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## FOURTH OF JULY BUTTERFLY COUNTS

Linda F. Cooper

Fourteen years ago we began two North American Butterfly Association counts — Disney Wilderness Preserve (DWP) in Polk and Osceola Counties and Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (KPS) in Okeechobee County. KPS has become Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park (KPPSP) since we began the counts. Lake Region Audubon Society has been gracious and generous 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 counts are done close to the Fourth of July throughout the U. S., Canada and Mexico and are published each year by the North American Butterfly Association (NABA).

**Disney Wilderness Preserve**, near Poinciana, is an 11000 acre mosaic of flatwoods, swamps, oak hammocks, streams, lakefronts and mostly restored former pastures. This count fielded three teams for a total of thirteen people – two teams inside DWP and one



Team 1 Disney Wilderness Preserve  
by Linda Cooper

team outside DWP to cover the far side of the circle, across Lake Tohopekaliga. Tom Palmer is the outside team and canoes across Cypress Lake – a greatly appreciated extra effort. All contribute species not seen by another team.

Two years of drought have kept butterfly numbers down this year though rains that began in May had many areas of the preserve very wet. A downpour at noon on count day contributed to very wet road conditions. Both teams

inside DWP could have used pontoons on their vehicles but neither team had to be rescued.

Swallowtail numbers were very low - only 22 Black Swallowtails. Seven Zebra Swallowtails compared with 128 on the 2008 count and only a scattering of other swallowtails made this a poor year for swallowtails at DWP.



Monk Skipper by Linda Cooper

Four sulphurs were recorded with Dainty Sulphur the most numerous at 23. The only hairstreaks were Gray and Red-banded with Gray showing good numbers at 84, almost as many as last year's count. The most numerous brushfoot was White Peacock with 25. The most numerous skipper was Fiery with 94, most outside DWP along roadsides. Delaware made a good showing with 17. One Palmetto, three Monk and one Silver-spotted were seen – three very nice skippers. Buck's team made an extra effort to locate Ruddy Daggerwing, a species seen and photographed on last year's count after an absence of 8 years. Despite forays into the swamps of Reedy Creek, this rare in our area butterfly was not found... maybe next year. We

ended the day with 46 species and 535 butterflies. Over fourteen years, 79 species of butterflies have been recorded on this count. Team members on June 27 were Ben Bindshadler, Dave Cutler, Sue Farnsworth, Kevin Kane, Russ Kruetzman, Diana Miller, Tom Palmer, Nancy Prine, Petra Royston, Dan Speelman, Carly Voight, compiler Buck Cooper and the writer. We thank DWP for their continued support in providing volunteers and transportation for the count. A nice meal at a local Chinese restaurant afterwards adds to the camaraderie.

**Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (KPS)** northwest of Okeechobee 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. Eight participants were split into four teams – 3 inside the park and one team outside the park. Summer rains had 'greened' up the park nicely with lots of wildflowers in bloom.



Delaware Skipper by Linda Cooper

Zebra Swallowtail was the most prolific with 52 seen. Both Checkered and Great Southern Whites were seen as well as six sulphur species. Gray Hairstreaks seemed to be on every wildflower with 100 recorded. Little Metalmark made a good showing with 28. Both Phaon and Pearl Crescents were numerous. One Painted Lady was uncommon for the count. Common Buckeye numbers have exploded here this year with 273 seen. Among the milkweed butterflies Queen led the way with 135. Both Horace's and Zarucco Duskywings were seen. One team noted there were so many Fiery Skippers they had trouble seeing anything else – 383 of these bright skippers! Sachem and Delaware also had good numbers with 61 and 74 respectively. One Berry's Skippers was photographed for proof positive this rare skipper was seen. One Hayhurst's Scallopwing, one Florida Dusted and one Baracoa were seen along roadsides outside the park. Six Palmetto Skippers were seen, far below previous years. Thought not many Brazilian Skippers were flying there were hundreds of caterpillars happily munching on

*Thalia geniculata*. Noticeably missing from this year's count were Aaron's and Palatka Skippers – wetland dependent species. The drought has made them very scarce for the past few years. Overall though, twenty-five species of skippers for the count continues to make this one of the best places in Florida for skippers. A total of 57 species for this count and 2067 butterflies will probably make this one of the top Florida counts this year. Over fourteen years, 80 species of butterflies have been recorded on this count.

We got through almost the entire day before storms drove most teams back into their vehicles at 4 p.m. The river team watched the storm move into the area and dump lots of rain behind of them. That made the return trip from the river more challenging than the trip to the river earlier in the day! A stop at a local restaurant in Lorida for dinner makes for a colorful karaoke end to the day. Teams were Ben Bindschadler, Dave Cutler, Alana Edwards, Sue Farnsworth, Ellen Tannehill, Tom Palmer, compiler Buck Cooper and the writer.

Thanks to KPPSP personnel for transportation, access and continuing support for butterflies. Thanks to all participants who keep the counts lively and learning experience for all. We greatly appreciated LRAS' continuing support. These counts occur approximately the same time of year. Buck compiles four other counts – Okeechobee, Lake Louise State Park in Clermont, Bull Creek WMA in Osceola and Colt Creek State Park in Polk. We also participate in numerous other NABA counts. We welcome participation. You don't have to be an expert. Extra eyes are a big help. To participate, you can reach Buck at 863.439.2704.



Little Metalmark by Linda Cooper

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### **PRESERVE EXPANDS HOURS**

Disney Wilderness Preserve adjacent to Poinciana is now open seven days a week for hiking and nature study. The 12,000-acre site is managed by The Nature Conservancy. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and additional information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2wbh2y>.

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### **Early Lake Region Auduboner Passes Away**

By Paul Fellers

Dr. Edwin L. Moore, a founding member of LRAS in the early 60's, passed away at 93. I had known Ed since he had been a graduate student in my Dad's Food Technology Department at Mass. State College (now U. Mass.), Amherst, and where he received his PhD in 1942. Ed was a citrus research scientist with the Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC) from 1942 to 2001 when he fully retired. He was already a brilliant scientist when I joined the FDOC in 1964. Ed was one of the 3 men who invented Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice, receiving the public-use patent in 1948. Ed was a mentor of mine when I joined the FDOC and until I retired 31 years later.

In Ed's history was a most unique experience. It seems that Ed's family had lived on a farm in one of the 4 small towns that would be inundated to make the Quabbin Reservoir, the future Boston water supply, so he could never return to his childhood home. Also, he and his wife, Eunice, once bicycled from Chicago to New England, stopping at hostels the whole way. Amazing.

Ed was a great man, scientist, fellow Auduboner, gentleman, and friend. Rest in Peace, Ed.

**FIGHTING THE ELEMENTS  
SPRING 2009 BLUE RIDGE BIRDING**

Bill Haddad

Betty Butcher, Fay and Gary McCoy and Mike Chakan visited my cabin for a week of mountain birding in the second week of May – as it happened just as a prolonged rather stationary rain front reached the mountains. I had seen good numbers of birds before they arrived but was rather concerned that the inclement weather would lead to a “you should have been here yesterday” scenario. While it did curtail some of our travel to my more distant Spring migrant spots (my cabin is in the heart of Fall, but not Spring, migration) and undoubtedly lessened the number of birds and species seen, we persistently “birded around” the weather (it rained every day) and had some good birding and other wildlife experiences. As always in this region, the mountain scenery and profusion of wildflowers were added bonuses.

Birding highlights of the trip included the following:

1. Multiple close-up looks of Canada Warblers in their beautiful Hemlock, Rhododendron nesting areas.
2. A co-operative Veery on Roan Mountain.
3. Identifying all four of the look-alike Empidonax Flycatchers that inhabit this region by their song – the Acadian, Alder, Least and Willow.
4. Good looks at many of the colorful birds – Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, Indigo Buntings and Scarlet Tanagers. Unlike when seen on migration in Florida, these birds were singing. Even the Catbird, strident in Florida in winter, has a beautiful song on its home turf. Mike referred to the (non-discordant) “cacophony” of bird songs as the highlight of his trip.
5. After searching in vain for a Yellow-breasted Chat in an area which I had seen them nest in for many years but in which the growth of the trees was making it less and less “Chat territory” (and which involved a two mile hike) we found a vocalizing Chat in an open area much closer to the cabin. This is the first year for Chat in that spot, right on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hopefully, he found a female!
6. In the valley of the Roan, Betty spotted a Barred Owl just as we stopped in a place where I had seen nesting Chestnut-sided Warblers. The Owl was reluctant to leave which was unusual because it was only about fifteen feet up in a tree. Then I spotted two disorientated moles on the path. We kept our distance and the Owl kept looking at us and then looking down at the path. Finally, hunger overcame fear and the Owl swooped down and grabbed one of the moles, flew to another tree and ate it and then swooped down another time, grabbing the remaining rodent. Strangely, the Chestnut-sided Warblers did not seem too alarmed by the presence of the Owl.
7. About seventy species of birds were seen by all five of us and about ninety collectively.

Other animals seen included a Skunk with beautiful black and white winter fur; White-tailed Deer; Gray and Red Flying Squirrels; Woodchuck and Chipmunks. We saw a fly fisherman catch several trout and then battle a very large trout for about five minutes before losing it. At a local restaurant, we had good seafood and were entertained by a cat called the “Captain,” who thought he owned the place!

**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.

## A Great Day Afield at the Avon Park Air Force Range

Paul Fellers

A stop on Ruck's Dairy Road just off of Lake Arbuckle Road on the way to the Range was an early flower bonanza. Several showy Beard Tongue (*Penstemon multiflorus*), endangered Scrub Buckwheat (*Eriogonum longifolium*), Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), and Roseling or Pink Spiderwort (*Cuthbertia ornata*) were all found here.

Two things helped make our LRAS field trip on June 6, 2009 to the Range the grand success that it was. The 13 of us benefitted from a similar trip that I guided for Bok Tower Gardens the Saturday before, and several rains that came to our area in a timely fashion to help the flowers along. Not far from the Natural Resource Building on Smith Road was our first stop where we found about 20 or so different plants. Some of these of interest were lots of our state flower, Tickseed (*Coreopsis leavenworthii*), several colors of Blueheart (*Buchnera Americana*), Yellow Bachelor's Button (*Polygala rugelii*), Queen's Delight (*Stillingia sylvatica*), Camphorweed (*Pluchea odorata*), Florida Bellflower (*Campanula floridana*), Mistflower or Ageratum (*Conoclinium coelestinum*) and an excellent specimen of Dahoon Holly (*Ilex cassine*).

Across the road from the hangar, a couple of stops resulted in several dainty Water Willows (*Justicia angusta*) along a watery ditch, and our first orchid species, Scarlet Ladies'-tresses or Leafless-beaked Orchids (*Sacoila lanceolata*).

Along Kissimmee Road were several more Leafless Beaked Orchid, several of the white Ladies' Tresses (two species of *Spiranthes*), Yellow-colic Root (*Aletris lutea*), Yellow-eyed Grass (*Xyris elliotii*), and Loosestrife (*Lythrum alatum*).

Along Durden Road, especially in the area of the seep, were many amazing flowers, 3 of which were orchids. There were at least a half-dozen of one of my favorite flowers in the world, small gorgeous Rose Pogonia Orchids (*P. ophioglossoides*), perhaps 100 Grass-pink Orchids (*Calopogon tuberosus*), and 10 or so rare Snowy Orchids (*Platanthera nivea*). Some other flowers were Pink Sundew (*Drosera capillaris*; a partial carnivore), lots of Hooded Pitcher Plants (*Sarracenia minor*; another carnivore), the two Sabatias, *S. grandiflora* and *S. brevifolia*, Large-flowered Milkweed (*Asclepias connivens*), Bog Bachelor's Button (*Polygala lutea*), Foxtail Bog Club Moss (*Lycopodiella alopecuroides*; an ancient type of plant), and False Dragonhead (*Phystogeia purpurea*).

A drive down Ebersbach Road to a xeric area produced Adam's Needle (*Yucca filamentosa*), spectacular yellow *Hypericum reductum* plants, a new one for us called Lesser Florida Spurge (*Euphorbia polyphylla*), a Florida endemic identified by Linda Cooper, and Tarflower (*Befaria racemosa*). At the end of the road were a few Agalinus (*A. fasciculata*), where there used to be a field full of them when the area was moist.

Birds sighted during the day included a rare White-tailed Kite (formerly Black-shouldered Kite), 3 American Swallow-tailed Kites, Cooper's Hawk, 2 Red-shouldered Hawks, 2 Northern Bobwhites, 4 Sandhill Cranes, 2 Barred Owls, 8 Ground Doves, 10 Eastern Bluebirds, Northern Parula Warbler, and 3 Bachman's Sparrows. There were 26 bird species in all. Butterflies included Zebra, Black, Spicebush, and Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, and several Buckeyes.

Lunch was at Morganhole under the spectacular canopy of airplant and orchid laden Live Oaks with sand-bottomed Morganhole Creek barely flowing nearby. The orchids overhead were Butterfly Orchids (*Encyclia tampenses*) with many of the flowers still in bud.

We did extremely well botanically and logged a whopping 7 native orchid species, while the White-tailed Kite shone for the avian world!

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**Free, guided Fall Warbler Migration Walks**  
**August 15 - October 24**

Lake Region Audubon Society will have experienced birders guide walks of approximately 2 miles.

When: Saturdays, August 15 - October 24 at 8 a.m.

Where: Saddle Creek Park, Highway 92 between Auburndale and Lakeland, go straight to the back of the park, turn right, and park under the trees near the restrooms.

Please bring binoculars, insect repellent and water. Birders of all levels are welcome.

Contact: Bob Snow 863-644-4868

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### **BOOK REVIEWER'S CORNER**

Book: Chico, George, the Birds and Me  
The Mexican Travelogue of a Woman Naturalist, 1948-1949  
Dorothy Chapman Saunders

Reviewer: Bill Karnofsky

This book is a compilation of notes and journals kept by Dorothy Chapman Saunders when she and her husband, George, and their truck named Chico travelled Mexico in the latter part of 1948 and early 1949 on assignment by the United States Government to survey wintering waterfowl and white winged doves. George was an ornithologist and Dorothy was a naturalist.

The preface is an interesting story as to how Dorothy's daily journals ultimately turned into a book some fifty years after they were written.

The book was somewhat interesting until about half way through. Then, one begins to realize that each day's story became so repetitive that there remained little interest in finishing the book. Each day, Dorothy would describe the sunrise, the landscape, the types of clothing the people of the area wore, and the birds she would see in her various camp sites as they moved from location to location and the occasional sunset.

Regretfully, this is not a book this reviewer would recommend.

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**Bird Club Organization Meeting,**

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Thursday, November 5, 2009

Street Audubon Nature Center 9:00 AM

Another year of birding is starting again for the Bird Club. Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday morning where we drive to various birding places, some near and some far, where we enjoy each other's company and try to find some nice birds. This year Ann Pinner and Larry Lane are hosting this meeting. If you are interested, please circle your calendar and come to this very important meeting for the bird club. They will need your help and input to arrange the Telephone Committees and the schedule for the upcoming year. At this time only 2 trips are planned.

The first one will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 to Fort DeSoto, St. Petersburg, FL, #91 West Great Bird Trail Guide. The second will be on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 to Lake Lotus Park, Altamonte Springs, FL. Frank Higgins will lead us through this park. On this August day when I am writing this article I do not know exactly when I will be in Florida but I am certain that Larry and Ann can plan a very good birding year. Please give them your support. If you have any questions just give them a call: Larry Lane, 863 290 4390 or Ann Pinner 863 956 2374

Marvel Loftus

**Christmas Party**

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on the first Sunday in December as usual at Street Audubon Nature Center. The date is Dec. 6, 2009 at 2:00 PM. Bring your finger food to pass and enjoy the companionship of our fellow members. This is a joyful way to bring in the Holiday Season.

Marvel Loftus

**Pizza and Film**

We are beginning our first Pizza and Film for the season on Monday Night, 7:00 PM, Nov. 2, 2009 at the Street Audubon Nature Center. Come join us for some good pizza, \$1.00 per slice or salad, free sodas, and a beautiful film. The name of the film is "Wonderful birds of Pico Bonito, Honduras. Lee Shoe is putting on this program for us.

Marvel Loftus

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**BOOK REVIEWER'S CORNER**

Book: Enjoying Big Bend National Park; Author: Gary Clark

Reviewer: Bill Karnofsky

For anyone planning to travel to Big Bend National Park in southwest Texas, this is a book you should definitely use to plan your trip and to have with you while enjoying the vast areas and beauty of the park. The book is small and only about 110 pages, packed with great photographs all taken by the author's wife, Kathy.

Clark's first chapter is entitled "The Lure of Big Bend". It is the culmination of years of roaming the park and his observations, a little history and the human cultures of the area. The rest of the book is very well organized to tell you the rules of the park, equipment you should have, and then wonderful descriptions of numerous trips to take, whether you want a two hour adventure, half day adventure, or a whole day adventure. He also lays out trips using your vehicle, trips for those physically fit, trips for nature lovers, as well as trips for those with limited physical mobility, etc.

Wishing you happy travels.

**Activity Schedule**  
**October - November - December**

**October**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> “Warbler Walks”** (Saturday) Saddle Creek Park 8:00 AM

Parking is at the rear of the Park near the firing range and County maintenance building. Facilities available. Meet and greet same area: Bring water, bug repellent, binoculars, etc... Call Bob Snow for more information or email him at: [blsnow@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:blsnow@tampabay.rr.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> “Workday” Street Audubon Center”** (Saturday) 9:00AM till 12:00PM

Come help clean up the grounds and trails. For more information contact, Paul Anderson at 965-8241.

**3<sup>rd</sup> “Herbalism II Class”** (Saturday) 10:00AM till 1:00PM LRAS Street Audubon Center Class Instructor: Allison Wright, Master Herbalist in partnership with Indigo Crescent Herb Co. For more information and to reserve a spot email or call Allison Wright at 863-521-4939, [herbalism1@yahoo.com](mailto:herbalism1@yahoo.com) Fee: \$20.00 per class, includes lab materials.

**14<sup>th</sup> “Lake Region Audubon Society - Board Meeting”**

7:00PM Street Audubon Center

6:30PM Pre-meeting Pizza, \$ (TBA)

**17<sup>th</sup> “Turkey Creek Field Trip”** (Saturday) for migrants, also **Merritt Island NWR, Black Point Drive, Playalinda Beach**. Bring your Golden Age Passport. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 6:00AM for carpooling. Bring lunch and drinks, supper at Dixie Crossroads. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486

**20<sup>th</sup> “Octoberfest”** (Tuesday) 10:00AM – 12:00PM Street Audubon Center

Home School Students come enjoy the subtle changes of Florida’s Fall Season. For the trails; bring binoculars, bug repellent, and closed walking shoes, no sandals please. A take home craft (Suet making) will be part of the program. Lake Region Audubon Members free, non-members \$2.50 per child.

**24<sup>th</sup> “Little Manatee State Park Field Trip “** (Saturday), 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 and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at Publix parking lot in Bartow at 7:30AM or Mulberry’s McDonalds at 7:45AM for carpooling. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486 Small entrance fee possible.

**November**

**2<sup>nd</sup> “Monday Movie and Pizza Night”** (Monday) Street Audubon Center

“Wonderful Birds of Pico Bonito, Honduras” 7:00PM . Pizza \$1.00 per slice, Salad \$1.00 per serving For program information contact Marvel Loftus, 863-289-8188

**5<sup>th</sup> “Bird Club Organizational Meeting”** (Thursday) 9:00AM Street Audubon Center: Everyone’s welcome; decisions about the up and coming 2009/2010 schedule will be discussed along with car pooling arrangements. See schedule on website: [www.lakeregion.net](http://www.lakeregion.net) For more information contact Larry Lane at 863-293-4390 or Ann Pinner at 863-956-2374 or Marvel Loftus at 863-289-8188.

**7<sup>th</sup> “Workday” Street Audubon Center”** (Saturday) 9:00AM till 12:00PM

Come help clean up the grounds and trails. For more information contact, Paul Anderson at 965-8241.

**7<sup>th</sup> “Myakka River State Park Field Trip”** (Saturday) Probably two easy hikes; canopy tower; boardwalk out into the Lake. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at Publix parking lot in Bartow at 7:00AM for carpooling. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486 Small entrance fee possible.

**11<sup>th</sup> “Lake Region Audubon Society - Board Meeting”** (Wednesday)

7:00PM Street Audubon Center

6:30PM Pre-meeting Pizza, \$ (TBA)

**14<sup>th</sup> “Lake Marion Management Area Field Trip”** (Saturday) 2.5 mile RT hike (see 5 species of aster and pristine Snell Creek); also 1 mile RT on Osceola County School Boardwalk, where we will have lunch. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at 8:00AM at Street Audubon Center for carpooling. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486.

**17<sup>th</sup> “Fall Flyers”** (Tuesday) 10:00AM – 12:00PM Street Audubon Center

Home School Students come enjoy the subtle changes of Florida's Fall Season. For the trails; bring binoculars, bug repellent, and closed walking shoes, no sandals please. A take home craft (TBA) will be part of the program. Lake Region Audubon Members free, non-members \$5.00 per child.

**21<sup>st</sup> “Disney Wilderness Preserve Field Trip”** (Saturday) 3 mile nature hike to Lake Russell and more. Should still be some fall flowers and some good birds, perhaps also 1 mile RT on Osceola County School Boardwalk, where we will have lunch. Bring lunch and drinks. Meet at 8:00AM at Street Audubon Center for carpooling. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486. Small entrance fee possible.

## December

**5<sup>th</sup> “Workday” Street Audubon Center”** (Saturday) 9:00AM till 12:00PM

Come help clean up the grounds and trails. For more information contact, Paul Anderson at 965-8241.

**5<sup>th</sup> “LRAS Members Decorating Party for annual Christmas Party”** (Saturday) 11:00AM Street Audubon Center -to volunteer please call Susan Schenk at 863-701-0216 or email her at: [sdschenk@gmail.com](mailto:sdschenk@gmail.com)

**5<sup>th</sup> “Circle B Bar Field Trip”** (Saturday) Meet at 9:00AM at the Circle B Bar Nature Center. Moderate hiking. Lunch at nearby Sonny's Barbeque. Bring drinks. Contact Paul Fellers at 863-293-0486.

**6<sup>th</sup> “Lake Region Audubon Society Christmas Party”** (Sunday) 2:00PM . Street Audubon Center: Bring in the Holidays with your fellow members. Please bring a contribution of finger food to share. Beverages will be provided. For more information call Lee Shoe at 863-632-1675 or Susan Schenk at 863-701-0216

**16<sup>th</sup> “Avon Park Air Force Range Christmas Bird Count”** (Wednesday) For detailed information please contact, Troy Hershberger at 863-452-4254.

**19<sup>th</sup> “LRAS Christmas Bird Count”** (Saturday) For detailed information please contact, Paul Fellers 293-0486.

**26<sup>th</sup> “Ridge Christmas Bird Count”** (Saturday) For detailed information please contact, Don VanDeman 863-852-3756

**Visit the Lake Region Audubon web site at [www.lakeregion.net](http://www.lakeregion.net) for additional events.**

**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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**Garden Grove Elementary Visit**  
Susan Schenk

A group of 18 fourth and fifth grade gifted students from Garden Grove Elementary visited on May 27, 2009 chaperoned by their teacher, Andrea Lockhart and a volunteer father. I am sorry I did not get his name. We explored the trails, used binoculars to try and identify the wading birds along the lake trail. We discussed the nature of spiders, and insects along the way. Quite a few songbirds were out and about including, Northern Cardinal pair, Morning Dove, three Osprey overhead, and a small flock of Fish Crows. We tasted fresh vegetables from Eve's garden and explained the need for home gardens to be protected from wildlife, like wild pigs, rabbits, and others.

Once back at the Center, we took a refreshing break from the outdoor heat and enjoyed two PowerPoint programs on Backyard Wildlife and Florida's Endangered Sea Turtles. The students were very knowledgeable and well prepared by their teacher and were a joy to teach. After a question and answer period we broke for lunch. The students packed lunch and we enjoyed sitting under the shaded canopy of trees at the picnic tables. After lunch we took a tour of the display rooms and (Bill K. and I) presented them each with the (Bird Book) which was the conclusion of their trip. Prior to leaving we discussed the nature of the plantings for birds and butterflies found at the Center's entrance. As they were leaving we viewed a Gopher Tortoise working on his nest burrow near the access road.

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### AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY [make check payable to National Audubon Society]

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

You will receive the publications from each organization:

- National Audubon Society - Audubon Magazine
- Audubon of Florida - Florida Naturalist
- Lake Region Audubon Society - The Eagle's View



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**Chapter  
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**Cost: 1st year - \$20.00\*    Yearly Renewal: \$35.00**

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LOCAL MEMBERSHIP ONLY [make check payable to Lake Region Audubon Society]

- This membership enrolls you in Lake Region Audubon Society.
- You will receive the local newsletter, *The Eagle's View*.

**Cost: 1st year - \$20.00    Yearly Renewal: \$20.00\***

\* your first year's dues and each renewal dues goes 100% to support all Lake Region Audubon's programs and the publication of the newsletter, *The Eagle's View*.

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 Membership Chrm  
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 Winter Haven, FL 33884.

If this is a gift membership for the person named above, please show your name here:

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Visit Joan’s website: [www.woodlandwonders.org](http://www.woodlandwonders.org).

**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.**

**Feature Photo**

Garden Grove Elementary  
Fourth and Fifth Grade  
Classes Visit the Audubon  
Center

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