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This Month's Program: October 20, 2005 - 7:00pm Little Known Wonders by Bill Partington

In Southern Peru at the headwaters of the Amazon is the Tambopata Research Station where scientists from all over the world carry out their studies. As part of their room and board, these experts are obligated to show visitors around. Long-time Orange Audubon member naturalist Bill Partington took advantage of this opportunity and will share with us the experience. He will also show slides of other places like Trinidad's Asa Wright Lodge, a volcano in Ecuador, the Sea of Cortez (between Baja California and California), and will share his experience staying with an Indian family in the Amazon. All of these places, according to Bill, are not difficult for naturalists to visit. And for those of us who don't have the opportunity to travel, Bill will show us some interesting spiders, ants, wasps, and other small creatures we are likely to see in our local parks and backyards. Join us October 20 for a fascinating program.
Deborah Green, Vice President

Reminders...

... The 2005 Fall Florida Ornithology Society Meeting will be held Oct 14-16, 2005. See p2 for details.
 ... Join us at the beach as we attend the 2006 Audubon Assembly in Cocoa Beach October 20-22, 2005. See p3 for details.
 ... Anyone interested in helping at the bird banding station at Wekiwa Springs State Park is asked to call either Bob Wheeler at 407-869-0303, Richard Poole at 407-774-9501, or e-mail Catbird@cfl.rr.com.

October Field Trip - Rock Springs Run State Reserve

On Saturday, October 22nd, OAS will visit Rock Springs Run State Reserve near Sorrento. This property, on the west side of the Wekiva River, provides important habitat for the threatened Florida Black Bear. With an emphasis on butterflies, we will hike three to four miles through oak hammock and sandhill communities.
 Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of

McDonalds just north of SR 46 and just east of I-4. There is a small admission fee at RSRSR. Bring drink, lunch, sun protection, and insect protection. Also, if you have them, bring a butterfly field guide and close-focusing binoculars. Please join us, no experience necessary. For more information call Mary Keim or Randy Snyder at 407-851-5416.

September Field Trip Report

BOB FERGUSON, FIELD TRIP CHAIR

Twenty-one "warm" birders found their way out, on Saturday the 17th to enjoy a nice time in the woods and fields of Seminole Ranch in east Orange County. Our "Bobs" (Wheeler and Sanders) along with Dick Smith helped us find 38 species in only three hours of hiking. Though the heat did chase us back to an early picnic, we had fun getting to know eight newcomers and some old friends on a beautiful day. Highlights included Limpkin wails, both Red and

White-eyed Vireos, Wood Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, and Wild Turkey. Barn and Tree Swallows also gave us an aerial show after two Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks did an early morning "fly-by". Thanks to all of you that came, as well as to many of you that were "working" elsewhere on the annual Migratory Bird Count. Thank you also to our new friends that came and joined us on this trip. We hope to see you again next month!

Orange Audubon Society meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month (Sept - June) at 7:00pm in the Camellia Room at

*Harry P. Leu Gardens
1920 North Forest Avenue
Orlando, FL 32803-1537*

For directions, call 407-246-2620

It's fall!! Can't you just feel the difference in the weather? The birds are migrating, the grass is growing more slowly, the dogs like to stay outside a little longer, and so do we. Take full advantage of this change to do more outdoor activities — take pictures for the Orange Audubon Society (OAS) Kit and Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest, do some volunteer fundraising with us and/or join us for an OAS field trip (see related articles for each).

OAS is still searching for a conservation committee chair; are you committed to making a difference? This is a good opportunity

to take advantage of an already active committee working on several projects. What is needed is someone to coordinate the activities by calling some committee meetings and developing a scheme for moving our efforts forward. Please contact me (407-886-2925 or LNS-OAS@att.net) if you would like to discuss this further.

Did you register for the Audubon Assembly scheduled for Cocoa Beach, FL on Oct. 20–22? OAS has set aside some funding to help defray some of the costs for members who attend with the intent of becoming more active in the chapter activities. If

you registered, save your name badge after the event and turn it in to our Treasurer, Teresa Williams, or me and the budgeted monies will be prorated and reimbursed, based on the number attending. It's not too late to register — see the latest issue of the Florida Naturalist or visit www.audubonofflorida.org for a schedule and registration form.

We look forward to seeing you at the October program and hope that you will consider helping OAS in our efforts to remain The Voice of Conservation in Central Florida. Thanks.

Don't forget the Fall 2005 Florida Ornithological Society Meeting

The fall 2005 Florida Ornithological Society meeting will be held October 14 – 16, 2005 in the Mt Dora/Lake Apopka area, and there's still time to attend. Orange Audubon Society and Seminole Audubon Society will co-host the meeting. The Friday afternoon field trip will feature a "behind the scenes" tour of Audubon's Center for Birds of Prey. The Flocking, Friday evening, will allow attendees time to socialize and to share their birding experiences.

If you would like to join us at the fall 2005 FOS Meeting, please contact Pam Bowen at pbowen@netzero.com for a registration form for the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Pam, in the evening, at 386-326-1340. We hope you'll join us!

The Orange Audubon Society (OAS) promotes the understanding of and an interest in wildlife and the environment, recognition of the intangible values in the remaining natural beauty of Florida and the World, and the responsibility for the conservation of these remaining resources.

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Casting Call for Volunteers

Are you looking for something to fill a couple of hours of your time the first weekend of November? How about coming out to Lake Eola's Fiesta in the Park and helping Orange Audubon Society (OAS) do some fundraising by selling nature t-shirts, totes, signs, books, and nest boxes?

A few reasons why you should volunteer: 1) this is your organization and it needs your help; 2) there is no training necessary (re-folding t-shirts is easy to learn); 3) it is a great opportunity to get to know some other OAS members and friends; 4) you've always thought of doing this, but were afraid to commit yourself to it (we're flexible, if an emergency comes up, we'll work it out); 5) this is usually our biggest fundraising event of the year; and 6) OAS needs you!!

Seriously, this is two full days of effort to raise funds outside our membership to help underwrite our conservation and education activities throughout the year. We'll set up the tent and tables on Friday evening,

then Saturday morning (Nov. 5) we'll unload and arrange t-shirts and other sales items and be ready for the crowds by 10:00 a.m. After funnel-cake and ice cream breaks, we'll pack up the shirts, etc. at the close of the day and haul them home with us. Sunday morning (Nov. 6), the fun begins again as we unpack and arrange the merchandise, selling more items so we needn't pack up so many that evening to cart away. Oh, yes, we'll need to also pack up the tables and tents and take them with us. Now, how difficult can that be to learn? So, come on out and help (many hands make light work) and if you can give us a 4-hour (or less) block of time either day, we'd greatly appreciate it (and, most likely, some of that time can be spent visiting other vendors). To volunteer, contact Teresa at 407-644-0796 / mwilliams@cfl.rr.com or Loretta at 407-886-2925 / LNS-OAS@att.net. Let us know which day and hours you'd prefer and we'll arrange the schedule of volunteers.

Audubon Adventures

Do you know a student (grades 3-6) who might be interested in the environment, perhaps your child or grandchild? Sponsor an Audubon Adventures classroom! A check to Orange Audubon in the amount of \$41.50 will send a package of environmental lessons for the children, a teacher's guide, a poster, and other materials to the local classroom of your choice. Note on your check that the (tax deductible) donation is for Audubon Adventures and mail it to OAS at the address listed on the left. Thanks!



Announcing OAS' 2006 Chertok Nature Photo Contest Going Digital with a New Theme and Prizes Galore

Orange Audubon Society (OAS) is pleased to announce the theme for its 2006 (18th Annual) Kit & Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest, "Florida – Wild & Wonderful!" In keeping with the objectives of promoting interest and concern for preserving Florida's native fauna and flora and encouraging nature photography, the contest rules require that subject matter be native to Florida and contain no significant trace of humans or human-made objects or artifacts.

Good news for state-of-the-art shutterbugs — the 2006 contest will be a digital competition open to all ages. Images in other formats such as slides or photographs may be converted to digital format before submission. Details regarding image specifications and submission will be delineated on the application form.

Deadline for entries is May 18, 2006 (postmark date) or you may hand deliver them to Teresa Williams at OAS' meeting at Leu Gardens that evening. Enter up to 4 images at \$3 each for Audubon members or \$5 each for nonmembers. Contestants who join OAS when submitting a contest entry form (membership application on back) are considered members.

Audubon organizations, while focusing on birds, are concerned with conservation and education regarding all wildlife and wild environments. Therefore, OAS seeks to foster your interest in all of Florida's wildlife and natural areas, not just birds. We encourage entries depicting any of Florida's native animals and plants, natural landscapes, seascapes and the like.

All winners will receive ribbons and recognition in OAS published articles. In addition to OAS's cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50, respectively, Colonial Photo & Hobby (CPH), Orlando, will contribute three in-store gift cards with values of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. All winning entries also vie for placement on the cover of OAS' next annual brochure and the opportunity to be featured in a store display(s) at CPH.

Application forms containing complete contest rules and regulations can be picked up at all future OAS meetings or at Colonial Photo and Hobby, 634 N. Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL. You may also download and print the application form (PDF file), available soon on OAS' website: www.orangeaudubonfl.org using free Adobe Acrobat Reader. For additional information, contact Teresa Williams by phone 407-644-0796 or e-mail mwilliams@cfl.rr.com.

Audubon Assembly Goes to the Beach! Saving our Birds, October 20-22, 2005

Mingle with old friends and make new ones as you join birders and environmentalists from across the state at the 2005 Audubon Assembly. Help shape Audubon of Florida's legislative policies and take an active part in saving our birds, wildlife and habitats. Register by September 28 and pay \$99 for all receptions, meals, programs, and workshops. After September 25, this all-inclusive package is \$125.

The Audubon Assembly will be held at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Resort. Make your hotel accommodations directly with the Holiday Inn. Call 1-800-206-2747 or log onto <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/6c/1/en/hd/coibe>.

Featured Speakers will include:

David Anderson and John Flanigan. Friday & Saturday Lunch.

On Friday, John Flanigan, Chairman, AOF Board of Directors, and David Anderson, Executive Director, AOF will present Audubon of Florida's new Strategic Vision. On Saturday, David Anderson will share vital insights into Audubon's progress on regional initiatives, conservation outcomes, and priority targets across Florida.

Dr. Jerry Lorenz, State Director of Research, AOF. Friday Awards Banquet.

"Roseate Spoonbills in Florida Bay-A Pink Canary in a Coal Mine"

Using 70 years of Audubon data and his own spoonbill-related studies, Dr. Lorenz will reveal the effects South Florida's population boom has had on the pink birds and ecosystems throughout the region.

Field Trips will be offered, courtesy of Space Coast Audubon and Orange Audubon Society. Look for detailed information in the upcoming Florida Naturalist as well as on-line later this month www.audubonoffl.org. See you there!

Orange Audubon Society Budget

For the Year Ending June 30, 2006

Income:	
Contributions	\$ 8,200
Fund raising/outreach events	5,465
Investment earnings (net)	900
Membership dues	3,300
Educational classes and programs	1,955
Other fund raising	1,050
Total income	20,870
Expenditures:	
Conservation	1,070
Education programs	5,890
Fund raising/outreach events	3,000
Membership	200
Newsletters and annual brochure	6,210
Operating - insurance	2,300
Operating - other	725
Other fund raising	475
Sanctuary maintenance (from reserves)	1,000
Total expenditures	20,870
Change in net assets	\$ -

Requests for additional financial information may be directed to
Teresa Williams, Treasurer: 407-644-0796 or mwilliams@cfl.rr.com.

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Calendar of Events

October 1, 2005 - Saturday

LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870
pbowen@sjrwmd.com

October 8, 2005 - Saturday

Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

October 13, 2005 - January 1, 2006

John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist at the Mennello Museum of Art
407-246-4278 www.mennellomuseum.org

October 14-16, 2005 - Fri-Sat

Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Meeting
Hampton Inn, Mt. Dora FL
Pam Bowen 386-326-1340

October 15, 2005 - Saturday

Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193
dex@dexwine.com

October 20, 2005 - Thursday

General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925

October 21-22, 2005 - Fri-Sat

Audubon Assembly 2005
Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Ocean Front Resort
Cocoa Beach, FL. www.audubonofflorida.com

October 22, 2005 - Saturday

Butterfly ID at Rock Springs Run State Preserve
Randy Snyder & Mary Keim 407-851-5416

October 23, 2005 - Sunday

Seminole Ranch Conservation Area Butterfly Survey.
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

November 5, 2005 - Saturday

LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870
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November 12, 2005 - Saturday

Bird of Prey ID Course #1 - LANSRA
Bob Sanders 407-898-9798

November 12, 2005 - Saturday

Seminole Ranch Conservation Area Butterfly Survey.
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

November 13, 2005 - Sunday

Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

November 16-20, 2005 - Wed-Sun

Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival
Neta Harris 321-268-5224
www.nbbd.com/fly

November 17, 2005 - Thursday

General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.
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