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BISCAYNE COASTAL WETLANDS CAMPAIGN

Efforts to stop a sprawling development in South Dade County from setting a dangerous precedent for future Everglades restoration projects continue. After the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved an Environmental Resource Permit, without adequate public notice, taxpayers are catching on to this misaligned government approach to not-so smart growth and question the District's dedication to follow through with Everglades restoration.

The restoration project is located inside a footprint identified for potential acquisition for the Biscayne Coastal Wetlands project- a Water Preserve Area component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. This particular site has been identified, conceptually, for a 400 acre Stormwater Treatment Area to reduce discharges to Biscayne Bay that are polluted. The STA could also have a benefit in rehydrating coastal wetlands adjacent to Biscayne National Park.

An Administrative Hearing (legal challenge) Audubon of Florida and several allies have filed had a court hearing date of August 19-21st. At this hearing Audubon presented the facts of why a permit for this 500+ acre development within an Everglades restoration footprint area should be denied.

Tropical Audubon members who responded to the action alert Audubon sent

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Director's Report

What's Your Ecological Footprint?

Every day I wrestle with complex problems and issues associated with Everglades restoration, land-use initiatives, environmental permit applications, etc. This is within the stated mission of Tropical Audubon and what my job is all about. But how is this commitment reflected in my daily life? Do I practice what I preach? I try! There are many ways we can all help.

Recently, many environmental organizations have started to talk about natural resource use in terms of an "ecological footprint." This term is used to roughly gauge how resource intensive a given individual's lifestyle is, and it is most often derived from household consumption and expressed as an average per person. I endeavor to minimize my ecological footprint by the choices I make every day. For example, I drive a VERY small car that has only 3 cylinders and gets better than

50 miles per gallon. I use the metrorail and buses as often as possible. I only use my high-efficiency air conditioner during the hottest summer months and have the thermostat set at 80. My favorite leisure activity is sailing (WIND POWER!!!!). I recycle.

I know most people are not going to make the same lifestyle choices, but everyone can work on reducing their ecological footprint. Recycling is a very easy way to help reduce waste and the need to over-harvest raw materials. And everyday, there are new programs that allow us to recycle more and more of what we use. Most of us are familiar with the regular curbside recycling services provided in Miami-Dade County (more info at www.miami-dade.co.fl.us/dswm), but did you also know you can recycle the following items through the county:

- Flattened corrugated cardboard no larger than 2 ft. x 3 ft. Place these on top of or next to you residential bins each week.

- Household batteries, including AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, button and rechargeable batteries. Put batteries out for collection on the first recycling day of each month. They must be in a clear "zip-top" type plastic bag. The bag should be closed and placed on top of your newspapers in the green bin. Loose batteries or batteries that are too big to fit the bag will not be collected.

- Phone books can be recycled on any recycling day from August through November. Place them on top of your newspapers. (Don't include the plastic bag your new phone books come in!)

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NAS Announcement To All Members!

From National Audubon to all Members: Your next issue of Audubon magazine will arrive in September. Audubon will now be published quarterly - March, June, September, and December - to coincide with each season. You will receive the same number of issues remaining on your membership record over a longer period of time; the expiration date on the label affixed to the December issue of Audubon will reflect your new extended membership expiration date.

As part of our commitment to you, we will uphold the high standards you have come to expect from our award-winning magazine. Our celebrated writers will continue to bring you the latest conservation news from around the world, and the very best na-

ture photography will still grace our pages.

On top of that, we will continue to provide you with the tools to take action. In upcoming issues, Audubon will feature Audubon's Important Bird Area program, which is being built on the volunteer efforts of citizen scientists, and a pullout guide to the Audubon WatchList, which will help you identify birds at risk. We'll also provide updates on what you can do to ensure public officials do all they can to preserve birds, wildlife, and habitat. And our continuing series on Audubon's 2020 Vision will showcase Audubon's newest nature centers as they open nationwide. Thank you for your support.

Audubon Assembly 2002; October 24 - 26

Be There or Be Square, Dude!

Listen Up! Last year's Audubon Assembly was totally awesome - ask any of the 400 of us who were there. We promise this year it will be as good, or better, in every regard! So, join hundreds of Audubon members, volunteers, leaders, allies, scientists, community leaders, conservationists, fellow birders and your friends for the largest conference in Florida dedicated to connecting our communities with nature. Participate in two full days of work sessions and activities focused on setting this year's conservation goals throughout the state. Enjoy a variety of interactive workshops, plenary sessions and renowned speakers emphasizing the importance of Florida's Water and Audubon's mission of connecting our

communities and nature. Learn how to engage your communities with Florida's conservation issues, and help us plan Audubon's future course to conserve, protect and restore Florida's natural heritage. And get connected with nature on our myriad of field trips. Make your plans now to join us at the:

ask for the Audubon of Florida Rate of just \$99 per night. Katie Gill: Audubon of Florida Assembly Coordinator

Early registration for the conference is just \$95 through September 9th! After that it is \$125, still a bargain since it includes all meals, receptions, a Friday evening visit and dinner at Disney's Animal Kingdom and Saturday night banquet dinner. There is a registration package inserted in the August Florida Naturalist. In addition, there is complete up-to-date information about fieldtrips, workshops, volunteer opportunities and other exciting activities on our website:

audubonofflorida.org.

See you there!

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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 subtropical 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:
<http://tropicalaudubon.org>

FLORIDA SCRUB JAY FESTIVAL

Join the Indian River Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and Florida Native Plant Societies for the Scrub-Jay Festival! Mark your calendars for September 28, 2002 from 10:00am to 5:00pm at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, rain or shine. All proceeds will benefit the Florida Scrub-Jay habitat protection and education. The entry price includes an Old Fashioned Fish Fry, Live Music, Free Kayak and Airboat Rides, Scrub Habitat Tours, Activities for Children, Educational Displays and a Native Plant Sale. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 the day of the event, kids \$3.00 in advance and \$4.00 on September 28. Audubon members that are not able to attend the Festival may also send a donation!

For more information, contact Amy Mosher at abmosher@earthlink.net, Beverly at 321-631-4004, or Johna at 242-7498. To purchase a ticket, send your check payable to Turtle Coast Sierra Club, Attention: Scrub Jay Festival, P.O. Box 061887, Palm Bay, FL 32906. Directions: 1-95 to SR 50 east, left on SR 405, left on Fox Lake Rd to park.

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TROPICAL NOTES

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Our Mailing List: Want to receive the plant sale fliers? Have we misspelled your name? Is your mail sent to the right address and wrong name? Do you receive two of everything? Have we left you off the list? We want to make it right! Contact tas002@tropicalaudubon.org.

Miami-Dade's Adopt-A-Tree Program

Have you heard about the Miami-Dade Adopt-A-Tree program? Do you need some shade in your yard? This is a great opportunity to add green to our spaces. See the web page for more information: <http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/adoptatree/>.

Thank You, Morning Call Bakery!

TAS would like to thank the Morning Call Bakery, located at 5868 Sunset Drive, for their generous donation of fine baked goods to support an outreach event recently held at the Doc Thomas House. We appreciate our neighbor!

It's Hammer Time!

Many of us already know Roger Hammer, aka Father Nature, a frequent speaker at area environmental events and contributor to local nature publications. Roger is a senior interpretive naturalist based at Castellow Hammock Nature Center. He has served as instructor, fieldtrip leader and active volunteer at Fairchild Tropical Garden since 1980 and is also a board member and volunteer at Tropical Audubon Society. Dade Florida Native Plant Society, Tropical Audubon and TREEmendous have all presented Roger awards for the preservation of native plants and natural resources. He was the opening speaker for the Eleventh World Orchid Conference held in Miami in 1984 and the keynote speaker

for the 1997 FNPS annual conference held in Gainesville. Roger has recently written "Everglades Wildflowers", a field guide to over 300 wildflowers of the historic Everglades (a Falcon Guide), to be published in Fall 2002. He is now working on a field guide to the wildflowers of the Florida Keys. If you don't already know Roger, you need to. Come to the general meeting on November 13 and plan to chuckle.

Whole Lott(a) Raptors

Casey Lott is the director of the Florida Keys Raptor Migration Project, which is a partnership between HawkWatch International and Audubon of Florida. He also serves as the staff ornithologist at Audubon's Tavernier Science Center in the Keys where he is conducting research on stopover habitat used by migrant songbirds in the Keys during both Spring and Fall migrations. We are happy to welcome Casey to the Doc Thomas House on October 9 when he will discuss Hawk Migration in the Florida Keys.

Events at Fairchild

- ◆ "Just Jackfruit", September 14, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Lectures, jackfruit, trees and products. Free after Garden admission.
- ◆ Aroid Show and Sale, September 21 and 22, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Presented by the International Aroid Society. Free after Garden admission.
- ◆ L.E.A.F. ~ Fall Session, October 12 - December 14, Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Let's Explore at Fairchild! For ages 8 - 11. Nature is fun and exciting. Come and discover why. Registration Deadline: October 1. Fee: \$105-\$135. For more information visit www.fairchildgarden.org/education/n_LEAF.html or call 305/667-1651 ext. 3322.

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Other opportunities outside of the Miami-Dade County program include:

- Printer cartridge recycling will count for two good deeds! The Children's Miracle Network receives a donation for every ink-jet cartridge they recycle. In order to participate in the program, call 1-800-941-9656 and request some envelopes. They will send you postage paid envelopes. Then, you throw a spent cartridge in an envelope and pop it in the mail.

- Cell phones are another two-for-one good deed!! Channel 4's Neighbors4Neighbors program donates used cell phones to domestic abuse victims - www.neighbors4neighbors.org/html/donations.html and Commissioner Martinez collects them for needy families - www.miamidade.gov/district11/01-01_newsletter.pdf Sprint uses the proceeds from reselling recycled phones to Easter Seals and the National Organization on Disability - www3.sprint.com/PR/CDA/PR_CDA_Press_Releases_Detail/1,1579,6400,00.htm

- And for you boaters and fisherman, you can now recycle your fishing line. TAS, in partnership with Sea Grant, has initiated a monofilament recycling program in Miami-Dade County. Simply take your old line and spools to one of the following merchants and drop them in the bin. The old line gets remanufactured into small pellets that are used for plastic in other products. Fishing line poses a serious health hazard to wading birds, fish and other aquatic animals like manatees and sea turtles. It is very important to ensure that discarded line doesn't end up lose in the water and on our shoreline. TAS thanks the following merchants for their efforts!



Monofilament recycling bins are now available at:

Fishing Line Bait and Tackle 9
379 SW 27th Avenue, Miami,
305-598-2444

Crook & Crook Fishing Supplies
2795 S.W. 27th Ave., Miami,
305-854-0005

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2627 S.W. 27th Ave., Miami,
05-856-4665

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1690 S.W. 27th Ave., Miami,
305-444-7101

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3635 S. Dixie Hwy, Miami,
305-444-5520

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4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

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20264 Old Cutler Rd. Miami,
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35412 S Federal Hwy, Florida City,
305-245-5550

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19407 S Dixie Hwy, Miami,
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9402 S Dixie Hwy, Miami,
305-670-3474

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8940 SW 40 St., Miami

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7286 SW 40 St. Miami,

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Miami Beach, 305-534-0300

Finally, remember to close that recycling loop by purchasing items with high post-consumer recycled content. Paper and plastic products most often have recycled materials in them. Manufacturing products with recycled materials is less resource intensive to get to market (less water, energy, and raw materials used and less pollution produced). Purchasing recycled products reduces the amount of garbage going to our landfills, takes advantage of the economic value of what we throw away, and creates jobs in the recycling field. Therefore, recycling and purchasing recycled materials lessens our ecological footprint! If you need more info, or have any questions, please send me an e-mail at

director@tropicalaudubon.org

TAS members and guests are invited to attend the Conservation Committee meetings which now take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Doc Thomas House. We discuss environmental issues facing South Florida and how Tropical is working to affect changes. This is the core activity of TAS. The meetings are educational and informative. Call DTH for more information at (305) 666-5111.

END OF SUMMER FUN:

AUDUBON NAMES THE BEST PLACES TO SEE RARE AND UNUSUAL BIRDS IN AMERICA

New York, NY, Tuesday, August 20, 2002 - Going on a road trip typically means making lots of stops: stops to eat, stops to fuel up, stops to use the bathroom ... even stops to see birds! That's right - America's best birding spots are visited by millions of travelers a year, and now Audubon is going to make it even easier to find them. A complete round-up of birding trails, handy driving routes that connect some of the very best sites for birding, is listed in the next issue of Audubon, available September 1, 2002.

The editors of Audubon Magazine, <<http://magazine.audubon.org/index.html>>, the organization's flagship publication, consulted top ornithologists, including renowned author Kenn Kaufman, to compile the list. Ranging from the mountains of California to the coastal islands of Georgia, and from the forests of Vermont to the deserts of Arizona, the 19 routes highlighted in the Audubon Guide to Birding Trails offer the finest views of America's bird life in some of the most beautiful places in the USA.

Birding is big - more than 71 million Americans took part in 2001, making birding one of the fastest growing outdoor activities. In 1996, birders spent more than 30 billion dollars on the hobby. It's money that, thanks to birding trails, is being funneled directly into local economies along each route. Birding trails now stretch through every region of the country, making it easy for anyone - from novice to expert - to grab a map, a pair of binoculars, and hit the road.

Along with September's Audubon Guide to Birding Trails, by Jennifer Bogo, feature stories will place a spotlight on six of the hottest trails, including the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail; Georgia's Colonial Coastal Birding Trail; the Great Florida Birding Trail; the upper Mississippi River's Great River Birding Trail; the Great Washington Birding Trail; and the Lake Champlain Birding Trail in Vermont and New York.

To view the full list of driving trails that connect America's best spots to bird, as compiled by the editors of Audubon Magazine, visit <http://www.audubon.org/bird_trails/>. The actual list is embargoed until September 1, 2002, but this sneak preview is available to reporters, along with photographs of representative birds people will be likely to see when they visit these locations.

Audubon is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Our growing network of community-based Audubon Centers, grass roots science programs for bird enthusiasts, and advocacy on behalf of ecosystems sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in positive conservation experiences.

BIRDING PARADISE

Our species list is over 275 species on site. Dr. Robert Ridgley (author of "A Guide to the Birds of Panama, with Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras") says, "The Lodge is probably the best place in the world to see the Lovely Cotinga".

Don't miss the experience of a visit to the Lodge at Pico Bonito, the recently opened nature lodge on the Caribbean coast of Central America. This resort is set on 200 acres of rain forest at the base of the Nombre de Dios mountain range, a national park two and one-half hours flying time from Miami in the beautiful, undiscovered country of Honduras. Two small rushing rivers on either side, with waterfalls and natural swimming pools, cascade down from the uninhabited mountain range above. Numerous activities are conveniently available both on the property and nearby.

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Biscayne Update

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out in June may have received a postcard from the South Florida Water Management District regarding the letter faxed or emailed to them through Audubon of Florida's online advocacy center. This postcard was sent out in response to the outcry of citizen concern over the egregious move by the District to approve the development permit, all the time knowing it was within a restoration footprint area. If you haven't sent a free fax or email to the District urging them to deny this permit TAKE ACTION through the Internet here: <http://www.audubonofflorida.org/campaigns/biscaynewetlands.htm>

by Shannon Myorga

TAS Schedule of Events

Sat., Sept. 14 - Fall Migration Bird Count for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties! Join the Bird Count! This is an all day event covering Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Every year since 1900 teams of interested birders have joined together across the country to count the number of individual birds within each species occurring on the same date in the same place. This huge task is coordinated by the National Audubon Society. The consistency of the count creates a viable set of statistics that can be compared and used to measure the effects that changes in the environment have had on the bird population. These measurements act as important warnings of environmental deterioration that should be heeded. In addition to the serious consequences of the bird counts, they are a fun way to spend a day with fellow birding enthusiasts. This is an all day event. Volunteers are needed for all areas. Call 305 666 5111 for more information and team assignments.

Sun., Sept. 15 - Matheson Hammock Bird Walk! John Boyd 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 11am.

Sat., Sept 21 - Workday at the Doc Thomas House! We need you at the Doc Thomas House! Come get some dirt under your fingernails raking, trimming, digging and planting. Bring your family and friends. There will be plant experts and plenty of learning available for those who ask questions. 5530 Sunset, 8am until around noon.

Sat., Sept. 21 - Virginia Key / Key Biscayne Bird Walk! Paul Bithorn will lead birders through Virginia Key and Key Biscayne. Meet in the west end of the Seaquarium parking lot on the Rickenbacker Causeway at 7:30am. Participants will carpool to the Bill Baggs / Cape Florida State Recreation Area, and other destinations on both Virginia Key and Key Biscayne. Shared entrance fees are required, plus the causeway toll.

Sun., Sept. 22 - A.D.Barnes Park Bird Walk! Jeff Weber and Jill Rosenfield will lead birders through A.D. Barnes Park. Enter on SW 72nd Ave. 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 11am.

Wed., Sept. 25 - Conservation Committee Meeting! Please join us for the Conservation Committee meeting at the Doc Thomas House, 5530 Sunset Dr. near Red Rd. at 7:30pm. Tropical members and interested citizens discuss environmental issues facing South Florida and how TAS is working to affect changes.

Sat. - Sun., Sept. 28-29 **Native Plant Sale** **at the Doc Thomas House!**

The Tropical Audubon Society Botanical Garden will be open for its quarterly Native Plant Sale, 9-5 on Saturday and 9 until the last plant is gone on Sunday. There will be knowledgeable sales people to help determine the best plants for your home and garden. You should plan to arrive early for the first pick. TAS is located at 5530 Sunset near the intersection of Red Rd.

Sun. Sept. 29 - Tour the Botanical Garden at the Tropical Audubon Society! David Lysinger, native plant expert and Botanical Garden architect, will lead a tour from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Learn about our botanical heritage and visit the garden at the historic Doc Thomas House. 5530 Sunset near the intersection of Rd. Rd.

Sat., Sept. 28 - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary / Marco Island Bird Trip! Brian Rapoza will lead an all day carpool event to Collier County east of Naples. Meet at 6am at the east gate (on SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). Gasoline costs will be shared. Admission fee required for Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, as well as for Tiger-tail Beach on Marco Island. Bring lunch and wading shoes.

Sun., Sept. 29 - Kendall Indian Hammocks Bird Walk! Ellen and Todd Snow will lead a group through Kendall Indian Hammocks at 11345 SW 79th St. The entrance is on the west side of SW 112th Ave. at SW 79th St. The group meets in the parking area adjacent to the baseball field at 7:30am, returning at approximately 11am.

Sat., Oct. 5 - Matheson Hammock Bird Walk! Juan Villamil will lead. (See Sept. 15 for information)

Sun., Oct 6 - A.D.Barnes Park Bird Walk! Gigi Pardo will lead. (See Sept. 22 for information)

Wed., Oct. 9 - Membership Meeting: "Hawk Migration in the FL Keys" Casey Lott from the Audubon of Florida Research Center in Tavernier will update us on the Middle Keys hawkwatch. Plan to join the TAS Feldtrip to the hawkwatch site on Saturday, Oct. 12. Membership meetings are open to the public and held at the Doc Thomas House, 5530 Sunset Dr., near Red Rd.. The doors open at 7:30pm and the show beginning at 8pm.

Sat., Oct. 12 - Middle Keys Hawk Watch! This is an all day carpool event, led by John Boyd, to the official keys hawkwatch site at Curry Hammock State Park (mile marker 56). Meet at 7:30am at the east gate (SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami), or proceed directly to Curry Hammock State Park. Bring lunch.

Sun., Oct. 13 - Virginia Key / Key Biscayne Bird Walk! Ellen and Todd Snow will lead. (See Sept. 21 for information)

Sun. Oct. 13 - Beginning Birdwatching Class at Matheson Hammock Park! Bob Kelley will lead this trip. Reservations are required. Please contact hornedowl@earthlink.net to register or call 305 666 5111.

Sat., Oct. 19 - South Dade Birding! Larry Manfredi will lead this all day carpool trip, which may include stops at Lucky Hammock, Mary Krome Park, and Dump Marsh. Meet at 7:00AM in the parking lot of the Burger King on US1 in Florida City (just after the end of the turnpike). Bring lunch.

Sun., Oct. 20 - A.D.Barnes Park Bird Walk! Mickey Wheeler and Jill Rosenfield will lead. (See Sept. 22 for information)

Wed., Oct. 23 - Conservation Committee Meeting (See Sept. 25 for information)

Sat., Oct. 26 - Beginning Botany Class at Matheson Hammock Park! Rick Cohen will teach aspiring botanists while wandering Matheson Hammock. Meet at 9:00AM in the parking area on the left just inside the main gate on Old Cutler Road.

Sun., Oct. 27 - Wakodahatchee Wetlands / South County Regional Park Birding! Ellen and Todd Snow will lead this carpool trip. Meet at 6:30am at the east gate (SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). Or at 7:45 AM at Wakodahatchee (13026 Jog Road, about 1.5 miles north of Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.) Bring lunch.

Sun., Oct. 27 - Tour the Botanical Garden at the Tropical Audubon Society! (See Sept. 29 for information)

Sat., Nov. 2 - 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). You can also meet at the entrance to Shark Valley (Tamiami Trail) at 8:30a. Bring lunch.

Sat., Nov. 9 - Everglades National Park Birding! Paul Bithorn and Juan Villamil will lead this all day carpool trip. Meet at 6:30am at the east gate (SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami) OR in the parking lot of the Coe Visitor Center at Everglades National park at 7:30am. Bring lunch.

Sun., Nov. 10 - Charles Deering Estate Nature Walk! Reservations required! 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. Admission fee to park required. Rating: easy to moderate. Contact rickc@tropicalaudubon.org and include your phone number or call 305 666 5111. This is a popular outing and space is limited so call early!

Wed., Nov. 13 - Membership Meeting: "Everglades Wildflowers with Roger Hammer" Roger Hammer, Famous Local Nature Man, will present a slide program on his new book on the wildflowers of our area which is due to be published on November 1. Copies of the book will be on sale. Roger is always irreverently entertaining. The program will be fun. Membership meetings are open to the public and held at the Doc Thomas House, 5530 Sunset Dr., near Red Rd.. The doors open at 7:30pm and the show beginning at 8pm.

Sat., Nov. 16 - Marco Island /Briggs Nature Center Birding! Brian Rapoza will lead this all day carpool trip. Meet at 6:30am at the east gate (SW 55th Ave.) of the Doc Thomas property (5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami). Bring lunch and wading footwear.

Sun., Nov. 17 - Tour the Botanical Garden at the Tropical Audubon Society (See Sept. 29 for information)

All events are led by leaders from the Tropical Audubon Society, and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified. Carpool trips require shared gasoline costs. Some parks require entrance fees. Please note that reservations are not required unless specified. For additional information, please visit www.tropicalaudubon.org or call 305 666 5111.

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