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Oviedo Butterfly Festival

OAS wishes to thank Sue Farnsworth, Maria Magna, Launa Orr, Richard Poole and his daughter Diane Keyes for their help at the Oviedo Butterfly Festival (on the grounds of Lukas Nursery), September 23rd and 24th. When a late invitation to participate came OAS' way, these amazing folks said, "We'll just wing it!"

The first weekend of fall will be a time to remember now that the City of Oviedo has announced the festival will become an annual event. Teresa Williams, Treasurer

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

This Month's Program: October 19, 2006 - 7:00pm The Great Florida Birding Trail by Mark Kiser

Extending 2000 miles throughout Florida, the Great Florida Birding Trail identifies 446 sites with birdwatching opportunities. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has developed this new program to conserve and enhance Florida's bird habitat. Our October speaker Mark Kiser is Trail Manager of the Great Florida Birding Trail and will tell us about the great places included, how they were selected, and how this program promotes environmental education and economic opportunity. Join us October 19 for a fascinating program.
Deborah Green, Vice President

October Field Trip - Canaveral National Seashore, NSB

On Saturday, October 21st, OAS will visit the North District (New Smyrna Beach end) of Canaveral National Seashore. This property, which features Turtle Mound, is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Mosquito Lagoon. We will hike about three miles including on trails through mosquito-rich coastal hammock. Plant enthusiasts may want to review the Coastal Uplands chapter in Taylor (1998. Florida wildflowers in their natural communities, University Press of

Florida).

Meet at 7:30am in the parking lot of McDonalds just north of SR 46 and just east of I-4. We will try to minimize the number of cars because of limited parking at Turtle Mound. Bring \$3/person admission to the seashore as well as drink, lunch, sun protection, insect protection and birding gear. For more information call us at 407-851-5416. Mary Keim and Randy Snyder
Field Trip Committee

September Field Trip Report

Seventeen Orange Audubon members attended the first field trip of the season to Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park on September 23rd. Thirty-one bird species were observed at the property including Wood Stork, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike, White-eyed Vireo, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat and Bachman's Sparrow. Eastern Bluebirds and Sandhill Cranes were just outside the property.

At least twelve butterfly species were

MARY KEIM, FIELD TRIP CHAIR

seen and other sightings included a small Southern Leopard Frog, a scarab beetle impaled on barbed wire (presumably by a Loggerhead Shrike), and an Oakworm Moth with a translucent wing patch.

This group was fun to lead, with everyone pointing things out and asking good questions. We talked about everything from fire-maintained communities to bird food habits to tracks in the mud.

If you are interested in monitoring Red-cockaded Woodpeckers on this property, contact Maria Zondervan at 407-659-4872 or mzondervan@sjrwmd.com

It seems that the Bush Administration and most of the Big Business lobbyists would have us believe that global warming does not exist. It is just a figment of our liberal soft-headed thinking. So, what we are going to have to do is show the rest of the voting public that it is REAL.

Please read the following notification concerning a Town Hall meeting that will take place right here in Orlando on Wednesday, October 18, 2006. You are urged to attend this no-charge meeting to show support.

The Natural Resources Defense Council is one of the sponsors of the meeting which is being conducted by Reenergize America.

Town Hall Meeting to Address Oil Dependence and Global Warming

High oil prices, climate changes, national security concerns, and increasing awareness among Floridians of the effects of global warming have caused many residents to question our energy future. At 7pm on Wednesday, October 18, Reverend Joel Hunter of Northland Church, Navy Admiral Dennis McGinn, and Jim Presswood of the Natural Resources Defense Council will lead a Town Hall meeting highlighting solutions for America's dependence on oil and global warming.

This meetings is a part of the Re-energize America Campaign, a nonpartisan campaign whose goal is to bring together local faith, military, energy, and conservation communities to:

1. Reduce dependence on oil and out-dated, dirty energy technologies;
2. Reduce the pollution that causes global warming;
3. Invest in 21st century energy solutions that create new jobs and revitalizes rural America; and
4. Be responsible stewards of our natural heritage by caring for all of creation.

The Town Hall meeting will be held:

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Orlando City Council Chambers
400 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL

For more information, please go to www.ReenergizeAmerica.com, or call Kathy Putnam, media contact: 407-644-2636.

Conservation News PEGGY COX, CHAIR

Orange Audubon needs your interest and knowledge in conservation issues for our Conservation committee. I will be scheduling a committee meeting during the first 2 weeks of November at either the downtown Orlando Public Library or the Herndon library branch on E. Colonial Drive.

With many conservation issues that need our attention, I'm interested in learning what you, as Orange Audubon members, are most interested in and what you want to learn about specific issues. Please email or call me and let me know your interest. The exact day of our meeting, which will be in the early evening, will be announced at the next general meeting on October 19th, and listed in the next OASis.

Orange Audubon has several geographic areas on which we have focused our conservation efforts in the recent past. These areas are also priorities in Audubon of Florida strategic plan for conservation actions. The areas are the Econ River basin in eastern Orange County; the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern in south Lake County (also in Polk, Sumter and Pasco counties); the Wekiva River Basin in Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties. Information websites listed below.

Our effort on public conservation lands acquisition continues with our support of the Orange Wild Lands committee's beginning efforts for a voter referendum on a long-term conservation land acquisition program for Orange County in 2008. We also support this year's ballot referendum in Seminole County to renew their Natural Land program that in the last 10 years acquired almost 7,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands for passive

recreation and education.

The Audubon Assembly being held October 19th-21st in Cocoa Beach, at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort will have many opportunities for learning about area conservation issues. Six special learning sessions on conservation issues will be featured on Friday, October 20th. More information is available at www.audubonofflorida.org, or you can call Katie Warner with AOF at 407-644-0190.

Econ River websites:

www.1000fof.org/EMAs/Econ.asp
waterinfo.cecs.ucf.edu/index.htm

Wekiva River Basin websites:

1000fof.org/EMAs/Wekiva.asp
www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dep/wekiva/wekivataskforce.htm

Green Swamp websites:

www.1000fof.org/EMAsGreenSwamp.as
www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/education/interactive/greenswamp/greenswamp.html

Volunteers Needed for Lake Eola Festival

The first weekend in November brings with it the Lake Eola Fiesta in the Park Arts and Crafts Festival sponsored by the City of Orlando. Inviting fall weather and a large, energetic crowd are two reasons the fall Fiesta can be OAS' most successful fundraising and outreach event of the year, but the main reason will be you!

You can help with a variety of activities that includes: talking with event attendees about your Audubon chapter; helping promote Orange Audubon's nest box program (with gratitude to Dr. Richard Poole), and selling those Audubon t-shirts. With an adequate volunteer staff, we can also instruct children in the making of nature collages.

No experience is necessary. Coverage is needed on Friday, from 5:30-7pm (for basic tent set up), Saturday and Sunday from 8am-6pm each day. Please help make this event a big success. For more details and to reserve your volunteer time slot, contact Teresa [407-644-0796 or mwilliams@cfl.rr.com]. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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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<http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org>

Welcome New Members!

Sergio Menendez Aponte, Michael Arbitman, Doris Babbit, Christina R Beatham, Mary Bergstrom, Lee Betts, Wiley Boston, David F Brashears, Cristalee Burkett, Gail Butterfield, Shurley Carey, Daniel Castillo, Theresa Chmielewski, Albert S Chowansky, Debbie Clark, Charles Clements, Stephen Commins, John David, Darrell Davis, Patricia Denoon, Maggie Devane, Fred Fallman, Pamela Fauvel, Linda C Gill-Guthrie, Linda Gonzenbach, Oscar Grawet, Karen Greene, Richard Guilfoyle, Kimberly Hankerson, Rhonda Hartje, John Hatton, George Heerman, Joe Holloway, Patricia Hotaling, Debra Hudson, Darcy Huff, Sandra Hull, Catherine Johnson, Jack & Rita Kiely, Amelia Klepej, Lisa Lawton, Dorian Leigh, Charles E Lindsay, Jason D Little, Paul Louis, Mrs Charles Luddeke, Carol McCarthy, Ronald E McConaughy, Jacqueline McConnell, Carie J McKenzie, Kathy J McKnight, Novella Melissa, Jeanne Mendelson, Kristina Mommens, Gary & Annette Moskop, Teresa Newman, Jean A Nicholas, Myrle F Nielsen, Brian O'Grady, S David O'Connor, Lennart Osio, Tina M Otto, Mrs Paroline, Amy Perry, Wayne G Phelps, Michael D Platt, Kate Powell, John Powers, Susanne Preisler, Jacqueline Rapport, Mrs Richard Ravetto, Karen Redel, Bettie Lee Sansone, Tom Saylor, Kara E Schickowski, Kenneth Schmidt, Ellen M Shaw, James E Shepherd, Brantley P Slaughter, Betty Smith, Lois Stahl, Nancy Stankowitz, Sharon Stenton, Kay Stewart, Dawn M Swailes, Suzanne Tellam, Jean Thomson, Martha Todd, Tom Tschopp, Maria Velez, Steven Wagner, Matthew Wansor, W Wayne Watkins, Jamie Wicks, Frances K Wiegand, Evelyn Williams, Carol Winardi, John D Wood Jr, and Vee Zimmerman.

OAS Assists in Restoration of Genius Reserve

On August 27th fifteen Orange Audubon Society (OAS) volunteers met along the east entrance of the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation's 48-acre parcel of undeveloped Winter Park land known as the Genius Reserve. The occasion was OAS' inaugural workday activity to assist with ecological restoration efforts that began in 2003 under the direction of Bruce Stephenson, professor of environmental studies at Rollins College.

Undeterred by heat, humidity and the watchful gaze of a gentleman peafowl (one of about 20 that call the reserve home), OAS volunteers worked for two hours along side seven other volunteers including Stephenson to complete maintenance on a newly planted cedar grove and a restored area along Lake Virginia.

A second workday activity is scheduled on November 12th at 10:30 am and will also entail "ecological restoration" (for the unwary volunteer, that means *weeding and mulching!*) and planting native grasses. Maps and other information will be provided when you sign up.

At present, maintenance of newly restored areas is a primary need and focus, but Stephenson contemplates other activities with OAS in the future, including birding and/or bird surveys and guided field trips. If you wish to help on November 12th or have an interest in the other activities, please contact Teresa (407-644-0796 or mwilliams@cfl.rr.com): provide your name, street and e-mail addresses, phone number(s) and the activities of interest to you. You will be contacted as plans and activities are developed. With your help the Genius Reserve will once more be a vision of romantic old Florida. Teresa Williams, Treasurer

Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Two important issues are on the ballot in the upcoming election (in addition to electing the environmentally correct candidates).

1. Amendment 3 - If this passes, a super-majority of 60 percent will be required for voters to amend the State Constitution. This is an attempt on the part of special interests to block the public from having any say in what goes on. Please vote NO on Amendment 3.

2. In Seminole County, a chance to buy more environmentally sensitive land will be on the ballot. It increases the millage a very small amount and the result would be more land which could be purchased before the developers can get to it. Please vote YES on this increase.

Dick Smith

Past President's Article: You Can Help

RICHARD POOLE

No matter how long you've lived in Central Florida, you have seen the destruction that continues to deprive the local inhabitants of their livelihood. Acres of forest are felled each day by bulldozers, leaving the birds and other animals that do survive no alternative but to move elsewhere. The problem is that elsewhere is already occupied. The occupants or new arrivals must compete for the food and space remaining. Many will die.

YOU CAN HELP. THINK DIVERSITY.

Chances are that your yard is mostly grass. If you diversify by eliminating the grass (as much as you can get away with), and plant flowers, shrubs and trees, you will provide food and shelter for some of those displaced animals.

Animals are always attracted to water,

2006-2007 Budget

OAS' board of directors has approved the following 2006-2007 budget, which is consistent with the organization's strategic financial goals of achieving a balanced, general operating budget while increasing its restricted funds for a nature education center and the Chertok endowment.

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



Orange Audubon Society		
Budget For the Year Ending June 30, 2007		
Income:		
Contributions		\$ 7,200
Fund raising/outreach events		6,615
Investment earnings (net)		2,510
Membership dues		3,000
Educational classes and programs		2,900
Other fund raising		1,125
Total income		23,350
Expenditures:		
Conservation		1,325
Education programs		3,460
Fund raising/outreach events		3,600
Newsletters and annual brochure		6,680
Operating - insurance		2,245
Operating - other		1,050
Other fund raising		475
Sanctuary maintenance		1,000
Total expenditures		19,835
Change in net assets		\$ 3,515

so whether a you add a shallow can nailed to a post or an elaborate waterfall and mist system, you can attract animals to your yard.

A place to live is always welcome, so adding a nest box could bring an owl, fly-catcher, woodpecker, titmouse, and maybe even flying squirrels.

I once lived in a condominium with only a few square feet of turf to call my own. I replaced the turf with firebush and next thing I knew, we had hummingbirds, so I know first hand that diversification in your yard works.

Visit your local nursery for ideas and suggestions on how you can add diversity to your yard so that you may attract and enjoy watching the birds, butterflies and other animals as Christine and I do.

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Calendar of Events

October 7, 2006 - Saturday
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870/pbowen@sjrwmd.com

October 14, 2006 - Saturday
Bird of Prey ID Class #1 - LARA
Bob Sanders 407-898-9798

October 14, 2006 - Saturday
Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

October 19, 2006 - Thursday
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.
Dick Smith 407-257-7361

October 19-21, 2006 - Thu-Sat
Audubon Assembly 2006
Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort
Cocoa Beach, FL. www.audubonofflorida.com

October 21, 2006 - Saturday
OAS Field Trip - Canaveral National Seashore
Mary Keim & Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

October 21, 2006 - Saturday
Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193
dex@dexwine.com

October 27-29, 2006 - Fri-Sun
Florida Ornithological Society Fall Meeting
Best Western Space Shuttle Inn, Titusville FL
Neta Harris 321-268-5224

October 28, 2006 - Saturday
Rock Springs Run State Reserve Butterfly Survey.
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

November 4, 2006 - Saturday
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870/pbowen@sjrwmd.com

November 11, 2006 - Saturday
Bird of Prey ID Class #2 - LARA
Bob Sanders 407-898-9798

November 16, 2006 - Thursday
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.
Dick Smith 407-257-7361

November 18, 2006 - Saturday
Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193
dex@dexwine.com

November 18, 2006 - Saturday
OAS Field Trip - Lake Norris Conservation Area
Mary Keim & Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

Butterfly Field Course

Orange Audubon Society is sponsoring a field course on Central Florida Butterflies. The 7.5-hour course (3 sessions of 2 ½ hours each) is being offered on Fridays, October 13, 20, 27 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. This course will involve observation and identification of butterflies at Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park in east Orange County. Instructors will be Orange Audubon members Randy Snyder and Mary Keim.

Early registration fee is \$25 (postmarked on or before October 6, 2006). Make check payable to ORANGE AUDUBON SOCIETY. Note on check "Butterfly Field Course" and mail to: Randy Snyder, 1584 Outlook Street, Orlando, FL 32806-7806.

The regular registration fee of \$35 is due at the beginning of class on October 13th.

Recommended field guide is Butterflies through Binoculars: Florida by Glassberg, Minno, and Calhoun, 2000, Oxford Univ. Also recommended are close-focusing (6 ft. or less) binoculars. Eagle Optics Ranger 8x32 (www.eagleoptics.com), for example, has a minimum focus of 3 feet. See http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Publications/LivingBird/winter2005/Age_Binos.html for other binocular suggestions.

Meet at the Hal Scott parking lot on Dallas Blvd in Wedgfield at 12:30pm. For more information call 407-851-5416 or for driving instructions see http://sjr.state.fl.us/programs/outreach/pubs/recguide/sc03_hal_scott_regional_PP.html.

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