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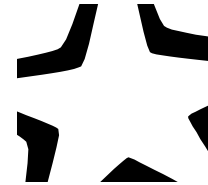
OCTOBER 18 - HARVEST SUPPER



Our annual Harvest Supper will begin on Thursday, October 18, at 6:15 pm, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte.

The main dish and beverages will be provided. Audubon members are requested to bring a vegetable, pasta, salad or dessert dish to serve 6-8 people. Also, please bring your own plate and utensils.

The dinner will be followed by a "Manatees" presentation by Laura Combs, Southwest Florida Regional Coordinator of the Save the Manatee Club.



God Bless America

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR DECEMBER.....

Yes, the Annual Christmas Bird Count is still scheduled for **December 15** and George Marks is the contact to volunteer or for more information at 225-3318.

But, the annual Bird Count dinner will **NOT** immediately follow the count...the Bird Count tally will be done at a Christmas Social on **Thursday, December 20**, with desserts and refreshments at the Church. More about the goodies is forthcoming in the next Newsletter. **Please mark your calendars with these**

2002 NATURE FESTIVAL

The Peace River Audubon Society and the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) will host the second annual Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival on March 2, 2002. The festival, sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program, will emphasize family activities in an attempt to develop a regional environmental ethic, especially among children. This will be accomplished through exhibits, displays, nature walks, music, story telling, and numerous other activities. Native plants and animals will be on display and plants may be purchased. The festival will be held at CHEC's Alligator Creek site, 10941 Burnt Store Road.

If you would like to provide input, provide sponsorship, or volunteer, please contact Cathy Olson (941) 743-1239, 613-6753 (colson@isni.net)

Upcoming bird festivals in the State of FL:

The Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival, Nov. 7-11, 2001 near Titusville (Cape Canaveral area) <http://www.nbbd.com/fly/> This site is absolutely excellent even if you don't want to attend the event. It has great local bird finding info, pictures of local birds, and many great links useful for FL birders. For more info, call the Titusville Chamber of Commerce at (321) 267-3036.

The American Birding Association's (ABA) Regional Conference being held in Miami, FL January 18-22, 2002 <http://www.americanbirding.org/convtours/convprog3.htm> or write the ABA Convention & Conference Manager, Ken Hollinga, 9209 Cutting Horse Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

JEFF BOUTON REPORTS BIRD SIGHTINGS....

...some teasers from various reports (in recent weeks): "Here, at 4:30 PM and a pretty low tide, I found TWO Long-billed Curlews wading. They didn't hang together, but were in the same general area opposite the Concession building."

"A partial list of species without numbers: Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, A. Redstart, Black-and-white Warbler, N. Parula, Pine, Magnolia, Prairie, Black-throated Blue, Palm, Tennessee",

"W.B. Salt Springs State Park (Pasco):

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - eating a large insect with a lot of leg!
Great-crested Flycatcher
Swainson's Thrush (3)
Catbird (2)
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue-winged Warbler
Golden-winged
Parula
Magnolia
Pine
Prairie
Palm
Bay-breasted
Black-and-White
Am. Redstart -female
Ovenbird
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager

John Chestnut Park (N. Pinellas):

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chuck-will's-widow
Eastern Peewee
Empidonax, sp.
Swainson's Thrush (at least 6 seen together flying in and out of Spanish moss)
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Parula
Yellow-throated Warbler
Am. Redstart - males

Jeff (continued)

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Kentucky Warbler - a beautiful male Hooded Warbler ",

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Blue-winged Warbler - 1
Tennessee Warbler - 2
American Redstart - 5
Blackburnian Warbler - 1
Prairie Warbler - 1
Northern Parula - 5
Black-and-white Warbler - 2
Palm Warbler - 1
Ovenbird - 1

Also:

Swainson's Thrush - at least 6
Eastern Wood-pewee - at least 8
Acadian Flycatcher - 4
Summer Tanager - 1
Scarlet Tanager - 2
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 (first I've heard of this fall)
Gray Catbird - 1
Northern Flicker - 2 ",

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Am. Kestrel--1
Merlin--1
Eastern Wood-Pewee--7
White-eyed Vireo--4
Yellow-throated Vireo--2
Philadelphia Vireo--1
Red-eyed Vireo--7

JEFF (CONTINUED)

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Am. Redstart - males
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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher--6
Veery--3
Gray-cheeked Thrush--1
Swainson's Thrush--3
Tennessee Warbler--13
No. Parula--12
Chestnut-sided Warbler--3
Magnolia Warbler--10
Cape May Warbler--2 (male and female)
Black-throated Blue Warbler--1 (female)
Black-throated Green Warbler--2
Blackburnian Warbler--2
Yellow-throated Warbler--3
Pine Warbler--3
Prairie Warbler--2
Palm Warbler--20
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Ovenbird--2
No. Waterthrush--1
Com. Yellowthroat--1
Hooded Warbler--6
Summer Tanager--2
Scarlet Tanager--4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak--1
Blue Grosbeak--2 "

"Adding to Lyn's post on yesterday's birds, those today included also Worm-eating, Nashville, Blue-winged (7), Kentucky (several) and Yellow warblers, I believe 23 species today. Tanagers galore, both Scarlet and Summer, a good number of Grosbeaks, and all in all an incredible and fun day. Missed today were the Blackburnian and Swainson's Warblers seen yesterday, but it was easy to miss birds as hyper as they were. The Philadelphia Vireo was not seen.",

"Patience prevailed today at John Chestnut Park in North Pinellas. And I was going to stay at home today and get caught up...

Jeff

SCRUB JAY SURVEY

A Charlotte County Florida scrub-jay survey is currently underway in preparation for a county-wide Florida scrub-jay Habitat Conservation Plan. The scrub-jay survey is being conducted by Dr. Karl Miller and Dr. Brad Stith of the Center for Avian Conservation, Inc. So far they have concentrated their effort around Shell and Prairie Creeks and have observed and mapped the territories for 83 birds in 23 groups. They will continue west with the survey, including central Port Charlotte and the Cape Haze Peninsula. If you have any Florida scrub-jay sightings, please call or email Cathy Olson at (941) 743-1239 or 613-6753 cathy.olson@charlottefl.com or scrubjaysurvey@yahoo.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

10/20 Lemon Bay Park Field Trip - Leader: Kathi Rader Gibson 941-475-9021
 11/2-4 Audubon Assembly in Orlando
 11/4 Carlton Reserve Field Trip—Charlie Sample, Venice Audubon Society
 11/15 Meeting 7:30 (Refreshments at 7)—"Charlotte County Scrub Jays and the Habitat Conservation Plan" with Cathy Olson, Charlotte County Environmental Specialist
 12/1 Fisheating Creek Field Trip - Leader: Norm Leppan 624-3916
 12/15 102nd Christmas Bird Count -Contact George Marks 225-3318
 12/20 Christmas Bird Count Tally and Social (More info to follow)

And in 2002:

1/5 The Celery Fields/Sarasota Field Trip - Leader: Dillys Randall 627-4090
 1/17 Meeting 7:30 (Refreshments at 7)—"Population and Habitat" with Corry Westbrook, National Audubon Society
 2/2 Casperson Beach Field Trip- Leader: Charlie Sample, Venice Audubon Society
 2/21 Meeting 7:30 (Refreshments at 7)—"Oystercatchers" with Nancy Douglass, Nongame Regional Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 3/2 Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival
 3/9 Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary Field Trip - Leaders: Bill & Eleanor Marr 624-4182
 3/28 Annual Banquet—Celebrate Peace River Audubon's 25th Anniversary!
 4/6 Tippecanoe Scrub Field Trip - Leader: Cathy Olson 613-6753
 4/18 Meeting 7:30 (Refreshments at 7)—"Warbler Migration" with Lee Snyder, St. Petersburg Audubon Society
 5/16 Member's Night—Annual meeting, election of officers, and special presentations by our own talented members!

AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (optional) (____) _____

Please enroll me as a National Audubon Society and Peace River Audubon Society member. I will receive Audubon and The Florida Naturalist magazines as well as the Peace River White Bird newsletter.

One year - \$20 Two years - \$35

Send this completed application with your check to:

The National Audubon Society
 Membership Data Center
 P.O. Box 51003 E14
 Boulder, CO 80323-1003 7XCH

OR . . .

Please enroll me in the Peace River Audubon Society only—I will receive the White Bird newsletter for 1 year.

Please mail this application with your \$10 check to:
 The Peace River Audubon Society, PO Box 510760,
 Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0760.