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Birdathon 2005

Our Fourth Annual Birdathon will span April 9-24, 2005, a period of two weeks and three week-ends. You can count birds during any 24 consecutive hours in this period.

A Birdathon is like a walkathon. You collect pledges for birds species seen instead of miles walked (for example, \$1 per bird, 25¢ per bird, etc.), or simply for a flat amount. You can bird solo, form a team, or join an existing team. You can even do your Birdathon on any of the TAS birdwalks during this period. Each participant needs to collect a minimum of \$25 in pledges. Collecting \$35 in pledges nets you a colorful TAS Birdathon 2005 cap featuring J.J. Audubon's Brown Noddy.

Birdathoners win prizes for raising

money and for counting the most birds (solo and team prizes). Prizes in the past have included birding trips to the Dry Tortugas (Nancy Freedman has won this prize twice; can't someone give her a bit of competition?), binoculars, accommodations in New Orleans and the Keys, Audubon prints, restaurant meals, native plants and more. Stay tuned for a list of this year's prizes - look for updates on the TAS website or call the Doc Thomas House for info. Please contact us ASAP if your business can donate a prize.

Prize categories include

- Highest pledge total (\$)
- Most bird species seen by an individual or a team

E-mail birdathon@tropicalaudubon.org and request the packet

Call 305-667-7337 to request the birdathon packet; leave your name and mailing address.

Then

- 1) Get pledges from friends, neighbors, co-workers, strangers. See the info sheet for ideas.
- 2) Count birds.
- 3) Collect pledge donations and forward to TAS.

Doing the Birdathon is a lot of fun and every single dollar raised stays right here in south Florida to support Tropical's work. We need your help to do it.

Birdathon 2005 is dedicated to the memory of Jill Rosenfield, who passed in late January. Jill was a friend of everyone on TAS birdwalks near and far.

Sick of Urban Sprawl?

Speak Out and influence change! Participate in the growth management survey!

Over-crowded schools, traffic jams, disappearing open spaces, strains on our water supply... a number of issues affecting our daily lives are a direct result of unmanaged growth.

Ever wanted to give your two cents?
Now's the time.

The Florida Senate Committee on Community Affairs is soliciting public input on our current growth management system.

Please fill out the survey at:
<http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/growthsurvey.htm>

To participate, simply get a pledge package and you are on your way:

Go to the TAS website tropicalaudubon.org

We miss you, jillybird!

"Tropical Dry Forests of Costa Rica"

On Wednesday, March 9, Chris Migliaccio, Professor of Ecology and Environmental Science at Miami-Dade College, will share a multimedia presentation at Tropical Audubon's Doc Thomas House on the globally-imperiled Tropical Dry Forests of Costa Rica. These unique forests in northwestern Costa Rica have been greatly reduced in size by ranching and agriculture but efforts to create multiuse conservation areas and biological corridors linking parks and reserves have been very successful.

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Early Winter, 2004-05

Christmas Bird Counts in South Florida produced sightings of several species never before seen on those counts. On the Miami count, Nashville Warblers were found at both Enchanted Forest and Greynolds Park, while a Chestnut-sided Warbler was discovered at the Miami Springs Golf Course. Seen for the first time on the Coot Bay/Everglades National Park count were several Cave Swallows. This species, of the Mexican race, has been reported this winter from several scattered locations throughout the state. Larry Manfredi was able to photograph an individual of this race in Flamingo. Mexican Cave Swallows differ from the West Indian population in having a paler throat and rump, and are about 20 percent larger. West Indian Cave Swallows can now be seen year-round in south Miami-Dade, and nest under Florida Turnpike bridges such as the one near SW 216 Street.

Several birds first discovered in fall continued to be seen through early winter. A male Vermilion Flycatcher continued at the South Dade Greenway on SR 9336, and a female at Paurotis Pond in Everglades National Park. In the Keys, a male Western Spindalis remained at Indigenous Park in Key West, and a female at Long Key State Park. Several Lark Sparrows continued to winter at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, and Lapland Longspur was seen again in Everglades National Park. In Naples, a pair of Eurasian Wigeon remained at Eagle Lakes Park. American Goldfinch continued to

be seen in large numbers through winter, joined by flocks of American Robin and Cedar Waxwing.

Lesser Nighthawk have been reported once again this winter at Eco Pond in Everglades National Park, as well as on Research Road. At Lucky Hammock, just outside the Park, unprecedented numbers of Lesser Nighthawk, possibly up to 100 were being seen at dusk through the season. Other species of note seen in Everglades National Park were Brown-crested Flycatcher, found both at Long Pine Key and on Research Road, and a Bell's Vireo near Hidden Lake. On the Coot Bay CBC, forty Greater Flamingo were scoped from the newly-refurbished boardwalk at the end of Snake Bight Trail.

Broward County hosted several out-of-the-ordinary species this winter. A Blue-winged Warbler was reported at Fern Forest, while a Wilson's Warbler was found at Markham Park. A Groove-billed Ani joined the resident Smooth-billed Ani at Beltway Park near Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. Most unexpected was a Bananaquit discovered at the Best Western Resort in Ft. Lauderdale. This beautiful Caribbean species was found on the first day of a Victor Emmanuel Nature Tours-sponsored trip to south Florida by VENT field trip guide and Keys resident Brennan Mulrooney. In Palm Beach County, a Black-throated Gray Warbler was found at Seacrest Scrub Preserve in Boynton Beach, while a Snow Goose was reported from Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. This winter's alcid invasion of

southeastern states reached Boynton Inlet, where a Razorbill was briefly seen in January.

Tropical Audubon's annual van trip to north Florida in mid-January was most productive. Among the 140 species recorded on the trip were Red-throated and Pacific Loon, Cinnamon Teal, Black-chinned, Buff-bellied, Rufous and Allen's Hummingbird, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Red-breasted, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Dark-eyed Junco, Purple Finch and Pine Siskin. Henslow's Sparrow and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow were both beautifully photographed by John Boyd. Unfortunately the LeConte's Sparrow needed by John as a life bird, though seen in flight, was not as photogenic.

Finally, a few words about my good friend Jill Rosenfield, who passed away at age 66 this past January 27. Jill was a field trip leader for Tropical Audubon for many years, and was my first birding buddy when I joined the organization in 1993. After Hurricane Andrew, Jill helped put A. D. Barnes Park on the map as a migration hotspot, and was instrumental in discovering the post-hurricane range expansion of Red-whiskered Bulbul to places like Kenwood Elementary and Baptist Hospital. Jill knew that introduced species as well as any one, and even had a pair of bulbuls nesting in the atrium of her townhouse.

I loved travelling with Jill. We birded throughout the state, as well as in south Texas (twice) and cen-

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Tropical Audubon Society (TAS) is a group of dedicated citizens who care about the quality of South Florida's environment. Established in 1947, we are a chapter of National Audubon Society and Florida Audubon Society. Our headquarters, the Doc Thomas House, is a Dade County Historic site on three suburban acres of native habitat in South Miami.

Tropical Audubon's purposes are:

- 1) Conservation: to work toward protection of the natural world and to promote wise stewardship of natural resources, especially native plants and animals and their habitat.
- 2) Education: to promote, among members and the public of all ages, an understanding and appreciation of nature, the environment, and ecological relationships.

3) Enjoyment: as a society of members with compatible interests, to enjoy together the study and protection of nature. We believe in the wisdom of nature's design. We seek to foster and promote ecological conscientiousness in our community.

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Visit Tropical Audubon on the internet at:
tropicalaudubon.org

Notice of TAS Annual Meeting

Join us on Sunday May 1 for the Tropical Audubon Society's Annual Meeting, from 4 to 7 pm, at the Doc Thomas House. The program includes a keynote speaker (TBA) and the presentation of awards recognizing those in our community who are actively working to protect and conserve our environment.

During this meeting, we will be nominating new and returning members to our Board of Directors. Our nominating committee (April Gromnicki, Bob Kelley and David Wright) are actively soliciting names of people who might be interested in serving on the TAS Board. We are always looking for dedicated and energetic individuals who can help with our programs, activities, and fundraising. If you are interested or know someone who might fit the bill, please contact us at 305-667-7337.

Thanks to our Donors!

The following generous individuals and organizations have contributed to TAS since the last Bulletin. As always, we GREATLY appreciate your support!

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Thank You!

TAS General Meetings

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Wed., Apr. 13 — Dennis Olle: "Butterflies of South Florida" Dennis Olle, President of the Miami Blue Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association and board member of the Tropical Audubon Society, will present slides on butterflies of south Florida.

General Meetings are held the 2nd Wed. of every month. Members and non-members alike are welcome to join us at the Doc Thomas House (5530 Sunset Dr., Miami) for our monthly meetings. The doors open at 7:30pm and the presentations begin at 8pm. If you would like to suggest an idea for a future presentation, please call 305-667-7337.



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A Message from Cynthia

Oh my! - the Rists are leaving...

One thing that makes my job much easier is the support of friends and colleagues who share my passion for the wildlife and habitats that make South Florida so special. I rely on these people, and so, I take it very personally when someone inevitably moves on. It is with a heavy heart that I report to you that Carol and Karsten Rist are leaving Florida. I can not put into words their impact on me personally. Two more dedicated individuals would be hard to find, and my only wish is that I had had more time to learn from them. I am so grateful that we took the time to recognize the Rists in 2003 for all of their contributions to the chapter and to South Florida. The Rists will be sorely missed and I hope they are ready to respond to my flood of e-mails that I will bombard them with when they are no longer a local call away.

As I close in on the end of my third year with TAS, I find that I am both exhausted and inspired. The environmental challenges that lay before us in the coming months and years are daunting, but my optimism is unflinching. It is an unconditional dedication to the cause of conservation that drives me to tilt at the windmill. There is so much in Miami-Dade County worth fighting for, and I will continue to call upon my friends, colleagues, and you (our members) for help and financial support.

A friend of mine, Kate Elliott, recently shared with me why she is an environmentalist. I found her story inspiring and I wanted to share it with you:

"A recurring dilemma in my lifetime is figuring out how to live by example, showing others that enjoying life is not synonymous with leaving a large ecological footprint. My values and beliefs are rooted in my relationship with the natural environment. When I was fourteen years old I moved from Miami, Florida to Poultney, Vermont (no one else knows where it is either). I have since returned to Miami.

My first winter in Vermont, my mom and I broke the heating pipes in our old house. For the first time in my life, I was uncomfortable. One winter night I went for a walk through our back yard. After an hour of slushing around the deserted small town sidewalks, I turned toward the back way home. It took me an hour to walk one acre. Standing between the cornfield and the house, I saw my mother through the kitchen window. I felt desperate to be warm inside, out of those elements that trapped me. I collapsed. My knees bent over the lip of snow, and my upper body fell into

a puff. I suddenly noticed I was warmer outdoors than I had felt all winter inside. It was then I truly heard the silence of winter. The stars were following me all along and I, hunched to hold in precious body heat, hadn't noticed them until I lay down and looked up.

In that moment, I became an environmentalist. The dilemma of environmentalism is convincing others to conserve resources. I began to build the solution by my later involvement with like-minded individuals and organizations. I was willing to risk temporarily giving up a comfortable life in exchange for pursuing my values.

The dilemma of living in a nation that makes up 5% of the global population and yet uses over 25% of its resources, is on-going. The foundation for creating change is through right action. Creating very little ecological impact is one small part of my solution to resolving the dilemma of excess consumption and waste in our world."

- Cynthia Guerra

Brian's Birding Report

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tral California. She had patience for watching birds I don't think I could ever match. At Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in the Rio Grande Valley, I observed her marveling over a perched Pauraque for well over half an hour. At Montana de Oro State Park in Morro Bay, while I rushed to the cliffs to find Wandering Tattler, a lifer at the time for both of us, Jill had to stop to examine each and every Song Sparrow that popped up along the way. Jill could never disrespect a bird by ignoring it.

Though vertically challenged, Jill was never short on bravery. Only Jill would attempt to rescue an injured vulture in Everglades National Park, or wade through waist-deep water to rescue a feral cat, or confiscate a bird trap from a Painted Bunting poacher. On a pelagic trip out of Morro Bay, only Jill was brave enough to admit to California birding legend Arnold Small that she even knew me as I was heaving over the side.

I'll miss so many things about Jill. Her love for all animals (yes, even feral cats). Her love of cheeseburgers and cotton candy. Her ability to spot a good bird by the side of the road just when it was time for a cigarette break. Her Chuck-wills-widow system of measurement (you had to be there). Her calling herself my birding mom. Her giggle, and her smile.

The likes of which will never be seen again.

SEEING GREEN WITH SHANNON MAYORGA

Good, Clean Boating Fun

Tropical Audubon Society regularly advocates on behalf of Biscayne Bay. Our own personal habits are a true reflection of how we steward the south Florida ecosystem we call home. Here are some boating tips to make our impact a little lighter.

If you like to fish, water ski, or just cruise along the shore, here are some tips for guilt-free boating—how to enjoy the water while minimizing the air and water pollution caused by motorboats and personal watercraft (such as Jet Skis and WaveRunners).

Engines: Many gasoline- and diesel-powered watercraft use inefficient two-stroke engines that pollute the air with hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which form the respiratory irritant ozone. In addition, as much as 30 percent of the gasoline consumed by these engines ends up being discharged—unburned—into the air and water. To reduce this pollution, avoid idling or running at full throttle whenever possible. Routine oil changes and engine maintenance will also help your engine run more efficiently.

If you're looking to buy a boat, choose one with an efficient four-stroke or direct fuel injection (DFI) two-stroke engine. These engines cost slightly more than a traditional two-stroke engine but make up that cost difference in fuel and oil savings. They also release fewer pollutants into the atmosphere.

Fuel and oil: Just one quart of engine fuel or oil can contaminate hundreds of thousands of gallons of water. To protect marine animals from this hazard:

- Avoid overfilling your fuel tank or spilling fuel. Fill portable, approved containers on shore.
- Keep oil-absorbent rags and mats on board to clean any spills.
- Dispose oil, filters, and rags properly.

Antifouling paint: Antifouling paint contains copper, tin, and other toxic chemicals that kill or repel marine organ-

isms that would otherwise attach themselves to a boat's hull. To keep your boat clean while preserving the health of marine ecosystems:

- Use the least toxic product that fits your needs. A coat of wax on top of regular boat paint creates a slick surface that inhibits growth instead of killing it. Teflon- or silicon-based antifouling paints achieve similar results.
- A less attractive option is "hard" antifouling paint, which gradually releases toxins into the water.
- The worst choice is ablative antifouling paint, which wears away quickly. Hulls already coated with ablative paint should be washed as gently as possible.
- Perform hull maintenance (cleaning, sanding, or scraping) on land. Use a tarp to catch any debris.

Cleaning: Many boat cleaners contain chlorine, ammonia, or phosphates harmful to marine life. Use non-toxic alternatives whenever possible.

Waste: Raw sewage must be disposed of at an onshore pumping facility, and local laws may even prohibit the discharge of treated sewage (if your boat has an onboard sanitation system) into the water. Contact your local Coast Guard office for discharge regulations.

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For related information, see these pages:

Earth Easy-Eco-friendly Boating Tips
http://www.eartheasy.com/play_eco-friendly_boating.htm

EPA-Preventing Marine Engine Pollution
<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/boat-fs.htm>

EPA-Bon Voyage to Bad Boating Habits
http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/nps_edu/pdf/boat.pdf

EPA-Managing Pollution from Boats and Marinas
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/facts/point9/htm>

Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management-Environmentally Friendly Boat Engines
<http://www.mass.gov/czm/boatenginesfs.htm>

National Institutes of Health-The Environmental Pain of Pleasure Boating
<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/members/2003/111-4/focus.html>

U.S. Coast Guard-District Offices
http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/regulations/cg_org.htm

TAS FUN DAYS

Want to learn about native plants, help Tropical maintain our native landscape at the Doc Thomas House and get your hands dirty? We need you!

Show up anytime between 8:30-noon and you will find a host of hard workers. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Workdays will be held March 12 and April 16.

TAS CALENDAR

CALENDAR OF WALKS, WORKDAYS, FESTIVALS, SALES, CLASSES - EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO DO WITH TROPICAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
The specifics for Tropical's ongoing activities are indicated below. In some cases, the trip leader has included his email address and phone number for direct contact. Otherwise, please call TAS at 305 667 PEEP (7337) or email tas007@tropicalaudubon.org, or see our web page <http://tropicalaudubon.org> for more information.

Sat., Mar. 5 — Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary / Marco Island Birding Brian Rapoza will lead this all day carpool event to Collier County. Meet at 6AM at the east gate (on SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). There is a \$10 admission fee to Corkscrew Sanctuary (\$5 for Audubon members), plus \$4 per vehicle at Tigertail Beach. Bring lunch and wading shoes.

Sat., Mar. 12 — Wakodahatchee Wetlands Birding Nancy Freedman will lead this walk. Meet at 7:30am at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (13026 Jog Road, about 1.5 miles north of Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.)

Sun., Mar 13 — Florida Trail, Big Cypress National Preserve Nature Walk This section of the Florida Trail oases through open prairie, pineland, and a hardwood hammock. Spring wild flowers and other plants of the Big Cypress will be featured on the trip. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, snacks, a hat, bug spray. A walking stick can be helpful. Long pants advised. Rating: moderate. Leader: Rick Cohen. Reservations are required by February 27. Call 305-667-7337 or rickc@tropicalaudubon.org Fee: \$13.00 members, \$15.00 nonmembers

Sat., Mar. 19 — Kissimmee Prairie / Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area Birding This is an all day carpool trip to the Lake Kissimmee area. Meet Brian Rapoza at 6am at the east gate of the Doc Thomas property on SW 55th Ave. just south of Sunset (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). Bring lunch.

Sun., Mar. 20 — Spring Wildflower Walk with Roger Hammer Well known South Florida plant expert, Roger Hammer, will lead this walk down Long Pine Key trail in Everglades National Park. See the wildflowers, butterflies and birds that share the varied habitat of pine rockland, Everglades prairie and upland hammock communities. This is an excellent chance to see the grass orchids in bloom. Meet at the Coe Visitors Center at 8am, return approximately 11:30am. Reservations and fee

required: \$40 members/\$45 nonmembers includes an autographed copy of Roger's recent book, Everglades Wildflowers.

Sat., Mar. 26 — Shark Valley/Loop Road Birding Paul Bithorn and Juan Villamil will lead this carpool trip. Meet at 7am at the east gate (SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). Bring lunch.

Sat., Apr. 2 — Matheson Hammock Bird Walk Joe Barros will lead birders through Matheson Hammock on Old Cutler Rd. immediately north of Fairchild Gardens. The group meets in the parking area on the left inside the park entrance at 7:30am. Return is at approximately 11:00am.

Sun., Apr. 3 — A.D. Barnes Park Bird Walk Gigi Pardo will lead birders through A.D. Barnes Park. Enter on SW 72nd Avenue just north of Bird Rd. (SW 40th St.) and take the first left to park near the baseball fields. Meet at 7:30am, returning at approximately 11:00am.

**Saturday, April 9 – Sunday, Apr. 24
TAS 4th Annual Birdathon!!!
(See story on page one)**

Sat., Apr. 9 — Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park Bird Walk Ellen and Todd Snow will lead birders through Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park on Key Biscayne. Meet in the west end of the Seaquarium parking lot on the Rickenbacker Causeway at 7:30am. Participants will carpool to the state park. Costs includes entrance fees to the park and a causeway toll.

Sun., Apr. 11 — Charles Deering Estate Nature Walk Rick Cohen will emphasize the botanical and geological features found in the 420 acre park. The park entrance is located just east of Old Cutler Rd. on SW 168th Street. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring water, hat, and bug spray. Rating: easy to moderate. Reservations required by March 27. e-mail

rickc@tropicalaudubon.org or call 305-667-7337. This is a popular outing and space is limited so call early! Fee: \$10.00 members, \$12.00 nonmembers includes Deering entrance.

Fri.- Sun., Apr. 15-17 — Fort DeSoto Birding Trip Brian Rapoza will lead this three day/two night van trip to Sarasota, Pinellas and Hillsborough County. Costs (\$180.00 per person double occupancy, \$75.00 single supplement) include hotel, van and gasoline. Reservations are required by April 10. E-mail friedtrips@tropicalaudubon.org, or call 305-667-7337.

Sat., Apr. 16 — Matheson Hammock Park Bird Walk Dick Cunningham will lead. See April 2nd for information.

Sun., Apr. 17 — A.D. Barnes Park Bird Walk See April 3rd for information.

Sat., April 23 — Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park Bird Walk Jeff Weber will lead this walk through Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park on Key Biscayne. Meet in the west end of the Seaquarium parking lot on the Rickenbacker Causeway at 7:30am. Participants will carpool to the state park. Costs include an entrance fee to the park and the causeway toll.

Sun., April 24 — Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park Bird Walk Nancy Freedman and Alex Harper will lead a group through the Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest. Meet at 8am in the first covered picnic area just inside the park entrance at 1725 NE 135th St. west of Biscayne Blvd.

Sat., Apr. 30 — Matheson Hammock Park Bird Walk John Boyd will lead. See April 2nd for information.

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