This Month's Program: September 18, 2003 - 7:00pm

Florida's Carnivorous Plants  by Steve DeCresie

Florida has 4 groups of carnivorous plants. These unusual plants are among the many Florida organisms that fascinate Steve DeCresie, a Central Florida Zoological Park employee known as the "Nature Nerd." Steve will present an enthusiastic "photo-safari" in search of these unusual plants and will have live carnivorous plants available for your close inspection. Join us September 18 for what promises to be a great program.

Deborah Green, Vice President

September Field Trip - Saddle Creek Park, Lakeland

Our first field trip this fall will be to Saddle Creek Park near Lakeland. This park has always been noted for being a migrant trap in the fall. We have seen as many as fourteen Wood Warbler species in one day in this little county park. Hopefully, we will be there on the right day!

We will meet in front of the K-Mart at Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake Road (Bay Hill Plaza) in south Orange County, just west of I-4, in time to car pool and leave by 7:30am on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Remember to bring your binoculars, field guides, water, insect repellant, good walking shoes and a picnic lunch. We will walk a very leisurely two miles and return to the pavilion area for lunch.

If you have any questions, call me at 407-834-2197.
Dick Smith, Field Trip Chair

Kudos Omitted!!

In my remarks at the June meeting, I was going to speak about committee accomplishments and not mention names of individuals in order to keep the remarks shorter and to avoid missing some very important people by oversight. Unfortunately, I abandoned that strategy early on, but not early enough to mention by name some of the board members on the conservation committee who did outstanding work last year (there is always so much to do and not enough people doing it). Those I failed to mention are Peggy Cox, Marge Holt and Alex Alexander; I did not mean to slight them. These individuals have continued to work diligently, along with others, over the summer months to try to keep central Florida a place that has a high quality of life. Issues about the Econolochatchee, the St. Johns, the Wekiva and the Green Swamp are keeping Orange Audubon Society, especially the conservation committee, on our toes. Thanks to all involved in these efforts.

Loretta Satterthwaite

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
**President's Message**  
LORETTA SATTERTHWAITE, PRESIDENT

Welcome to Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) new 2003-2004 season. I hope you had some time to get outdoors and enjoy some natural places over these last two months. During those months, your board of directors has been working to put this next year's activities together. OAS, once again, has some interesting programs and excellent field trips to offer you. Keep the enclosed brochure, it's valid for a year; it lists programs, field trips, special events, and phone numbers for reaching members of the board. If you don't plan to keep it, please pass it along to a non-member.

I hope you will join us for many of our programs and field trips. These are fun social events, but we learn things, too. Also please plan to volunteer to help at some of our special educational, fundraising or membership promotion events. These are train-on-the-job activities, so pledge now to do at least one event with us this year. I look forward to another successful year for Orange Audubon with your help.

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**Conservation News**  
Peggy Cox, Chair

A mixture of old and new issues have been part of the Conservation Committee's summer work. New issues and topics include: The Lake Butler Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee, appointed by Orange County Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, in April 2003, to study the cause of algal blooms on Lake Butler and further to possibly review and make recommendations regarding changes to the County regulations as they relate to water bodies designated Outstanding Florida Waters. OAS member, Alex Alexander was appointed representing Audubon. Committee members include representatives of other environmental organizations, people with technical expertise, environmental agency representatives and local citizens. The task of this committee is very important and we are looking for some solid information on the causes of declining water quality in Lake Butler Chain to come from their studies. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15th. More information can be obtained by calling Committee member, Alex Alexander at 407-678-8659, or Commissioner Teresa Jacobs at 407-836-7350.

For the Wekiva - The Governor appointed a new Study Committee to find ways to implement the recommendations of the previous Wekiva Task Force. This new committee seems to be politically stacked in favor of development interests, with only 2 representatives from the environmental community, Charles Lee of Audubon of Florida, and Pat Harden of Friends of the Wekiva. There is also now a Wekiva Working Group, facilitated by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, to study the effects of the proposed SR 429 northern extension on the Wekiva Springshed area. Several environmental organizations and agencies are represented on this group. Both groups of just begun meeting during August. The issues involving the annexations by Apopka of rural lands in the Protection Area are still being litigated by Orange County. Other proposals by Orange County to try and maintain the northwest area as rural have been proposed by Commissioner Sindler, and will be brought before the whole Commission in the near future. Pres. Loretta Satterthwaite is representing OAS on the Wekiva Coalition.

Orange County Commissioner Edwards has tentatively proposed an Econ River Environmental Education Center on or near the Big Econ in east Orange county. OAS members met with Commissioner Edwards on this idea and are committed to working with Orange County towards a viable River Educational Center. Commissioner Edwards has proposed $250,000 in the upcoming County budget for feasibility and site selection studies, and planning and design of the Center. This is an exciting project we hope will be approved in the County's new budget and move forward in the siting and planning for the Center. More information can be obtained from Marge Holt, Econ issues Chair, at 407-679-6759, or Bob Stamps, Nature Education Center Chair at 407-886-2925.

Under the heading of old issues - There is good news, bad news, and no news. For good news - Gov. Bush vetoed the Bill to establish the Kirkpatrick State Reserve on the Ocklawaha River! That means that the restoration is still going forward. Now we have to make sure that the permits the US Forest Service has applied for to the St. Johns River Water Management District to begin the restoration are approved. There are some problems with people trying to have them denied, and I will have more information for you on that later. If you want more details now, call or email me. We have received no new or further information on Orange County's proposed Greenplace Land Acquisition plan since the press conference announcing the plan. The proposal of a $20 million dollar bond issue to begin a land acquisition program is the last information we have had on this program. We hope to have more information in September on the specifics of what is happening with the proposal for land acquisition and the establishment of a permanent land acquisition committee for selection of environmentally sensitive lands in Orange County. And of course on the Everglades there is continued bad news, the Gov. signed into law the bills lowering the standards and delaying the deadlines for establishing the needed phosphorus standards and water quality standards on restoration projects in the Everglades.

Audubon of Florida's regional conservation committee that OAS attends for the St. Johns region is working on 2 new conservation priority resolutions and action plans to present at the Audubon Assembly in October. 1- Land Acquisition: A resolution seeking funding and help for Chapters to become effective advocates for land acquisition referenda, for public education of the benefits of conservation land acquisition, and chapter help in initiating Blueway...Continued on p.3
NEW FOR 2003-2004
A DIFFERENT TYPE OF FIELD TRIP

Because we live in Florida, each winter, we get to see millions of migrant birds in this area. Two of the areas here that draw unusually high numbers are the Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area at Zellwood, and Orlando Wetlands Park in Christmas. With these phenomena in mind, we are offering six new limited field trips.

First, on Nov. 15, Jan. 10 and Feb. 14, we will have a three hour Birds of Prey Identification Field Trip from 9 AM until noon. Zellwood always seems to attract an unusually high number of raptors in the winter months and is a good location to present a "holistic" bird identification approach. Bob Sanders, OAS member, was one of the founders and Associate Coordinator of the Chimney Rock Hawk Watch in Somerset County, New Jersey for 7 years in the '90s. He will lead the field trips and help participants learn to identify birds of prey, not by field marks, but by their flight pattern, overt shape, and other characteristics that are used by the more advanced hawk watchers. Due to the nature of this kind of a field trip, the number of participants will be limited.

Secondly, one of the most beautiful spectacles of the natural world is to witness thousands of birds coming back to roost for the night after foraging for food all day. Orlando Wetlands Park is one place in this area where this happens every evening in the winter; ibises, herons, egrets, vultures and ducks swarming back to their chosen resting spots for the night. Bob Wheeler, OAS member, who has birded around the world and in Central Florida for many years will lead these sunset field trips on Jan. 24, Feb. 28 and Mar. 27 from 4 PM until sunset.

All of these field trips will be stationary in nature. We will travel by motor vehicle to a specific location on each property where we have a good view of the surrounding area, park ourselves and let the birds come to us. Sign up at the monthly meetings, see Bob Wheeler, Bob Sanders or Dick Smith, or e-mail dick.smith@zepmfg.com with your name and telephone number.

Dick Smith, Field Trip Chair

Conservation... cont'd

Greenway and other shared cost land acquisition programs for their communities.

2 - Green Swamp Protection: A resolution seeking help for Chapters located in and near the Green Swamp and the Area of Critical State Concern to advocate for continued protections in county and city comp plans.

To designation all the waters in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern as Outstanding Florida Waters. To aid chapters in community education and awareness on the Green Swamp and its significance.

The next meeting of the St. Johns Regional Committee will be Sept. 27th, location TBD. Call or email Loretta Satterthwaite or myself for more information.

The next meeting of the OAS Conservation Committee will be Monday, Sept. 15th, location will be set by September 8th.

Please consider attending our interesting discussions on conservation issues. Call or email me for the location and time of the meeting scheduled for Sept. 15th.

Peggy Cox, pegcox@att.net; 352-429-1042

Wood Ducks!

Here's your chance to help our Wood Duck population! OAS member Jan Nichols is also a member of Keep Winter Park Beautiful, and has initiated a project to add Wood Duck nest boxes to Winter Park lakes. Materials, plans and specs will be provided if needed, and we invite Audubon members to build boxes! We have also contacted the Boy Scouts, and they may need OAS members' expertise to build boxes. If you are interested in finding out more about this project, contact Jan Nichols at jnichols5@cfl.rr.com or at 407-647-9747.

Fiscal Year in Review

In difficult economic times, Orange Audubon Society overcame several major obstacles to meet its financial goals for fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. The year began with unexpected news from National Audubon Society advising us that OAS' share of membership dues had been reduced by 50%. Unprecedented low interest rates meant earnings on restricted and endowed funds would be significantly less than expected, and an increased interest in the Audubon Adventures classroom education program brought a request for funding of 24 additional classrooms.

The OAS Board of Directors, membership and friends met these and other challenges so that OAS ended the year on a positive note. Thanks to all for any contributions you made toward this effort. Anyone interested in additional financial details can contact Teresa Williams at 407-644-0796.

Board Positions Available

Two vacancies. No experience necessary. Bring your own capabilities and we'll fit them into our board activities.

With nearly 1800 members receiving the newsletter each month, you'd think that we could find twenty people willing to help out by serving on Orange Audubon's Board of Directors; instead, we have only eighteen! If you would like to be a little more involved, don't be afraid to let us know. We can gladly use the help. Board meetings begin at approximately 5:30 on the same night as the general program, so you won't need to spend an extra night out every month. Please contact me (LNS-OAS@att.net; 407-886-2925) if you are willing to serve.

Loretta Satterthwaite
Audubon of Florida's Assembly 2003

Time and Place: The Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando on October 24-25.

Join us for this year’s assembly with its theme of Connecting People with Nature. Share programs, workshops and meals with fellow birdwatchers, activists, educators, citizen scientists - people who make room for nature in their communities and in their lives.

Your Annual Assembly is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections with the people who share the same values and are pursuing similar goals. Help us prioritize Audubon of Florida’s conservation agenda for next year. Attend workshops on chapter leadership, environmental issues, and advanced birdwatching skills.

Your registration fee covers all events including lunches and Friday's fabulous dinner program. Register early (before September 23rd) for only $99. Look for registration materials in the August edition of The Florida Naturalist (which you have probably already received) or visit our website www.audubonofflorida.org to download additional information.

The First Sunday of the Month Programs at CBOP!

Audubon Center for Birds of Prey (CBOP) in Maitland is pleased to announce “The First Sunday of the Month Programs.” Program subjects vary, promoting green living and community involvement. Please call the Center at 407-694-0190 for additional details or check out their website at www.audubonofflorida.org/conservation/cbop.htm for a calendar of events.

Programs are free with regular admission. Regular admission prices are; adults $5.00, children under 12 are $4.00 and children under 3 are free. Audubon members receive a 10% discount. Also new this year: Seniors Day every Friday is a $3.00 admission.

Chertok Nature Photography Contest Winners

Awards for Orange Audubon Society's 15th annual Chertok Nature Photography Contest were presented at the annual potluck dinner and contest slide presentation on June 19, 2003. As a prelude to the slide presentation, contest judges Resee Collins, Jerry Oller and Rolly Ray Reel were introduced, thanked and applauded for contributing their time and talents to the difficult task of selecting the winning entries.

OAS then surprised Resee Collins by presenting her with a recognition award in appreciation for over 20 years of service and dedication to birds of prey. As center director of the Madeline Baldwin Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, Resee assisted in the rehabilitation of more than ten thousand raptors. The award was a framed eagle photograph by fine arts photographer Milton Heiberg, whose subject — not surprisingly — was a permanent “rehab” bird that resided at Disney’s Discovery Island for years, and had been an “acquaintance” of Resee’s. We laude Resee again for her exemplary work.

For many who attend OAS programs, the photo contest awards dinner and show is a favorite. This year’s program did not disappoint. Winners were: 1st place, ‘Great Blue Heron Pair at Nest’ by Jim Urbach (seen on the current OAS brochure cover), 2nd place, ‘Oak Toad – Bufo quercicus’ by Kevin Barry; and 3rd place, ‘Sunset’ by Jim Odom. Honorable mentions went to Randy Snyder for ‘American Bittern’, Jim Urbach for ‘Tricolor Heron Chick’, Leesa Sward for ‘Great Egret’ and William Tippit for ‘Green Heron Adults on Nest’.

Entries were taken from Florida locales as near as Orlando and far away as the Florida Keys. Florida native nature exists for us to treasure, to protect and preserve, and yes, to photograph! The Chertok Nature Photography contest was created with those objectives in mind. To the photographers who support this contest, our sincere appreciation; your entries make for a delightful and much anticipated awards dinner and program. We look forward to your participation in the 16th annual contest.

Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

OAS By-Laws Revision

An OAS committee has been designated to revise our by-laws due to a request to insert some specific language from National Audubon Society. While making these changes, the committee will re-visit the entire by-laws. Plans are to have the proposed revisions completed for board consideration at the October meeting. If you wish to be involved in this revision process, please contact Mary Keim (407-851-5416) or Loretta (407-886-2925; LNS-oas@att.net).

Florida Scrub Jay Trail Groundbreaking Set in Lake County

On September 27th, from 7am to noon, B.B. Browns Gardens in Clermont, assisted by a grant from the National Wildlife Federation Species Recovery Fund, will dedicate 5 acres of sandhill and scrub to be restored to its native state. The dedication ceremony will include an old-fashioned pancake breakfast, presentations by environmental scientists, and volunteers planting native plants for the restoration project. There is currently at least 1 viable scrub jay family living on the site, having been monitored for the past several years by the Browns, and documented by the recent Lake County Scrub Jay Survey. The Florida Scrub-jay Trail will be open to the public and include an interpretive trail with signage on plant and animal species, a kiosk providing education information on the Florida Scrub-jay, and an observation station. This grass roots project will depend on volunteers, and those wanting to participate are asked to register in advance in order to be included in the breakfast and educational programs. Please call or email Bruce or Cathy Brown at B.B. Brown's Gardens at 352-429-5566 or bbbrowns@earthlink.net.
Spotlight on Photo Contest Judges

Winning slide entries in the Chertok Nature Photography Contest are selected by an independent group of judges who possess certain credentials in the fields of art and nature. The dubious task of selecting from a body of compelling, quality photographic entries belongs to a panel of three judges - artist, photographer and naturalist. At the 2003 potluck dinner and awards presentation OAS had the distinct pleasure of all three judges’ company. They were: Resee Collins, naturalist; Jerry Oller, fine arts photographer; and Rolly Ray Reel, fine artist.

Naturalist Resee Collins is no stranger to most Audubon members. Nationally respected as an expert in rehabilitating raptors, she was long-time director of the Madeline Baldwin (now Audubon) Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, assisting in rehabilitating more than ten thousand raptors, and involved in raptor education efforts. The many wonderful programs she delivered to our own membership evoke an indelible image of Resee - arm gloved and “bejeweled” with a raptor upon it. At contest time, Resee was pursuing personal higher education goals at the University of Central Florida.

Fine arts photographer Jerry Oller is a long-time resident of Central Florida who enjoyed a successful, thirty-year career as a Walt Disney World executive. Jerry now combines work as a local realtor with the pursuit of a fine arts photography career - particularly in the field of black and white photography. You can see his work in two local galleries including Lesley Boyd Gallery - near our Leu Gardens meeting place - where an upcoming show will feature his work.

Fine artist Rolly Ray Reel is a native of Sanford, Florida who grew up enjoying such natural areas as the Wekiva and St. Johns Rivers and the east coast from New Smyrna to Miami. Although Rolly has worked with an array of art mediums during his thirty-year art career, his subject matter almost always involves elements of nature. Rolly’s current work lends itself toward Surrealism with a style reminiscent of Salvador Dali, but also shows the influence of Magritte and Escher. Rolly jokingly and respectfully claims the alias of “Salvador Rolly!”

As we strive to develop an exhibition venue for the Chertok winning slide portfolio, we realize even more how important the judge’s work is. We are grateful to Resee, Jerry and Rolly for the generous contributions of time, talent and acclaim their names lend to elevating the caliber of the contest itself. OAS invites these judges back as guests to upcoming programs. We will enjoy following their careers. Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

~ ~ In Memoriam ~ ~

KIT CHERTOK

Kit Chertok, former Orange Audubon board member, passed away on June 21, 2003. Kit became active with OAS when a delegation from the board went to her with several ideas for using the memorial funds contributed in honor of her husband, Sidney. Kit chose to help establish the OAS Chertok Nature Photography Contest, which is now in its sixteenth year. Since moving to live with her daughter, Pat Brindley-Scott at 112 SE 15th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301, Kit had been unable to travel back to Orlando frequently. However, Kit continued to stay in touch and to lend her support to the photography contest. We will miss this gracious lady.

Loretta Samselwaltz

WAYNE FOSTER FREEMAN

Orange Audubon Society member Wayne F. Freeman, age 72, passed away on July 26, 2003. He served on the OAS Board of Directors 1979-81, 1985-88, and 1989-93. During 1979-81 and 1992-3 he was OAS’s Editor. As Editor, Wayne invited OAS members to write articles for an environmental series called "My Turn." In 1986-88, he served as a member of the Special Environmental Projects Committee. Wayne also performed community volunteer service through the Telephone Pioneers. He had been a member of the First United Methodist Church of Orlando since 1965.

Wayne Freeman graduated from Emory University and Crummer School of Business at Rollins College. He was a Vice President for The Winter Park Telephone Company before retiring from Sprint Corporation in 1983 and later operating his own telephone consulting business.

Wayne is survived by his wife of fifty years, Dorothy (Dot) Wilson Freeman; two children Dorothy Freeman Harris of Orlando and Wilson Freeman of Boston; three grandchildren LCpl Ben Young, Caroline Young, and John Henry Harris; as well as two sisters and a brother.

Mary Keim (plus information from July 28, 2003 Orlando Sentinel)
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LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870  
pbowen@sjrwmd.com |
| September 7, 2003 | Saturday  
Grandparents Day at CBOP; 10am-4pm  
Katie Warner 407-644-0190  
audubonofflorida.org/conservation/cbop.htm |
| September 18, 2003 | Thursday  
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.  
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the  
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.  
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925 |
| September 20, 2003 | Saturday  
Field Trip - Saddle Creek County Park  
Dick Smith 407-834-2197  
dick.smith@zepmfg.com |
| September 27, 2003 | Saturday  
Hal Scott Regional Preserve & Park and Long  
Branch Park Butterfly Survey. Call Randy  
Snyder (407-851-5416) or Lorne Malo (407-349-2536) |
| October 4, 2003  | Saturday  
LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870  
pbowen@sjrwmd.com |
| October 5, 2003 | Sunday  
Anniversary Celebration at CBOP; 10am-4pm  
Katie Warner 407-644-0190  
audubonofflorida.org/conservation/cbop.htm |
| October 16, 2003 | Thursday  
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens,  
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the  
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.  
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925 |
| October 18, 2003 | Saturday  
Field Trip - Smyrna Dunes State Park  
Dick Smith 407-834-2197  
dick.smith@zepmfg.com |
| October 25, 2003 | Saturday  
Hal Scott Regional Preserve & Park and Long  
Branch Park Butterfly Survey. Call Randy  
Snyder (407-851-5416) or Lorne Malo (407-349-2536) |
| November 1, 2003 | Saturday  
LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870  
pbowen@sjrwmd.com |
| November 2, 2003 | Sunday  
Eagles in Florida at CBOP; 10am-4pm  
Katie Warner 407-644-0190  
audubonofflorida.org/conservation/cbop.htm |
| November 12-16, 2003 | Wednesday  
Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival  
Neta Harris (321-268-5224) or  
Laurinlee Thompson (321-268-5000).  
www.nbcd.com/fly |
| November 15, 2003 | Saturday  
Field Trip - Birds of Prey @ LANSRA  
Dick Smith 407-834-2197  
dick.smith@zepmfg.com |
| November 20, 2003 | Thursday  
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.  
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the  
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.  
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925 |
| November 22, 2003 | Saturday  
Field Trip - LANSRA  
Dick Smith 407-834-2197  
dick.smith@zepmfg.com |
| February 8, 2004 | Sunday  
Orlando Wetlands Park Festival; 9am-3pm.  
Mark Sees 407-568-1706 |