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A Message from the President of the Clearwater Audubon Society

Get involved.

In the past few months there has been much dialogue between Pinellas County Commissioners and citizens concerned about the environment.

This has come about because citizens have spoken up and expressed their concerns regarding the direction the Board of County Commissioners has taken regarding the use of our parks and preserves.

It is encouraging to see how passionate people are when it comes to issues concerning their environment.

The Commission will listen and they do respond to emails, letters and phone calls. The environmental voice in Pinellas County has never been stronger.

We need to work together with the Commission so that a balance can be achieved between the demands that are put upon the environment due to growth and preserving what green space we have left in the county.

Paul Trunk



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Field Trip Report

Churchill Manitoba June 11-24, 2006

By Paul Trunk

At long last our trip to Churchill and southern Manitoba was finally getting underway. Ten of us left early on the morning of 11th of June. We arrived at the Winnipeg airport early in the afternoon. After a short trip to the hotel it was off to Oak Hammock Marsh. The marsh is a large wetland complex that is home to hundreds of nesting ducks, songbirds and shorebirds. We had drop-dead looks at **Wilson's Phalarope**, **American Avocet** with babies, **14 species of ducks**, **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** and hundred's of **Franklin's Gulls**. It is a real treat to see these birds in their breeding plumage. We also saw a **White-faced Ibis** that was spending the summer at the marsh. The marsh is so impressive we made another trip out there the next day.

We then headed off to Riding Mountain National Park. RMNP is an escarpment rising 3000-4000 ft above the flat landscape of Manitoba. On the drive into the park we stopped and watched a pair of **Red-necked Grebes** care for their young, a family of **badgers**, and various songbirds. The next morning we headed out to the boreal forest and had fantastic looks at **Mourning**, **Connecticut**, **Blackburnian** and **Tennessee** Warblers. We also called in a male **Three-toed Woodpecker**. Later that day Patty Orr watched a **Black-backed Woodpecker** as the rest of us were busy looking at butterflies. The woods were ringing with bird songs everywhere we went.

We birded the park for 2 days and then headed back to Winnipeg to catch our flight to Thompson. From Thompson we boarded the train to Churchill. The train ride is a 12 hour overnight ride through spruce woods, tamarack bogs and open lakes of Manitoba. I spotted a **Hawk-Owl** from the train as were numerous **hawks**, **ravens** and **shorebirds** and **ducks** were seen from the train.

The train ride was very comfortable and we enjoyed each other's company.

We arrived in Churchill and it was uncomfortably hot! But that changed soon. By the evening the temperature had dropped 40 degrees and we found ourselves shivering at Cape Merry looking at **Bonaparte's Gulls**, **Arctic Terns**, **Parastic Jaegers**, **Beluga Whales** and **Common Eiders**. A Ross' Gull was seen the day before we arrived but none was seen during our stay.

The next morning we ventured out to Goose Creek and had wonderful looks at a hunting Short-eared Owl. The ponds were full of nesting **Long-tailed ducks**, **Pacific Loons**, **Red-necked Phalaropes**, and various puddle ducks. We visited the usual areas around Churchill... Twin Lakes, Landing Lake, the Weir and had great looks at almost everything we saw. Other birds of note were **Harris' Sparrow**, **Smith's Longspur**, **Hudsonian Godwits**, **winnowing snipe**, **Willow Ptarmigan**, **Golden Plover**, **Tundra Swans**, **Gray-Cheeked Thrush** and of course the ubiquitous **Yellow Warbler**. We left Churchill with many memories and a great appreciation of the people who call it home.

It was on to the sublime prairies of southwest Manitoba. The Broomhill prairies offer wonderful birding. I have never seen so many **Upland Sandpipers** in my life. We had all the sparrows of the area including **Baird's**, **Chestnut-collared Longspur**, **Sprague's Pipit**, **LeConte's** and **Grasshopper Sparrows**. We enjoyed wonderful lunches in a small farming town called Pierson. The prairies were a visually rich experience. We could have spent days just walking the roads and listening to the sights and songs of all the birds, not to mention the coyotes. We had many looks a **Swainson's Hawks** and were rewarded with a pair of **Ferruginous Hawks** that put on a great show for us. Needless to say everyone found the prairies and great way to end a wonderful two weeks of birding. The people of Manitoba could not have been more welcoming.

National Audubon Society and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Launch Campaign Promoting Wildlife-Friendly Backyards

Initiative Features New Posters on How to Attract Birds, Bats, and Butterflies to Your

New York, NY, May 25, 2006 – The National Audubon Society has announced the launch of a new campaign providing information on how individuals can manage their personal landscapes for birds, bats, and butterflies. The project is being done in collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation are the leading causes of population declines in birds, other wildlife, and plants. With approximately 70 percent of wildlife habitat in the contiguous United States on private land, individuals and communities have a powerful opportunity to enhance and beautify their own backyards, country home acreage, working lands, and other personal landscapes and at the same time support wildlife and a more healthy environment.

“Audubon is thrilled to be partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in this effort,” said John Flicker, president of Audubon. “We can all take steps to protect birds and other wildlife in our backyards and other private lands, whether we live in city apartments, the suburbs or in rural areas. I urge people from coast to coast to get involved by taking Audubon’s Healthy Yard pledge, and by taking the steps outlined in this important campaign.”

The new campaign includes a series of educational posters that provide guidelines on how to create healthy yards, apartments, country homes, schoolyards, and neighborhoods. The posters, and related website content, feature tips for attracting and supporting wildlife, whether in large or small areas, including urban areas, suburban lots, larger land parcels, or broader community landscapes such as school grounds. Posters may be ordered from NRCS at 1-888-LANDCARE. Additional resources are available at <http://www.audubonathome.org/> and <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

"NRCS is pleased to partner with the National Audubon Society through these informational materials," said NRCS Chief Bruce Knight. "This effort not only provides people with tools to enhance cooperative conservation in their communities but also serves to educate the public about the contributions that farmers and ranchers make to conservation everyday."

Audubon At Home is also launching its Healthy Yard Pledge in connection with the campaign. Individuals and families are invited to pledge to take the following six steps to improve backyard and other habitat: reduce pesticide use, conserve water, protect water quality, remove invasive exotic plants, plant native species, and keep birds safe. The pledge is available online at <http://www.audubonathome.org/pledge>.

2006 - 2007 Clearwater Audubon Programs



Clearwater Audubon Society programs are intended to be both educational and entertaining. Anyone is welcome to attend. Programs begin at 7:30 PM in the Education Center at Moccasin Lake Nature Park. For more information call Program Chairperson, Marge Rowe at 781-0745.

OCT. 2, 2006 Whooping Cranes: A Reintroduction - National Wildlife Refuge Complex, reviews the whooping crane reintroduction project and describes the three North American populations, especially details of the Wisconsin/Florida migratory population. She will cover the Refuge's role in the recovery of this highly endangered species and the process of teaching the birds how to be whooping cranes and their migration route south. Plan to attend the December flyover as the cranes follow the ultralight planes to arrive at Chassahowitzka.

NOV. 6, 2006 (starting at 6PM) Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner & Presenters from Audubon Ecology Camp - Please bring a dish to serve six and your own table service. Teachers and students who received 2005 Clearwater Audubon scholarships to Maine Audubon Ecology Camp on Hog Island will describe their adventures.

DEC 6, 2006 Ecological Research along Florida's Gulf Coast. - Steve Harper, Research Director for the Pinellas County Environmental Lands Division describes the challenges associated with conducting scientific studies in our diverse local ecosystems and how insight and understanding gained from research can contribute towards improved conservation and stewardship of unique natural areas.

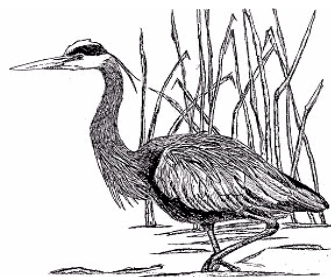
JAN. 8, 2007 Birding at the Speed of Drift - Tired of hiking in the hot sun to look at birds? Try sitting down, usually in the shade, and watching birds in their native habitat. At the same time, you're viewing, and being propelled by, Florida's gorgeous rivers. Huff is the author of "Paddler's Guide to the Sunshine State," plus over 1000 articles in magazines and newspapers. Come join her for an illustrated look at Florida's many river, stream, and coastline birds you can see from a canoe or kayak. You'll even get some paddling tips.

FEB. 5, 2007 Ecology of Florida Grasshopper Sparrows at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve - Marianne Korosy, Ph.D. Student in Conservation Biology at UCF, presents new research using radio tracking to learn about survival of juvenile and adult Florida Grasshopper Sparrows during fall and winter months when they share the dry prairie with migrant Henslow's, LeConte's,

MAR. 5, 2007 John Moran's Journal of Light: A Photographer's Search for the Soul of Florida - John Moran travels the Sunshine State with his cameras, seeking his vision of natural Florida as it must have appeared to Ponce de Leon and other early strangers in paradise. Moran's work celebrates the magic of a unique landscape born of water and blessed with beauty beyond measure. Moran's remarkable Journal of Light speaking programs, based on his book and touring museum exhibit of the same title, highlight a 20-year odyssey to discover the soul of one of the most photographed states in the country, and feature his striking photographs of the alligators, beaches, birds, rivers, springs, palms, turtles and flowers that make Florida the amazing place we call home.

APR. 2, 2007 Florida Audubon's EagleWatch Program - rebounding bald eagle population and unparalleled growth presents challenges in Florida to protect eagles while allowing for development. Sound conservation practices, cooperation from developers and the Audubon EagleWatch program are all key to ensuring the continued successful recovery of the bald eagle from near extinction. Attend this presentation to learn more about these magnificent birds and ways you can help in the effort to preserve and protect our national symbol.

MAY 7, 2007 - Clearwater Marine Aquarium speakers will describe this facility, which is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of animals and birds. The aquarium provides a home for many animals rescued and rehabilitated by our stranding response team -- one of the nation's most successful. Although many of these injured or sick animals can eventually be released, some have become permanent aquarium residents due to the extent of their injuries or permanent disabilities, including Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, several species of sea turtle, North American river otters, brown pelicans, raccoons, opossums, and others.



Clearwater Audubon Field Trips Autumn 2006 to Summer 2007

All field trips are open to the public and most are free. Van trips involve sharing van rental expenses and require a reservation 3 days before the trip.

Overnight involve additional costs for lodging and also require reservations. In all cases, a contact is provided who can provide additional details.

When the meeting place is Tri-City Mall, assemble outside the Party City store near US 19. When the meeting place is in Countryside Shopping Town, assemble outside Sears near US 19.

For all trips, please bring water.



Saturday, 9/16/06, 7AM – Dunedin Hammock & Causeway: songbirds, butterflies & raptors in Hammock Park; water, wading & shore birds along causeway. Easy 1.5 miles walk in mid-Pinellas County. Meet at Dunedin Hammock. **Paul Trunk 727-447-4785.**

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 9/23/06, 6:45AM – Pine Island & Alfred McKethon Park◁▷: songbirds, shorebirds & raptors near Weeki Wachi. Mostly riding with short walks on trails & boardwalks CST. **Merle Hubbard, 727-939-1549.**

MULTI-DAY TRIP: Friday 9/29/06 9AM to Sunday 10/01/06 4PM – Florida Keys Raptor Festival: Audubon center for Peregrine Falcon studies celebrates raptor migration with an assortment of field trips, lectures, biological studies etc. \$600/person, includes transportation, lodging, meals, Festival registration [other events extra]. Meet FMS. **Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822 or Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688**

Saturday, 10/7/06, 7:30AM – Honeymoon Island: wading, water & shore birds plus migratory songbirds & raptors. 2-3 mile walk on sand trails & some pavement. Meet behind McDonalds at Alt19 & Curlew Road. **Jackie Williams 727-585-3587.**

Saturday, 10/14/06, 6:30AM – Circle-B-Bar Ranch◁▷: eagles & other raptors, oak canopy songbirds, water birds & alligators at former cattle ranch in xeric oak habitat & on the shores of Lake Hancock. 3.5 miles walk on sand trails. TCM. **Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822.**

Saturday, 10/21/06, 7:30AM – Ft. DeSoto County Park: migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds. Causeway & shoreline drive plus 1-2 mile walk at mouth of Tampa Bay. TCM. Bill Stokes leader. **Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822 or Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.**

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 10/28/06, 6AM – Emerald Marsh◁▷: water edge songbirds, raptors, waders & glossy Ibis along 8 miles of freshwater impoundments & short grass trail walk northeast of Leesburg. CST. **Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.**

Saturday, 11/4/06, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks. Easy .75 mile walk on shell trail & boardwalks. **Joan Brigham 727-447-9367.**

Saturday, 11/11/06, 8AM – Fred Howard & John Anderson Parks: migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds along causeway & shoreline drive plus 1-2 mile trails. Meet in Fred Howard Park. **Merle Hubbard 727-939-1549**

Saturday, 11/18/06, 8AM – Brooker Creek Preserve: resident & migratory songbirds, raptors, critters, wildflowers & more. Moderately difficult walk on packed trails. Meet at education center. **Jim McGinty 727-453-6906 or Ken Rowe 727-781-0745.**

Saturday, 11/25/06, 8AM – John Chesnut Park: resident & migratory songbirds, raptors & more. Easy walk on packed trails & pavement. Meet at parking lot near boat launch. **Ellen Pfau 727-786-3716.**

Saturday, 12/2/06, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks. Easy .75 mile walk on shell trail & boardwalks. **Joan Brigham 727-447-9367.**

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 12/9/06, 7AM – Oakland Nature Preserve◁▷: resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks on Lake Apopka east of Clermont. Easy trail & board walk. TCM. **Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822.**

Saturday, 12/16/06, all day – Annual Christmas Bird Count: volunteers needed. **Ken Rowe 727-781-0745.**

Saturday, 1/6/07, 7:30AM – Pinellas Causeways: water, shore birds & raptors from your vehicle plus songbirds at Al Lopez Park [time permitting]. 30 mile drive across Courtney Campbell Causeway to Hyatt Rocky Point Audubon Trail. TGT. *Merle Hubbard, 727-939-1549*

Saturday, 1/13/07, 7:30AM – Lake Rogers Park<>: songbirds & water birds along 2.5 mile sand trail circling Lake Rogers plus Al Lopez Park [time permitting]. CST. *Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.*

MULTI-DAY TRIP: Friday, 1/19/07, 7AM, to Sunday, 1/21/07, 4PM+ - Everglades National Park. *Ken Rowe, 727-781-0745*

Saturday, 1/20/07, 8AM – Clearwater Specialties & Miniature Art Society Annual Exhibit: songbirds, raptors & water birds at locations in the City of Clearwater, then docent tour of the world's premier Miniature Art show. BHS. Lunch near MASF. *Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.*

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 1/27/07, 7AM – Richloam State Fish Hatchery<>: wintering & resident shorebirds, migratory songbirds, waders, turkeys, Woodstorks & Sandhill Cranes in the Green Swamp. CST. *Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822.*

Thursday, 2/1/07, 8:30AM – Eagle Lakes Park<>: raptors, songbirds, water birds & other critters. Drive to trailhead then 2 mile walk through former orange groves & cattle ranch. Meet at park entrance, Keene & Belleair Roads. *Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.*

Saturday, 2/3/07, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks. Easy .75 mile walk on shell trail & boardwalks. *Joan Brigham 727-447-9367.*

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 2/3/07, 7AM – Bartow Borrow Pits: resident & migratory water birds galore in restored phosphate mine, plus raptors & songbirds! Bring lunch. TCM. *Dana Kerstein 727-441-1609.*

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 2/10/07, 6:45AM – Myakka River State Park: songbirds, water & wading birds, raptors plus walk canopy bridge for resident critters. 1-2 miles on trails & boardwalks. TCM. *Lynn Sumerson 727-596-8822.*

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 2/17/07, 6:45AM – McKeithon Lake State Park: migratory waders & songbirds plus raptors in oak, pine & wetlands habitat. 1-2 miles sand trails & paved roads. CST. *Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.*

Saturday, 3/3/07, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks. Easy .75 mile walk on shell trail & boardwalks. *Joan Brigham 727-447-9367.*

Saturday, 3/10/07, 8AM – Bonner Park & Heritage Village: song, wading & water birds in managed habitats plus other critters. Learn about Pinellas heritage & visit Botanical Gardens. Meet at Bonner Park. *Barbara Stalbird leader. Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.*

LONG DAY TRIP: Saturday, 3/17/07, 7:30AM – Celery Fields<>: resident & migratory water, wader & song birds in drive around former farms. TCM. *Paul Trunk 727-447-4785.*

Saturday, 3/24/07, 7:30 - Roosevelt Wetlands, Feather Sound & Tampa Bay Auto Museum: resident, migratory, water, wading & song birds in central Pinellas County, then the unique collection of early 20th century European marques, including a replica of the world's first 'auto'. TCM. *Ken Rowe 727-781-0745 or Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688*

Saturday, 3/31/07, 7AM – Morris Bridge & Lettuce Lake: migratory songbirds, raptors & water birds. Bring lunch for picnic under tree canopy. TCM. *Jim McGinty 727-453-6906.*

Friday, 4/6/07, 7AM – Cross Bar Ranch: safari bus to observe resident & migratory songbirds, raptors & Burrowing Owls, plus learn about Pinellas County water resources. CST. *Ken Rowe 727-781-0745.*

Saturday, 4/7/07, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: for resident & migratory songbirds, water birds & raptors in oak & xeric hammocks. Easy .75 mile walk on shell trail & boardwalks. *Joan Brigham 727-447-9367.*

Wednesday, 4/11/07, 7AM – Ft. DeSoto: migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds. Causeway & shoreline drive plus 1-2 mile walk at mouth of Tampa Bay. TCM. *Jackie Williams 727-585-3587.*

Saturday, 4/14/07, 7AM – Emerson Point Park<>: Wood Storks, Spoonbills, & water birds in fresh & salt water habitat; viewing tower & trail end on bayfront at Native American midden. Causeway drive plus 1 mile hard trail & boardwalk on south shore of Tampa Bay. TCM. *Ken Rowe 727-781-0745.*

MULTI-DAY TRIP: Tuesday, 4/17/07 to Saturday, 4/22/07 – New York City Birding & Culture: 247 species have been noted in Central Park, plus “Pale Male”, other hot birding spots & the world-class culture, museums, grand homes, nightlife, history & tourist destinations of the Big Apple. **Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.**

Wednesday, 4/18/07, 8AM – John Chesnut County Park: resident & migratory songbirds, raptors & more. Easy walk on packed trails & pavement. Meet at parking lot near boat launch. **Ellen Pfau 727-786-3716.**

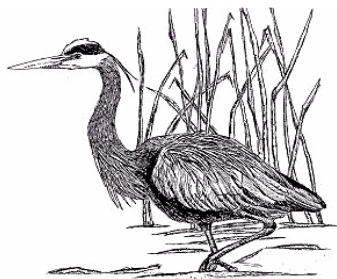
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Wednesday, 4/25/07, 7:30AM – Honeymoon Island State Park: wading, water & shore birds plus migratory songbirds & raptors. 2-3 mile walk on sand trails & some pavement. Meet in parking lot behind McDonalds at Alt19 & Curlew Road. **Merle Hubbard, 727-939-1549.**

Saturday, 5/12/07, 9AM – Clam Bayou walking, canoe & kayak trip: .5 mile trail plus 3 mile paddle for shore, water, wader, raptor & songbirds on Boca Ciega Bay. TCM. **Jane Williams 727-447-739.**

7/14/07, 7AM – Rainbow Springs canoe, kayak, tube float: cool off in the refreshing waters of a class 1 Florida Spring, & enjoy the flora and fauna of this natural wonders. Water craft rental & transport to/from the spring additional. CST. **Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.**

Saturday, 8/4/07, 8AM – Marine splendor of Clearwater Harbor with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium: explore the marine environment of St. Joseph Sound with biologists from the CMA. Lunch on shore after. **Mike MacDonald 727-538-8688.**



National Audubon Society Condemns Passage of House Offshore Drilling Bill

Audubon Newswire - "News on Audubon Happenings"

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July 6, 2006, Washington, DC - Last week the House passed legislation intended to expand offshore oil and natural gas drilling.

According to Mike Daulton, Director of Conservation Policy for the National Audubon Society, "in a Congress that has produced no productive solutions to the biggest energy and environmental challenge of recent times, this offshore drilling proposal sets a new low.

"Removing a quarter-century old ban on dangerous drilling off of our irreplaceable coastlines is reckless and irresponsible.

"The oil and gas industry already has access to over 80 percent of the known reserves of oil and natural gas in our offshore areas. They have rights to more than 4,000 untapped leases in the Gulf of Mexico alone. It makes no sense to put our coasts at risk when the industry has not even tapped into the leases they already have."

The bill, which has been strongly criticized by conservationists, now heads to the Senate, but faces tougher challenges under the threat of filibuster.

For more information about the bill, please visit: http://www.audubon.org/news/press_releases/

The Clearwater Audubon Society in Partnership with Syd Entel Gallery in Safety Harbor to Show for the First Time Re-created Audubon Original Prints in November

Clearwater Audubon is privileged to be partnering with Syd Entel Gallery in Safety Harbor for a first time showing of re-created Audubon original prints. The showing takes place on Thursday November 17 and Friday November 18, 2006.

On Friday evening there will be a special opening for friends of Clearwater Audubon with a donation of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. We will be serving hors d'oeuvre and refreshments.

All ticket proceeds and donations will benefit Clearwater Audubon education programs. Bring your friends and come out and see John James Audubon's beautiful images.

At **Nature's Focus** 10% of your cash purchases and 5% of credit card purchases will be donated to Clearwater Audubon if you identify yourself as a member. Sale or discounted items may not qualify. Store is located at the Brooker Creek Preserve. Call for hours or other information: 727.453.6959.

Birders Think Hot Weather is Cool

Count Philippe Park June 3, 2006

By Steve Baetz

What a beautiful day for birding at Count Philippe Park! 24 early birds met in the parking lot here around 7 a.m., just in time to see the remains of a cheerful sun rise which most of us don't get to see very often.

Folks don't seem to realize that, even in the summer, there are birds to be seen. We just have to find them. Of course, virtually all the warblers have left but there are still our many woodpeckers, titmice, cardinals and water birds.

This morning we saw great egrets, snowy egrets, great and little blue herons (some in immature state), a brown pelican, cormorants and several immature Yellow-Crowned Night Herons. And, much to my surprise, a gorgeous flock of Roseate Spoonbills feeding in a small bayou. They were watched over by a fine Black-Crowned Night Heron who sat on a bare mangrove branch in direct sunlight. We could see every detail on him, down to his red eyes!

As we were heading back to our cars, a Great Crested Flycatcher was heard and then sighted flying across our pathway!

Other life forms worth mentioning that we saw included two tiny blackish crabs trying to scuttle themselves across the pathway. We tried to help them. Not sure whether they were female fiddler crabs. Amberjack fish were sighted in Old Tampa Bay as we strolled along the seawall and Ken Rowe pointed out a Black Tern, a rare visitor here.

So don't let the hot weather keep you from birding! The birds are out there, along with other surprises, if you just get out there early in the day!

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www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds

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- Chapter Only Membership enrolls you as a member of the Clearwater Audubon Society and includes a 6-issue annual subscription to Wing Beat. Annual dues are \$15.00. Your renewal date will appear after your name on your mailing label. Make your check payable to Clearwater Audubon Society.

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1st Monday of each month, October through May.
Meetings will resume in the fall.

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