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December, 2005

Points of interest:

- Come to BCAS exciting activities, events, field trips, and programs!
- Meetings held at Fern Forest Nature Center
- The Warbler is also available online at browardaudubon.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barry Heimlich

Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma sure took their toll. Broward Audubon was no exception. We had to cancel the November meeting and several field trips. In addition, Fern Forest Nature Center was shut down for the month of November in order to clear fallen trees and other debris. Now, most of us are recovering and Fern Forest is open again. That's why we postponed the November meeting to December 15th and we hope you will join us.

December 18th is the date for Broward Audubon's Xmas Bird Count event. This is part of the 106th annual National Audubon Society event in which the populations of birds throughout North America are tracked in a continent-wide citizen science project. Be a part of it. Call Ken Burgener at 954-766-2919 to be assigned to a team.

We don't usually publish a newsletter or hold a meeting in December. But in order to restart our season with a bang, we decided to publish this special brief issue of *The Warbler* to let you know we are back in business and off to a strong restart.

We hope you will participate in our full calendar of December through February activities as shown below. Be sure not to miss my presentation of the Sandhill Crane Migration on the Platte River in Nebraska, and bring your favorite bird pictures for a Show and Tell. And please turn out for the Xmas Birdcount on December 18th.



Everglades BirdTrek
Spoonbills, Storks and Ecosystems
February 24-26, 2006



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- Call or fax: (954) 963-2428

Activities Calendar

Meetings (at Fern Forest Nature Center, 7pm unless stated otherwise)

Date	Subject	Speaker
Thurs., December 15, 2005	SANDHILL CRANES OF THE PLATTE RIVER SHOW AND TELL: Bring Your Favorite Bird Photos	Barry Heimlich , President Broward County Audubon Society
Thurs., January 19, 2006	WONDERS OF ASIA AVIARY-METROZOO	Ron Magil , Community Ambassador, Miami MetroZoo
Thurs. February 16, 2005	1. Audubon of Florida — Vision and Mission 2. Broward's Natural Areas	1. David Anderson , President, A of F 2. Gil McAdam , Environ. Admin, Broward Parks
Thurs. February 23, 2005	SPECIAL EVENT REDISCOVERY OF IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER	Bobby Harrison , one of two scientists credited with making the first confirmed sighting

Special Events (See website for details, fees may apply)

Date and Time	Place	Subject
Fri.-Sun. February 24-26, 2006	Corkscrew Swamp, Rookery Bay & Everglades National Park	EVERGLADES BIRDTREK

BCAS Field Trips For info, call Ken Burgener at (954) 766-2919, email: kburgener@hotmail.com

Date	Place	Meeting Place and Time	Notes
Sat. December 10, 2005	Broward Everglades	Sheridan Tri Rail Station at 7:30 a.m.	Call Paddy at (954) 926-5458
Sun. December 18, 2005	Xmas Bird Count	Call Ken to be assigned to a team	Call Ken at (954) 766-2919
Sat.-Sun. Jan. 14-15, 2006	Merritt Island Natl. Wildlife Refuge	Call Paddy at (954) 926-5458	Fee TBD
Sat. January 28, 2006	Everglades Natl. Park	Coe Visitor Center 9:00am	

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Meetings At: **Fern Forest Nature Center**
201 Lyons Rd. South
Coconut Creek 33063
(954) 970-0150

From I-95 and Atlantic Blvd: Go west to South Lyons Road, go south to entrance of Nature Center.

From US441/SR7 and W. Atlantic Blvd: Go east to South Lyons Road, go south to entrance of Nature Center.

From South by Florida Turnpike: Exit at Atlantic Blvd. Go west one light to South Lyons Road, go south to entrance of Nature Center.

From North by Florida Turnpike: Exit Pompano Beach, go right at light onto Coconut Creek Pkwy. Go West to S. Lyons Rd (NW 46th Ave). Turn left, continue across Atlantic Blvd to entrance of Nature Center.



Special Issue
After Wilma

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The Newsletter of the Broward County Audubon Society

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**NEXT EVENING MEETING—
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005**

FERN FOREST NATURE CENTER:

7:00 PM—Refreshments

7:30-9:00 PM—Program

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AND ATTEND

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ACTIVITIES

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browardaudubon.org

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Conservation, Community, Commitment

Show and Tell and Sandhill Cranes

Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Fern Forest Nature Center

Show and Tell: Bring your favorite bird photos on slides or disk and tell us about them.

Sandhill Cranes: Our own president Barry Heimlich will make a presentation about his trip last spring to central Nebraska's Platte River to see the Sandhill Crane migration. Barry will show excerpts of his fantastic digital video which captures the breathtaking sights and sounds of hundreds of thousands of cranes as they flew in to their river roosts at sunset. Barry was also up before dawn on those frosty Nebraska mornings to capture the cranes taking off for the fields to fatten up on corn and wheat leftover from the previous year's harvest.



You will thrill to the joyous trumpeting of cranes as tens of thousands take off in unison. It's a primal experience—one that celebrates the miracle of life and these birds' 2000-3000 mile journey each spring to the north slopes of Alaska and Siberia. For a hint of what his presentation will be about, see Barry's article and slideshow on our website at http://www.browardaudubon.org/photo04_Special_SHCranes.html

Join us for this thrilling experience on
December 15th!!