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This Month's Program: May 15, 2008 - 7:00pm Butterflies of Northern Mexico by Linda & Buck Cooper

Florida has 162 species of butterflies, and Buck and Linda Cooper of Haines City have seen 160 of these, in journeys around the state over the past eleven years. Some of our species are shared with Mexico, which has led the Coopers to learn about the butterflies of Northern Mexico. Linda and Buck, who are among Orange Audubon Society's most popular speakers, will share with us their new PowerPoint presentation on butterfly diversity south of the border. Join us May 15 for a fascinating program.
Deborah Green, Vice President

If you do not enter, how will you win

Orange Audubon Society's 2008 (20th Annual) Chertok Nature Photography Contest? Final deadline is May 15, 2008 (postmark date). For more photo contest information, awards program and silent auction (June 19th) details, see page 2.

Reminder...

...to all those kind folks who pledged for our annual Birdathon, please make sure to send in your donations (check made out to Orange Audubon Society). Our total count this year was 149 species!!!! Congratulations and a big thanks to all those who participated and helped make this fundraiser a success.

May Field Trip - Seminole Ranch Conservation Area

On Saturday, May 17th, OAS will visit Seminole Ranch Conservation Area near Christmas. The property consists of 29,145 acres, extending from SR 46 to SR 50, including 12 miles of the St. John's River. We will hike about 3 to 4 miles. For more information about the property see: <http://sjr.state.fl.us/recreationguide/sc09/index.html>

Meet at 7:30am in the back parking lot of Burger King on S.R. 50 (Colonial Drive) just east of SR 434 (Alafaya Trail). Bring drink, birding gear, and lunch for after the hike. Please join us. If you have questions about this trip, call us at 407-851-5416.

Mary Keim and Randy Snyder
Field Trip Committee

April Field Trip Report MARY KEIM, FIELD TRIP CHAIR

Ten birders attended the OAS April 19th field trip to East Lake Jesup Tract of Lake Jesup Conservation Area. Finishing up early at that location, the group decided to also visit nearby Black Hammock Wilderness Area. At least 36 bird species were observed including White Ibis, Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Carolina Wren, Northern Parula, Black-and-white Warbler, and Red-winged Blackbird. Other vertebrates included American Alligator, Florida Box Turtle, Green

Anole, Six-lined Racerunner, Broad-headed Skink, and White-tailed Deer.

At least 11 butterfly species were seen including Palamedes Swallowtail, Zebra Heliconian, Question Mark, Hackberry Emperor, Tawny Emperor, and Queen. Flowers in bloom included Southern Magnolia, Rusty Lyonia, Painted-leaf, Milk Pea, Pennyroyal, Skullcap, Wild Petunia, Southern Fleabane, and Butterweed.

Thanks to all who attended for the pleasant walk in the woods.

Orange Audubon Society meetings are free to the public and held on 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

We have a new resource person to help teachers using Audubon Adventures. Sharon Robbins, who is a new member of our Board of Directors, has agreed to be available to visit classrooms using the Adventure series. She brings a rich background of work with Audubon conservation issues, particularly in the Lake Mary Jane area, including its connected waterways and adjacent lakes. She and her husband have worked to protect Important Bird Areas, (IBAs), and to keep track of bird and wildlife populations in that region. In addition, they transport injured wildlife to the Rehabilitation Center in Christmas. Sharon's work and deep commitment to conservation and wildlife is matched by her love for children and working with them, keeping her sensitivities sharp by spending as much time as possible with her four grandchildren, ages 11 months to 18. We feel very fortunate in having Sharon ready to work with school children. Her enthusiasm is going to be contagious among the students. All teachers who have received the Adventure series this year will be contacted with an introduction of Sharon and an easy way to invite her to come to one of their classroom sessions.

Chertok Photo Contest Deadline—May 15th Awards Program, Dinner & Silent Auction—June 19th

If you do not enter, how will you win? Nature-loving shutterbugs take note! The deadline for entering Orange Audubon Society's 2008 (20th Annual) Kit and Sidney Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest is May 15, 2008 (postmark date) or by hand delivery to me, but only during OAS' May 15th program at Harry P. Leu Gardens (see article, page 1).

Entry forms containing complete contest rules are available at Colonial Photo & Hobby, 634 N. Mills Avenue, Orlando and at OAS' May 15th program; you may also download and print entry forms using (FREE) Adobe Acrobat when you visit OAS' official website: www.orangeaudubonfl.org or contact me (mwilliams@cfl.rr.com or 407-644-0796) prior to the deadline.

Winners of this digital competition will be announced at OAS' June 19th program that begins at 6pm with a covered dish dinner, includes a silent auction throughout the evening and a program presentation of the eligible contest entries and concludes with the announcement of winners and awarding of prizes.

Members, contest participants and other friends of OAS, mark your calendars now and join us for the final program of the season featuring fabulous Florida nature photography.

Support from entry fees helps OAS in its efforts to create an interest in protecting and preserving Florida's wildlife and wild places and promote nature photography.

Good luck and good lighting, all participants. Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

Limited Edition Field Trip Report and Announcement

On April 12th, eight birders and I wandered around the Canoe Creek Rd. area of Osceola County. We explored Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, Joe Overstreet Rd., and the boat launch and fish camp on the east shore of Lake Kissimmee. A total of 70 species of birds were found including: Am. White Pelican, Swallow-tailed Kite (2), Snail Kite (4), Bald Eagle, Crested Caracara, Whooping Crane (4), Eastern Kingbird (2), Yellow-throated Vireo, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Bachman's Sparrow.

The next and final LE-FT is scheduled for May 24th. We will explore the Lake Apopka Restoration Area but, this time, the seldom visited areas west of the Apopka-Beauclaire Canal. Participants should plan on an early start (7:00 AM) and bring water and lunch.

Limited Edition Field Trips are limited to ten people and there is a \$10.00 fee to benefit Orange Audubon. Reservations can be made beginning May 18th. For details call me. Thank you.

Bob Sanders, 407-766-5490.



Daniel S. Kilby

OAS Election Results

With a little shifting around of previously announced nominees and current board members, the nominating committee was able to present to Orange Audubon Society (OAS) members in attendance at the annual meeting in April the following officers (terms end 2010) and board members (term end indicated in parentheses) who were elected by acclamation:

- President.....Bob Stamps
- 1st Vice President.....Loretta Satterthwaite
- 2nd VP/Programs.....Deborah Green
- Secretary.....Dominique Shimizu
- Treasurer.....Teresa Williams

Board Members: Susan Clary (2010), and Maggie DeVane, Danielle Ponsolle, Sharon Robbins, Bob Sanders and Pete Vogt (all terms end in 2011).

Thanks to these individuals for stepping up to help guide OAS. All members should consider how you can assist your Audubon chapter. Each year, five at-large members of the board are elected. Re-mem-ber, to serve on the OAS board, the only qualification, per our by-laws, is that you be a member of the chapter; if you are, begin contemplating your service to the chapter at some future date.

Thanks also to Bob Sanders and Dick Smith for serving on the nominating committee. Loretta Satterthwaite, Nominating Committee Chair

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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BABY OWL SHOWER
MAY 10, 2008
10:00AM—4:00PM**



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Ft. DeSoto Field Trip

Thirty birders from Orange Audubon ranged through Ft. DeSoto Park on Friday and Saturday, April 25th and 26th. Over 85 bird species were identified by the two birding groups. Blackpoll Warblers were found in abundant numbers as were Black and White Warblers. Oven Birds were tracked by many of the birders. Sightings of Cape May and Blackburnian Warblers drew enthusiastic searches by all the birders in the area. At the water's edge Black-bellied Plovers, a Wilson Plover, an American Oystercatcher, and a Magnificent Frigatebird drew great interest. Back in the wooded area we saw Yellow Crowned Night Herons nesting with young, and in a nearby clearing, a Common Night-hawk was found fast asleep on an overhead tree limb. Special thanks to Bob Sanders, Bob Wheeler and Tom Rodriguez for lead-

ing and guiding the birders. Their vast knowledge of birds and bird behavior added greatly to the success and enjoyment of the trip.

Ted Smith, trip coordinator



Steven D'Amato

CBOP WISH LIST

The Audubon Center for Birds of Prey relies on donations of cash, supplies and services to help support education and clinical programs, which care for over 600 injured or orphaned eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures received annually.

EVERYDAY ITEMS

- Multipack or case paper towels
- Case toilet paper
- Flat sheets (king size please)
- Extra lg. box garbage bags (33 gal or larger)
- Economy (lg.) size laundry detergent
- Case (laundry) bleach
- Multipack liquid dish soap
- Multipack fabric softener (drier) sheets
- O Cedar 10: pro scrub roller mops & refills
- Case Ziploc freezer bags (lg.)
- 6 pack Scotch Brite heavy duty scrub sponges
- Multipack liquid hand soap
- Swiffer WetJet & solution for wood floors
- Vacuum cleaner
- Case Gerber or Beechnut chicken or turkey baby food (meat & gravy only)

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Multipack roll gauze (2" or 3")
- Multipack gauze pads
- Multipack 4x4 gauze squares
- 6-pack gallons Distilled water
- Multipack baby receiving blankets
- Multipack non latex surgical gloves
- 6-pack bottled sterile eye rinse

EQUIPMENT

- Digital camera (Canon Powershot)
- Pet carriers (kennels)
- Rakes (metal) and/or shovels
- Long-handed heavy duty scrub brushes
- Plastic Astro-Turf Door Mats
- Packages sisal rope, Multipack Duct Tape

EDUCATION

- Case copy paper 8.5X11 & 11X14
- Reams of colored copy paper 8.5 X 11
- Write-able CDs, Post-it-notes
- Gift cards from: Lakeshore Learning Store (E. SR 436 Casselberry)
- Gift cards to WalMart, Walgreens, Publix, Home Depot, Sam's, Office Depot

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- Toner-laser jet HP400 or 4050N
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Calendar of Events

April 17, 2008 - 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

April 17, 2008 - Thursday (receipt date)

Chertok photo contest optional pre-screening
deadline. Teresa Williams, 407-644-0796/
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May 3, 2008 - Saturday

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

May 10, 2008 - Saturday

Baby Owl Shower, 10:00am-2:00pm
Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Maitland
407-644-0190

May 10, 2008 - Saturday

Little Big Econ S.F. - Joshua Creek Track Bird Survey
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

May 15, 2008 - 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

May 15, 2008 - Thursday (postmark date)

Chertok photo contest final deadline. Teresa Wil-
liams, 407-644-0796/mwilliams@cfl.rr.com.

May 17, 2008 - Saturday

OAS Field Trip - Seminole Ranch Conservation Area
Mary Keim & Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

May 17, 2008 - Saturday

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

May 24, 2008 - Saturday

Limited Edition Field Trip - Canoe Creek Area
Bob Sanders 407-766-5490/procrow@bellsouth.net

May 31, 2008 - Saturday

Seminole Ranch (North) Butterfly Survey.
Mary Keim & Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

June 7, 2008 - Saturday

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

June 19, 2007 - Thursday

Annual Pot Luck and Chertok Nature Photogra-
phy Contest, **6:00pm**, Leu Gardens.
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