently waiting for Mom or Dad to drop by with a fish. Common Yellowthroats were flying around the lake along with an Eastern Phoebe. It is a very pretty place to sit back and have lunch. The trouble was that there was only one picnic table and the only restroom was the Green Room. We continued on our way by driving Long Bluff Road back to Powerline Road. This was a much better road. We were stopped once by at least 50 or more Yellow-rump Warblers. Louise Barber was successful in finding a Yellow-throated Warbler in the bunch. The next stop where Bonnie McCrady spotted 3 soaring American Swallow-tailed Kites, the first of the season for most of us. They are so beautiful up against the deep blue sky. When we reached Powerline Road we turned right to go to the St. John's River. There, dancing in the water, was a White Morph Reddish Egret. There was much discussion about whether it was or was not. It was too far away to really see the colors of the beak but it definitely was two toned and certainly danced like a Reddish Egret. The group was about 50/50 on the decision. This is what makes birding fun and very educational. Here we also added Caspian Terns and Forster's Terns to our list for the day. After leaving St. Johns River we drove back on Powerline Road. There were many Belted Kingfishers leading our way. A Red-shouldered Hawk caught a snake and was sitting on a snag of a palm tree trying to get ready to have his supper. Wings were flapping but I believe he succeeded in having his supper. Many flowers were blooming and the butterflies were waving through the air. There is so much to see and all of a sudden it is time to leave. We left the park a little after 3:00. We had another beautiful birding day in a wonderful preserve with a total of 58 species.

If you wish to join us on some of our birding trips just send me an e-mail or give me a call.

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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. The photographs are much nicer in full color.

Annual Green Swamp Foray

Paul Fellers

A group of LRAS members and a few nonmembers who read a notice or two in *the Ledger* about the field trip enjoyed a great day on April 5th, 2009 in the essentially dry “swamp.” A couple of stops along Route 33 netted us some good flowers: Mullein, Tread Softly, Leavensworth Tickseed (FL state flower), Roserush, Lupine, (*L. diffusus*), Milkweed (*Asclepias humistrata*), Greeneyes, and Scrub Buckwheat (*Eriogonum longifolium var gnaphalifolium*).

Not far from the entrance to the 48,000-acre SWFWMD area above Green Pond Grade were the unique seed pods of Pine Hyacinth but no flowers, and only remnants of dainty pink *Stenandrium dulce* (but we did see some beautiful specimens later on), and several Rain Lilies in bud (which late in the afternoon when we exited the area were in full bloom).

On our 2½-mile loop hike, which was partially along the old tramway used many years ago to haul logs out of the swamp, flowers and birds were scarce, but the hike itself was most enjoyable. For the first time, however, we found a nice clump of Bronze Green-fly Orchid (*Epidendrum magnoliae*, formerly *E. canopseum*). There were lots of Pink Sundew (*Droscera capillaris*), a partially carnivorous plant, some of which were in bloom with their tiny pink blossoms.

Lunch was enjoyed under a huge Live Oak and a couple of ancient Mulberry Trees at the old Stewart homestead, where only a decrepit barn remains.

After lunch we made several stops to see Southern Blueflags (Iris), Flax, Bearded Grass-pink Orchids ((*Calopogon barbatus*); Ron Butts and I had scouted them out the previous week)), Blue and Yellow Butterworts (both having sticky leaves which can capture insects for supplying nutrients), Sneezeweed or Bitterweed (*Helenium pinnatifidum*), Hooded Pitcher Plants (another carnivorous plant, some with showy blooms), *Viola septemloba* (big blue violet), Long-leaved Violets and Foxtail Bog Club Moss (*Lycopodiella alopecuriodes*).

Some of the birds that we observed were a half-dozen Red-shouldered Hawks, 2 Wild Turkeys, 4 Eastern Bluebirds, 4 Red-eyed Vireos (just back from Central/South America), and about a dozen Parula Warblers, most of which were in full song. Butterflies were enjoying nectaring on the big purple thistles, the most common being Palmated Swallowtails. Along the Tram Trail were lots of Carolina and Little Wood Satyrs. It was another fine day in our special part of Florida outdoors—the Green Swamp!

Migrants Galore at Fort DeSoto Park

Paul Fellers

For those of us fortunate to have been on our LRAS annual field trip to Ft. De Soto Park in beautiful weather for spring migrants April 18th, '09, it was a glorious day. We experienced a major fallout of migrants with more than 20 warbler species logged by our group alone. My personal number was an excellent 18 including Blue-winged, Tennessee, Chestnut-sided, 2 male Black-throated Blue, 5 Blackpoll, 3 Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Louisiana, 2 Northern Waterthrushes, 2 Kentuckys, and 3 Hooded. Other birds of note in checklist order were: American Bittern (seen on the drive over there), 2 Reddish Egrets, 4 Yellow-crowned Night Herons, Redhead Duck (on Tierra Verde pond), 2 Lesser Scaup (real late), pair of Bald Eagles (perched on the tower at the family picnic area),

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American Oystercatcher, Solitary Sandpiper, 4 Sandwich Terns, 150 Black Skimmers, 5 Black-hooded Parakeets, 3 Veerys, 2 Grey-cheeked Thrushes, 10 Swainson's Thrushes, 4 Wood Thrushes (one of which was sleeping with eyes closed 10' from the Privet Trail at the East Beach Woods, obviously totally exhausted from its harrowing Gulf crossing and totally oblivious to gawkers), 300 Cedar Waxwings (4 different flocks on the drive there), 4 Summer Tanagers, 6 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, 2 Blue Grosbeaks, 3 Indigo Buntings and 5 Orchard Orioles. It was great to have birds at every location. Lunch was enjoyed at the old fort picnic area in the presence of Summer Tanagers and Swainson's Thrushes.

To wind things up, a group of the die-hard persevering birders met at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Ybor City for delicious lasagna or other choices. It was a most memorable day. My total was a very nice 105 species for the day. "It just don't get no better than that." Perhaps I'll see you on the trail.

Birding Highlights for Field Trips to Mosaic Phosphate Mines for January & February 2009

By Paul Fellers

Ten field trips with Audubon Societies and bird clubs plus scouting trips with Ms. Diana Youmans of Mosaic were made. Birding records of note follow. 1/10—750 Am. White Pelican, 1,000 Green-winged Teal, 6 Gadwall, 30 Am. Wigeon, 3 Bufflehead, 150 Hooded Mergansers, 3,000 Ruddy Ducks, 4 Bald Eagles (2 on nests), 2 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 12 Black-necked Stilts, 30 Am. Avocets, 1,000 Least Sandpipers, 150 Stilt Sandpipers, Royal Tern, 200 Black Skimmers, Barred Owl (IMC/Mobil Peace River Park), 3 Pileated Woodpeckers, Am. Pipet; 1/21—6 Black-crowned Night Herons, 2 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, N. Pintail, 500 Ring-necked Ducks, 2,500 Lesser Scaup, 15 Am. Kestrels, 4 Dunlin, Great-crested Flycatcher (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.), Hermit Thrush (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.), 8 Chipping Sparrows; 1/28—Am. Bittern, 2 N. Pintail, 10 N. Harriers, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, 900 Long-billed Dowitchers, Bonaparte's Gull; 2/1—5,000 double-crested Cormorants, 2 Am. Bitterns, 15 Roseate Spoonbills, 18 Gadwall, Black-bellied Plover, 15 E. Phorbes, 5 woodpecker species, 2 Eastern Bluebirds; 2/5—Brown Pelican, 4 Purple Martins, 3 Indigo Buntings (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.), 100 Brown-headed Cowbirds; 2/7—2 Great-horned Owls (both on nests), 7,000 Tree Swallows, 60 Am. Crows; 2/11—175 Glossy Ibis, 2 Short-tailed Hawks (both light phase, IMC/Mobil P. R. P.), 2 Merlin, 1,000 Long-billed Dowitcher, 2/14—35 active Osprey nests, 130 Stilt Sandpipers, 1,375 Long-billed Dowitchers, 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.), Blue-headed Vireo (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.); 2/18—40 Black-necked Stilt, 2 Western Sandpiper, 20 Cedar Waxwings; 2/25—Peregrine Falcon, 1,600 Long-billed Dowitcher, N. Parula Warbler, Baltimore Oriole (IMC/Mobil P. R. P.).

Many species had about the same number recorded for each trip such as Royal Tern, Black-crowned Night Heron, Brown pelican, Black Skimmer, Ruddy Duck, N. Pintail, Black-necked Stilts, Stilt Sandpipers, Am. Avocets, etc. The rare Short-tailed Hawks were observed on 2/11, 2/14, and 2/18. Groups saw between 80-95 species for the day. Thanks are due Diana Youmans and Mosaic Phosphates for allowing the field trips.

Birthday Gleanings and Musings

Paul Fellers

March 10, 2009 was so beautiful that I decided to buy a *USA Today* while running errands. The plan was to sit on our front porch to both read and take in the ambiance of our yard in springtime with a tall glass of iced tea at my side and our 2 dogs nearby. After all it was my birthday.

As to flowers, the azaleas were in full bloom, as well as the Orchid Tree, some Wisteria, Camellias, a young *Soulangiana Magnolia*, Tropical Sage, the bright yellow of the neighbor's *Tabebuia*, and to the west another neighbor's huge *Bombax Tee* with its spectacular, large scarlet blooms shining in the sunlight. The Laurel Oak leaves were light bright green with the pollen-laden, stringy staminate flowers floating down around.

During the day the birds cooperated nicely. At least 2 male Parula Warblers wished everyone to know that they were enjoying the spring day too by continually singing their up-the-scale songs. These were some of the first migrants of the year, perhaps just arrived from Central or South America on their way further north, and perhaps all the way to the sub-arctic Canadian forest? A pair of Cardinals delivered their spring song for most of the morning. Palm and Yellow-rumped Warblers flitted about chipping the whole while, not quite ready to migrate further north from their Florida winter quarters. A Screech Owl called from a spot to the north, an unusual happening for the late morning time.

Whilst sitting on the porch the most amazing aerial display that I've ever seen took place by an Osprey about 500 feet up diving or kiting and doing all sorts of spectacular acrobatics and calling all the while to "show his stuff" to a female also in the air nearby. When another Osprey showed up several minutes later, the display ended. But what a show it was. Adding to the bird sightings was a mature Bald Eagle fly-by just to the east heading south. However, a bit later the bird of the day did a figure 8 over the yard—it was unbelievably a Brown Pelican at only 100' or so, and made number 163 for bird species observed in our yard area during the 44 years that we've been here.

A walk about the back yard netted me a couple of handfuls of ripe tasty Loquats (no cedar Waxwings this year to share the bounty). A large clump of *Amaryllis* decorated the yard with its early orangey-red blooms.

When the mail carrier stopped at the house, I knew what the big box was going to be. Our daughter Becky had asked earlier if the birthday cake she had made had arrived as yet? No it hadn't then, but now it had, a delicious, moderately light type of fruit cake laced with dried cranberries, pecans, etc. And if we add to all of the above the pleasant thoughts of our youngest daughter, Annette, and her delivering her third boy (our fourth grandchild) just a few days earlier as well as the return of my wife Donna with all of the stories accompanying the birth and visit, I guess that I had probably experienced the perfect day.

May you all be so lucky.

Great Deal!!

Have we got a deal for You!! A new membership with Lake Region, Florida Audubon 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 Audubon magazine 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 who 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, 1439 Grand Cayman Cir., 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.

**Street Audubon Center
Work Day**

The first Saturday of each month is Work Day 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.

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.

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Roseate Spoonbills are nesting once again in Lake John in southeast Lakeland. Photo by Herman

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Birding and Wildflower Walks with Paul Fellers

Jun 06, 2009, Sat, Avon Park Air Force Range. Meet at 8 AM at Street Audubon Center or 8:30 at McDonalds on US 27, Lake Wales for carpooling. Bring lunch. Perhaps I.D. 75 wild flower species, including at least 5 orchid species, plus possibly some very good birds. Minimum hiking. **Paul Fellers 863-293-0486**

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- This membership enrolls you in Lake Region Audubon Society.
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Feature Photo



Bill Karnofsky found these Screech Owls in nest boxes at the Street Audubon Center in Winter Haven