



Wing Beat

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Least Tern Banding Project

By Barb Walker

Besides being birder extraordinaire, federal bander, Clearwater Audubon Society Board Member, Marianne Korosy is also an Avian Ecologist. Avian Ecologists differ from Wildlife Biologists in that they study how birds are doing *in* and sometimes *out* of their natural environment. This year with Marianne's help, plus teams of volunteers, and citizen reported sightings of banded birds more will be learned about the fragile Least Tern populations.



Over 250 Least Terns have been banded from four rooftop nesting sites which are monitored by volunteers and citizens throughout Pinellas County. Banded birds have been reported at eight different locations including; a private pier in Oldsmar, Ben T. Davis Beach, Gandy Causeway, Fort DeSoto Park, Fort DeSoto Causeway, Treasure Island, Redington Shores, and South Clearwater Beach. No banded Least Terns have been reported north of the Sand Key Bridge.

'We would appreciate people looking at legs of Least Terns anywhere in the Tampa Bay area and reporting them,' stated Marianne in a recent interview. Marianne would like reports to be emailed to her at mkorosy@gmail.com. If unable to email, then please call Marianne at 727-772-7584. Reports should include the date and where the banded bird was spotted along with the color combinations of bands. Yellow bands indicate that the bird was banded in 2009. Below the yellow band will be a different colored band (*see left photo*). Green tells Marianne where this Least Tern was banded. In this case, Ulmerton Industrial Mart. Yellow over orange or yellow over red indicate other rooftop locations as seen on the map (*bottom left*).



Nest top roofing by Least Terns is an adaptation for the species. The study is expected to tell scientists a lot about the Least Terns. They want to know if the same chicks are falling off the rooftops over and over again as it relates to their survival rates. They also want to know and understand the dispersal process better to see which areas are most utilized before the young Least Terns migrate.

A little patience will be required. Scientists must wait two years until the young Least Terns return to breed. When they return will they nest at the same roof top where they hatched or will they intermingle with other birds in other locations? Marianne hopes to find them at different locations, noting that genetically it is better for the birds.



Least Terns are listed as a threatened species in the State of Florida. For a list of imperiled species please visit http://myfwc.com/docs/WildlifeHabitats/Threatened_Endangered_Species.pdf.

To learn more about Least Terns click here: http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Least_Tern/id

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ANNUAL REPORT

April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

“Conservation Through Education”

Clearwater Audubon Society membership hovered between 800 & 1,000+ during this past fiscal year. Society financial health is still good despite the sour economy [light years better than 15 years ago]. Society investments have lost some value but are secure and still exceed \$200,000.

Your Society continues to financially support a scholarship program at the University of Florida, as well as conservation endeavors at Brooker Creek [Pinellas County] Preserve & Honeymoon Island State Park. Your Society also donated funds to the Eagle Scout ‘bird blind’ project at Moccasin Lake Nature Park.

Your Society sponsored forty-four Audubon Adventures in North Pinellas County classrooms, while Society volunteers taught Birding 101 classes at various venues in North Pinellas County.

Due to closing of the Maine Audubon resident programs, your Society sent only one scholar to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs teen camp, S.E.E.K. [Save the Environment through Education & Knowledge]. We are partnering with the Federation to expand this worthwhile conservation program.

Your Society continues to support local summer day camps at Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Dunedin Nature Center, McGough Nature Park & the Clearwater Marine Aquarium; those funds are earmarked for ‘disadvantaged’ children.

Ten Society Members conducted forty Field Trips to twenty-three destinations, including three long weekend trips, & extended trips to Arizona & Trinidad-Tobago.

Your Society sponsored eight Public Programs, including historical stories by the grand-daughter of an original Caladesi Island resident, plus the Ivory Bill program by Ron Rohrbaugh of Cornell Ornithology Lab, a joint effort with St Petersburg Audubon Society.

Twenty Eagle Watch volunteers & the Eagle Watch coordinator monitored twenty-seven Eagle nests in Pinellas County, including eight new nests & two in Hillsborough County. The Eagle Watch coordinator joined in the release of a juvenile Bald Eagle [rehabilitated by FL Audubon’s Bird of Prey Center] near the Brooker Creek Preserve. The coordinator developed a Bald Eagle presentation, implemented volunteer manuals created by volunteers. The number of volunteer hours are uncountable!

Twenty-five Osprey Watch volunteers have counted & documented one-hundred forty Osprey nests so far in Pinellas County. Five nests on power lines were reported; nests are monitored after storms & volunteers responded to four calls of distressed Osprey nests. Volunteers are assisting the City of Dunedin’s OspreyCam Project, and creating an Osprey educational presentation.

Although there were no rooftop nesting sites of Least Terns in your Society’s designated service area, some of our Members worked with St. Petersburg Audubon Society volunteers at two sites in their designated service area. (*see feature article, Page 1*)

Members of your Society used their own boat[s] to take volunteers to Three Rooker Island, & North & South Anclote Bars ten times, in order to remove trash, install posts & twine around beach nesting areas, educating beach users about the importance of those beach nesting areas, procuring & erecting informative signage, & conducting population studies on those islands.

Society volunteers also joined Tampa Bay Watch in removing monofilament fish line from these & several other local islands.

The greatest challenge before Clearwater Audubon Society continues to be motivating Members to volunteer to assist with the many opportunities to fulfill the Society Purpose: *Conservation Through Education*.

Especially challenging is identifying Members to help with management of Society resources as Officers & Committee Chairs.

Members who want to become involved in support of the Society’s Purpose, I promise that you will be warmly welcomed, your ideas will be respectfully considered, & your contributions will be honored & gratefully accepted!

For another favorable fiscal year, I am:

Michael L MacDonald
Michael L. MacDonald, President

8 JULY 2009

FIELD TRIPS

For

BIRD, WILDLIFE & OUTDOOR LOVERS
SEPTEMBER 2009 to August 2010

QUESTIONS - LATEST INFORMATION

Contact Field Trip Leader or CAS web site: www.clearwateraudubon.org

*area code 727 unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER 2009

FEST: Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30AM – *STA 5 Birding*, Clewiston, FL: Hendry-Glades Audubon Society @ 863-674-0695. <http://www.orgsites.com/fl/hgaudubon>.

FEST: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 to Sunday, September 27, 2009 - FL Keys Birding Festival, Curry Hammock State Park, MM 56.2, Marathon, FL @ 305-872-0774 or 305-289-2690. www.keysbirdingfest.org.

OCTOBER 2009

TRIP: Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8AM – *Moccasin Lake Nature Park*: Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell trail & boardwalks.

TRIP: Saturday, October 10, 2009, 8AM – *John Chesnut County Park*: Ellen Pfau @ 786-3718, meet at shelter #6; songbirds, raptors & waterbirds in uplands & freshwater wetlands habitats; 1 mile boardwalks, paved & sand trails.

TRIP: Saturday, October 17, 2009, 7:45AM – *North Anclote River Nature Park*: Merle Hubbard @ 939-1549, meet at Staples NW corner Tarpon Av @ Keystone Rd; migrant songbirds & raptors at this quiet little known gem. 1 mile shell, grass & boardwalk trails.

FEST: Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8:30AM – *STA 5 Birding*, Clewiston, FL: Hendry Glades Audubon Society @ 863-674-0695. <http://www.orgsites.com/fl/hgaudubon>.

FEST: Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8AM – 5PM, Carabelle, FL @ 850-697-2585:
Forgotten Coast Black Bear Festival. <http://www.carrabelle.org/bearfestival>.

FEST: Sunday, October 18, 2009 to Saturday, October 24, 2009 – *Ding Darling Days*, Sanibel Island: eco-activities, live presentations, crafts, birding, boating, photo contest, food & art. www.dingdarlingdays.com

FEST: Friday, October 23, 2009 & Saturday, October 24, 2009: *Annual Florida Audubon Assembly*, Carillon Park Hilton, Feather Sound @ www.audubonofflorida.org.

TRIP: Saturday, October 24, 2009, 10AM, Big Birds for Beginners, *Honeymoon Island Nature Center*: Lynn Sumerson, 596-8822; short lecture on shore & water birds then survey State Park shoreline & Dunedin Causeway, 3miles sand trails & driving.

FEST: Saturday, October 24, 2009, 8AM to 5PM, *Circus McGurkis*, Lake Vista Park, St Pete @ 623-2468; fun, food, entertainment, conservation & education for every age & lifestyle.

TRIP: Saturday, October 31, 2009, 8AM – *Ft. DeSoto County Park*: Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds; causeway & shoreline drive + 1-2 mile trail walk on Tampa Bay's north shore.

Important Field Trip Information

Carpooling and passenger vans strongly recommended, assemble at meeting place 15 minutes prior to departure, wear appropriate shoes and clothing, bring insect repellent, sunscreen and water. For details refer to the Field Trip Brochure.

NOVEMBER 2009

TRIP: Saturday, November 7, 2009, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile shell trail & boardwalks.

50TH BIRTHDAY SUNSET CRUISE

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 4PM to 7PM – Tarpon Springs docks to Anclote Key
Marianne Korosy @ 772-7584; tour Anclote Key & lighthouse, enjoy sunset from the water.

FEST: Saturday, November 7, 2009 & Sunday, November 8, 2009 – Art Arbor Festival, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, St Pete @ 893-7326; guided walks, kid activities, food, entertainment & art. www.artarborfestival.com.

TRIP: Saturday, November 14, 2009, 7:30AM – Circle-B-Bar Ranch: Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; eagles & other raptor, songbirds, water birds [resident White Pelicans] & alligators at former cattle ranch in xeric oak habitat on the shores of Lake Hancock. $\frac{3}{2}$ mile sand trails.

TRIP: Saturday, November 21, 2009, 8AM – Philippe County Park: Merle Hubbard @ 939-1549, meet in parking lot at end of entry road; raptors, shorebirds & songbirds along the shores of Old Tampa Bay.

TRIP: Saturday, November 28, 2009, 7:30AM – Gateway & Roosevelt Wetlands: Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; water, wading & song birds in & near Feather Sound region.

DECEMBER 2009

TRIP: Saturday, December 5, 2009, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile shell & board trail.

LONG: Saturday, December 12, 2009, 8AM – Brooker Creek Preserve: Ken Rowe @ 781-0745, meet in Education Center parking lot; resident & migratory songbirds, raptors, critters, wildflowers & more. $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 miles of boardwalks, sand & mulch trails, often difficult, wet & muddy – be prepared.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT ~ALL DAY: Sunday, December 20, 2009

Marianne Korosy @ 772-7584

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MULTI: Monday, December 28, 2009 to Saturday January 2, 2010

South Texas birding: Paul Trunk @ 447-4785; all the great birding places in south Texas.



50th Birthday Sunset Cruise!

November 7th 4pm–7pm, Sun Line Cruises, Tarpon Springs

This trip is limited to 45 adults. Cash bar, food will be provided by Clearwater Audubon Society. Please call Mike MacDonald at 409-0459 for reservations and information.



JANUARY 2010

TRIP: Saturday, January 2, 2010, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell & board trail.

TRIP: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 8AM – Ft. DeSoto County Park : John Hood @ 461-4762, meet at Ft DeSoto Ranger Station; migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds; causeway & shoreline drive + 1-2 mile trail walk on Tampa Bay's north shore

FEST: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 to Monday, January 18, 2010

Everglades Birding Festival @ 954-805-6810, 954-926-5458: search for birds all over South FL with Kevin Karlson & Paddy Cunningham, birdpaddy@yahoo.com. www.birdadventure.com

M/V: Friday, January 15, 2010 to Sunday January 17, 2010 - STA-5, Lake Okeechobee & Corkscrew Swamp: Paul Trunk @ 447-4785.

TRIP: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 8AM – Big Birds for Beginners @ Bonner Park: Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822; meet in parking lot for short lecture then survey shore & water birds from dock, out of the sun & over the water, bring your armchair & binoculars.

TRIP: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10AM, Big Birds for Beginners, Honeymoon Island Nature Center: Lynn Sumerson, 596-8822; short shore & water bird identification lecture then survey HMI shoreline & Dunedin Causeway; 3miles sand trails & driving.

FEST: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 to Monday, February 1, 2010 – Spacecoast Birding & Wildlife Festival, Lighthouse Drive, Titusville, FL @ 386-304-5545 | 386-304-5530 | 386-304-5529. www.nbbd.com/fly/.

JOIN US!!! 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 30, 2010, 3PM – at Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

dolphin show, dinner, Clearwater Audubon Society history & more;

Ken Rowe @ 781-0745, Judy Gammonley @ 784-2449, Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459

FEBRUARY 2010

TRIP: Saturday, February 6, 2010, 8AM – Moccasin Lake Nature Park: Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell & board trail.

VAN: Saturday, February 6, 2010, 7AM – Bartow Borrow Pits: Dana Kerstein @ 441-1609, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City: resident & migratory water birds in restored phosphate mines, + raptors & songbirds!

FEST: Sunday, February 7, 2010 – Orlando Wetlands Wildlife & Birding Festival: ; guided tours, bird netting/banding, activities, music, food, fun-for-all.

MULTI: Friday, February 12, 2010 to Monday, February 15, 2010 - Northern Minnesota Birding Festival: Paul Trunk @ 447-4785; Northern owls, Crossbills, Bohemian Waxwings, & arctic species that winter only in northern states.

LONG: Saturday, February 13, 2010, 7:00AM – Robinson Preserve & Palma Sola Gardens: Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459 or Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; raptors, song, water & shore birds, coastal & tidal mangrove habitats; 3± miles boardwalks, sand & grass trails.

TRIP: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 7:30AM, Cockroach Bay: Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822 or Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; water & shorebirds, raptors, songbirds in ponds & one Tampa Bay productive estuaries.

TRIP: Saturday, February 27, 2010, 7AM, Sarasota Celery Fields : Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; raptors, prairie & waterbirds in abandoned agricultural fields.

MARCH 2010

TRIP: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8AM – *Moccasin Lake Nature Park* : John Hood @ 461-4762, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell & board trail.

TRIP: Saturday, March 13, 2010, 8AM – *Honeymoon Island State Park*: John Hood @ 461-4762, meet behind McDonalds at corner of ALT US19 & Curlew Road; wading, water & shore birds plus migratory songbirds & raptors. 2-3 mile walk on sand trails.

MULTI: Monday, March 15, 2010 - Monday, March 22, 2010 – *Panama Birding* [\$2,800 includes air]: Paul Trunk @ 447-4785.

TRIP: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 7:30AM – *Morris Bridge & Lettuce Lake*: Merle Hubbard @ 939-1549, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; migratory songbirds, raptors & water birds; boardwalks & sand trails, ¾ mile at Morris Bridge, 1-2 miles at Lettuce lake.

FEST: Thursday, March 25, 2010 to Sunday, March 28, 2010 - *Big O Birding & Wildlife Festival*, Lake Okechobee, La Belle, FL @ 863-612-4783. www.bigobirdingfestival.com

TRIP: Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8AM – *Ft. DeSoto County Park* : Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822, meet at Ft DeSoto Ranger Station; migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds; causeway & shoreline drive + 1-2 mile trail walk on Tampa Bay's north shore.

APRIL 2010

TRIP: Saturday, April 3, 2010, 8AM – *Moccasin Lake Nature Park*: Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell & board trail.

FEST: Saturday, April 3, 2010, 11AM to 2PM – *Eco-day, McGough Nature Center*: Barbara Stalbird @ 518-3047; conservation information, presentations, tours, kid crafts, entertainment & food. bstalbird@largo.com

LONG: Friday, April 9, 2010, 7AM – *Cross Bar Ranch* : Ken Rowe @ 781-0745, meet at Countryside Shopping Town in front of Sears by US19 frontage road, bring lunch & drinks; safari bus to observe resident & migratory songbirds, raptors & burrowing owls; learn about water resources.

LONG: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 7:30AM – *Circle-B-Bar Ranch* : Lynn Sumerson @ 596-8822 or Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; eagles & other raptor, songbirds, water birds [resident White Pelicans], alligators at former cattle ranch in oak habitat on Lake Hancock. 3½ mile sand trails.

TRIP: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 7:30AM – *Ft. DeSoto County Park*: John Hood @ 461-4762 or Jacqui Williams @ 585-3587, meet at Tri-City Mall in front of Party City; migratory songbirds, raptors, water & shore birds; causeway & shoreline drive + 1-2 mile trail walk on Tampa Bay's north shore.

LONG: Saturday, April 17, 2010 - *J.B. Starkey Wilderness* : Marianne Korosy @ 772-7584, meet at Countryside Shopping Town in front of Sears near US19 frontage road; songbirds & raptors in large Pasco County preserve. {20} <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/areas/starkey-park.html>

TRIP: Saturday, April 24, 2010, 8AM – *John Chesnut County Park* : Ellen Pfau @ 786-3718, meet at shelter #6: resident & migratory songbirds, raptors & more. Boardwalk, shell & paved trails.

TRIP: Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 8AM – *Honeymoon Island State Park* : Merle Hubbard @ 939-1549, meet behind McDonalds at corner of ALT US19 & Curlew Road; wading, water & shore birds plus migratory songbirds & raptors. 2-3 mile walk on sand trails.

M A Y 2 0 1 0

TRIP: Saturday, May 1, 2010, 8AM – *Moccasin Lake Nature Park*, brunch with birds:

Madeleine Bohrer @ 518-6241, meet in parking lot; songbirds & raptors in oak & xeric hammock, water birds in lake. ¾ mile shell & board trail.

TRIP: Saturday, May 8, 2010, 8AM – *Clearwater Marine Aquarium*: Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet at CMA: explore St. Joseph sound by boat for water birds & marine wildlife - [15 advance reservations & \$15.00 deposit required to secure special time & price; trip cancelled if less than 15 reservations].

J U N E 2 0 1 0

LONG: Saturday, June 5, 2010, 7AM – *Audubon Tampa Bay Sanctuaries* : Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet in Clearwater Mall in front of Target; survey some of the largest seabird nest sites in Florida by boat.

TRIP: Saturday, June 12, 2010, 7AM – *Brooker Creek Preserve*: Ken Rowe @ 781-0745, meet in Education Center parking lot; songbirds, raptors, butterflies, wild flowers & summer surprises in Pinellas County's largest property.

J U L Y 2 0 1 0

TRIP: Saturday, July 17, 2010, 7AM – *Phillippe County Park*: Lynn Sumerson @ 786-8822, meet in parking lot at end of entry road; more summer surprises along the shores of Old Tampa Bay; song, shore & water birds, raptors, horseshoe crabs, & more.

A U G U S T 2 0 1 0

TRIP: Saturday, August 7, 2010, 7AM – *Millenium Park*: Mike MacDonald @ 409-0459, meet in *first* parking lot on right; even more summer surprises on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2009 to MAY 2010

presented at Moccasin Lake Nature Park;
mix-n-mingle at 7:00PM; Public Program at 7:30PM, unless otherwise noted.

October 5th Ann Paul and Ann Hodgson "American Oystercatcher"

Ann Hodgson and Ann Paul will share the program, "American Oystercatchers in the Tampa Bay Estuary". The talk will highlight the biology and behavior of this charismatic shorebird, outlining its distribution range-wide, the reasons why the species is facing population decline and the conservation effort of biologists across the southeast US. We will also discuss the long-term research that Audubon of Florida's Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries Program has conducted on regional populations and local conservation efforts, as a quarter of the state's American Oystercatchers reside in the Tampa Bay estuary.

November 2nd Pot Luck and Camp presentations and a History of Clearwater Audubon 50th Anniversary

Special starting time 6:00

December 7th Quest Ecology Monitoring Bird Migration

Melanie Higgins, Public Involvement Specialist, and Lauren Deane, Ecologist, will present methods and results of a study of the use of restored habitat by neo-tropical migratory songbirds. The study is being performed in partnership with Hillsborough County Department of Natural Resources at Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. They are excited about presenting our "award winning" project to Clearwater Audubon. They recently won an award from the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission for "Outstanding Contribution to the Community" Environmental Projects.

January 4th Charles Lee Audubon of Florida

Charles is a long time officer with Audubon of Florida and has an excellent wealth of knowledge about the history of Audubon of Florida that he will be sharing with us that evening.

February 1st Ken Meyer Swallow-tailed Kites

Ken Meyer has directed research on birds in Florida and beyond for 21 years. He obtained his B.S. in Zoology from the University of Maine, Orono, in 1978 and his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1987. After serving as a post-doctoral and then research associate in the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation and as a research biologist with the National Park Service in Big Cypress National Preserve, Ken founded the nonprofit Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) to study rare (and particularly unlisted) species of birds to support management and conservation planning. This research, in the southeastern US and Latin America, has addressed questions about population ecology and demography, breeding biology, migration, over-wintering biology, and year-round habitat requirements. His study subjects have included Swallow-tailed Kites, Short-tailed Hawks, White-crowned Pigeons, Snail Kites, Wood Storks, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Jabiru Storks, Great White Herons, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Yellow-headed Parrots, and King Vultures. These projects also have provided opportunities for training students, land managers, and other biologists here and abroad. Since 1998, Ken has served as an adjunct Associate Professor in the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, where his activities include supervising his own graduate students, who have used some of ARCI's projects as the focus for M.S. and Ph.D. research; training and serving on the committees of other graduate students; and collaborating with colleagues on ecological studies of birds.

March 1st Jack Rogers --Photographer "Beautiful Birds of Florida"

Jack Rogers is actually a paleontologist, and teach earth science, oceanography and geology courses at Valencia Community College in Orlando. He really considers himself a naturalist and is an Audubon Society member. Jack is also a lifelong nature photographer and teacher nature photography at Valencia too. Although Jack does not make a living at photography, He is regularly published in Florida Wildlife Magazine and has had images on the covers of the Florida Naturalist and the Florida Wildlife Federation Calendar, among others. Jack has received many awards for my photography and most recently received the Judge's Choice award in the Atlanta Audubon Society 2009 photo contest. Jack loves to share his hobby and occasionally lead photo workshops and spend lots of time in the field. Jack enjoys photographing nature, primarily birds. His work can be seen online at: www.pbbase.com/paleojack

April 5th Ron Mayberry "Hummingbirds of Ecuador"

Ron envisions photography as a means to record and share with others the many beauties and wonders of wildlife and nature. Ron is dedicated to the appreciation of wildlife and the environment. You will see that his photos are truly from both the eye and the heart of a photographer that loves wildlife. The pursuit of nature photography has taken him too many far-flung locations, such as Europe, Israel, Africa (Kenya), British Columbia, the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Peru, Antarctica, Costa Rica and in the United States to New Mexico, Texas, Alaska, and all over Florida where he resides. He is a Photographic Society of America member as well as the Manatee, Sarasota County and National Audubon Society, American Birding Association, and the North America Nature Photography Association (NANPA). His images have been chosen to appear in the NANPA Showcase publication. He is a certified Florida Master Naturalist and participates as a Florida Audubon Eaglewatch Volunteer. He also holds a U.S. Coast Guard Captain's license. Ron also presents educational programs and slide shows to many camera clubs and nature organizations. He leads Florida Bird & Boat Photo Workshops and Adventures In Imaging Photo Tours and Workshops.

View images at www.ronmayberry.com

May 3rd Barb Walker "Amazing Osprey"

Please join us for a look at the one of the densest urban populations of Ospreys in Florida, North Pinellas. Do you wonder which nest is at the highest altitude, which is in the strangest place, or which is the biggest? How many Osprey nests there are? What the nesting habits and success rates are for Osprey? Maybe you are interested in the migratory patterns of Osprey in Florida as well as other parts of the country. If any of this describes your curiosity then this is the program for you. Osprey are extremely entertaining and one of our most well loved birds. The program will highlight several reports: Partial Migration and Wintering Use of Florida by Ospreys (Martell), Status and Distribution of Breeding Ospreys in the Chesapeake Bay (Watts), and Osprey migration satellite tracking (Bierregaard). We will talk about threats to Osprey populations in Florida and along migratory routes. We will explore several unusual aspects of Osprey nesting habits in Northern Pinellas County and make sure you know when you leave exactly why Osprey are so amazing!

A young Osprey exhibits protective behavior over a breakfast fish in Dunedin. July, 2009.



OspreyWatch Volunteer Terri Cunningham sits with a weak and dying Osprey at Tarpon Springs Yacht Club waiting for rescue transport to arrive.



Three Signs for Three Rooker!

By Walt Spina

On June 26th volunteers went to Three Rooker to install three new signs for the island, in advance of July 4th weekend. These signs are 9 foot high and very visible from both sides. Additional signs are forthcoming. Those will be installed on Anclote Island as well as possibly a few more for Three Rooker. Clearwater Audubon Society funded the signs which benefits beach nesting birds.



Advocacy Issues your Society advocated for, or advised Members to advocate for, include:

- **extending Clearwater's leash ordinance to north Clearwater Beach to protect birds;**
- maintenance of staffing levels at Moccasin Lake Nature Park;
- a fertilizer control bill before the FL Senate;
- strong Growth Management Laws;
- strong power line location controls;
- Florida Forever & Everglades restoration;
- global warming legislation;
- alternative & efficient energy programs;
- green City of Clearwater initiative;
- keeping Tropicana field, no new waterfront ball park in St. Petersburg;
- Gulf of Mexico restoration initiative;
- Tarpon Springs Bald Eagle protection ordinance;
- purchase of U.S. Sugar land in Everglades watershed;
- purchase of WalMart's Anclote River property;
- reward for arrest & conviction of person or persons who shot the Bald Eagle;
- no oil drilling off Florida coast;
- strong feral cat ordinance, no 'trap, neuter, release' of feral cats;
- re-authorization of Endangered Special Act;
- oppose Suncoast Parkway extension.

Clearwater Audubon Society Membership Application

Name _____
Home _____ Cell _____
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To ensure you receive our electronic newsletter please fill in your email address, if you do not have email please call 727-442-9140 to request a paper copy.

Which membership category? Chapter @ \$15/year _____ National @ \$20/year _____

Please enclose check to Clearwater Audubon Society for Chapter membership, or National Audubon Society for National membership

<p>Clearwater Audubon Society P.O. Box 97 Clearwater, FL 33757 Attention: Barbara MacDonald, Membership Chair</p>
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How can you help Clearwater Audubon Society achieve its Purpose? [check all that apply]

advocacy ___ conservation ___ education ___ field trips ___ finance ___ hospitality ___
media/PR ___ membership ___ newsletter ___ investment security ___ other ___ [list below]

When can you help Clearwater Audubon Society achieve its purpose? [check all that apply]

SUN am _____ pm _____ nite _____
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If not a Florida resident, which months of the year are you available?
From _____ To _____

Any other information about you that will help Clearwater Audubon Society achieve its purpose:

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WHAT IS THE CLEARWATER AUDUBON SOCIETY?

Reach us by calling 727-442-9140 or visit us at www.clearwateraudubon.org

Our purpose is embodied in our motto: **Conservation though education** & our activities include:

- protection of nesting, wintering and migrating birds through Project Colony Watch, rescue of chicks fallen from rooftop nests, Project Eagle Watch, and participation in the county-wide beach nesting bird survey;
- education, including Audubon Adventures for elementary school students, environmental education scholarships for teachers and students, free birding classes for the public, and a speakers bureau;
- sponsorship of projects at local nature parks;
- field trips to prime birding locations in Florida, throughout the United States and internationally;
- monthly meetings held October through May featuring speakers on a wide array of environment-related topics;

- participation in bird surveys, which provide data for vital ornithological research;
- participation in local nature festivals;
- publication of our bimonthly newsletter, Wingbeat, and our website, at www.ClearwaterAudubon.org;
- advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

YOU CAN HELP!

Whatever your interests or skills, we can use your help protecting birds and the environment. If you like working outdoors, writing, speaking, organizing, baking, or just meeting new people, we have opportunities for you. Call the Clearwater Audubon Society at 727-442-9140 or an officer listed on page 2 and we'll tell you how you can help.

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Supporting our community since 1959