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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Steve O'Hara

Thank you for voting YES on One

We won. We "bet the company" on Amendment One, and we won.

The Florida Wildlife Federation has a long history promoting conservation land acquisition. Our former Executive Director, the late Johnny Jones, spearheaded legislation that created the Conservation and Recreational Lands of Florida Act (CARL) in 1963, and then worked on precursors to the Florida Forever land-buying program that preserves environmentally significant lands. The Federation's focus on land and water conservation has

continued under the leadership of Manley Fuller.

This is about a lot more than places to hunt, fish, hike, camp, and watch birds. As Carl Hiassen said recently, "Florida's natural environment is its bread and butter, its tourist magnet, its lush and storied history and . . . its glorious future."

This is why the Florida Wildlife Federation's Board of Directors authorized spending a third of our annual budget in support of the campaign. Yes, we literally "bet the company" on Amendment One, and we won the bet.

We were not alone. All of Florida's major non-profit conservation organizations joined as founding members of Florida's Land and Water Legacy campaign to promote Amendment One. The campaign was supported by more than 400 organizations and businesses. Thou-



sands of individuals donated money to the campaign and contributed their own time collecting petitions and campaigning for Amendment One.

To all of them, and to you, I say, "Congratulations, and thank you!" I believe the Florida Land and Water Legacy constitutional amendment is the greatest conservation achievement in Florida in the last

50 years. It will remain in effect for 20 years, and will leave many future generations a rich legacy of clean water, wetlands and waterways, beaches and shores, and forests and parks.

Installation of 2014-2015 FWF Officers and Directors



FWF's new Chair, Steve O'Hara, taking over from Jenny Brock.

The annual Election of Officers and Directors was held at FWF's September board meeting. New Officers and Directors were sworn in by Jenny Brock, who is the Region 4 Director of the National Wildlife Federation. Photo by Betsy Kellenberger.



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"Shadow of a Rainbow"
by Kay Wells.

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Ratification of Amendment One represents a historic opportunity for land and water conservation. **Amendment One is the largest conservation funding measure ever approved by voters in the country.** The Amendment is a clearly written set of priorities for spending documentary stamp taxes on water and land conservation. Over 4 million voters looked at the ballot and decided the language of the amendment belongs in the State Constitution.

Now we and allies will work with the Florida Legislature to allocate the funds dedicated by the voters.

The Amendment's goal is to restore spending for a highly successful group of long-standing programs authorized in Florida statutes. The amendment was written so that implementing legislation is not required. All the Legislature has to do is allocate funding to existing land and water conservation programs.

Amendment One will enhance state spending currently authorized through trust funds and other programs approved under state law for:

- o Existing Debt Service:
 - Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever Bonds
 - Save our Everglades Bonds
 - Save our Coasts Bonds
- o In addition, Amendment One can fund existing programs such as:
 - Land acquisition and conservation easements through the Florida Forever Program;
 - Conservation Easements through the Rural and Family Lands program;
 - Everglades Restoration;
 - Land acquisition for Everglades Restoration, and Northern Everglades and Estuaries Water Resource Protection and Restoration (Surface Water Improvement and Management);
 - Access and management of state-owned lands and water management lands; and
 - Florida Recreation and Development Assistance Program.

The Vote Yes on ONE Committee, of which the Florida Wildlife Federation is a member, calls on the Legislature to allocate funds for these existing and successful water and land conservation programs.

Spending on water and land conservation will help Florida's economy by protecting water resources, fish and wildlife habitat, providing access to public lands and keeping working lands as part of Florida's rural landscapes.

We have now achieved a great milestone in conservation. Now working with our state elected officials we are dedicated to see the Amendment One's funds are allocated according to the intent of the Constitution beginning in July 2015.

Thank you so much for making Amendment One a reality! **Please consider making a donation to the Florida Wildlife Federation.** Without the

FWF Scholarship Update

November 2014

Dear FWF Members,

The Florida Wildlife Federation recently received a generous donation of \$5,000.00 from the Ehrhart Family Foundation of Venice, Florida, for the FWF Scholarship Fund. These funds were sent to the University of Florida Foundation which hosts the FWF Scholarship Fund (Fund #013403). **We are truly grateful to the Ehrhart Family Foundation for being such a strong supporter of the FWF Scholarship Fund over the past eight years. The Foundation's many gifts have helped us to achieve our financial goals!**

The FWF Scholarship Fund was established eight years ago to provide annual awards to students in the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. The awards are based upon merit. The Florida Wildlife Federation often receives letters of thanks from the individual students after they receive the awards. The financial support they receive truly helps them to continue and further their studies to become Florida's future leaders in the areas of fish and wildlife conservation, management and research.

As of late October 2014, the FWF Scholarship Fund had grown to \$111,200.00. We gratefully acknowledge all of the many members and donors who have helped to "grow" this special scholarship for the past several years! Thank you for your strong and generous support for the programs of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Thank you,

Manley

To make an online donation to the FWF Scholarship Fund, please go to:

<https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=013403>

dedicated support of conservationists like you we could not succeed.

Beyond our work on Amendment One we have continued our other work across Florida from our coastal policy advocacy, Gulf Restoration, Everglades restoration, clean water protection, wildlife crossings, acquisition and protection of wildlife corridors, forage fish conservation, support for programs that get people outdoors, etc. I recently spoke at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies about the future of hunting and fishing and the evolution of the North American Model of Fish and Wildlife Conservation as it is applied to a wider segment of fish and wildlife. So, please share with your friends and family that FWF is a sound investment for your conservation dollars.

Thank you,

Manley

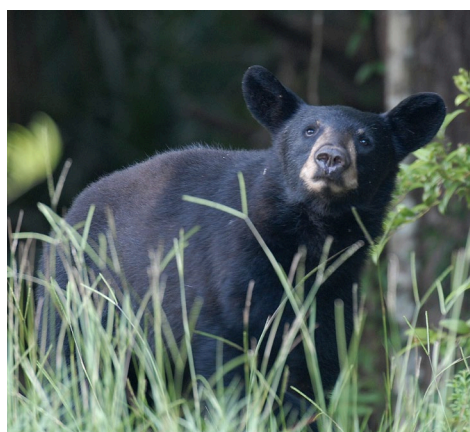


SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REPORT

by Nancy Anne Payton, Southwest Florida Field Representative



by Dr. Smith. In 2014, he received the Federation's Land Conservation and Planning Award in honor of his distinguished work on behalf of Florida's wildlife. Biologist and Federation Board member Jay Exum is working with Dr. Smith.



Florida black bear at the urban interface in Seminole County.

Important Black Bear Study

In the 1970s, the Florida black bear population was estimated at 300. Today the population may be as high as 5,000.

As Florida's human and bear populations grow, the number of complaints and encounters is also growing.

Last year, almost 6,800 bear-related calls were received by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Roughly 70% of the calls were reporting bears in the neighborhood and bears in the garbage.

Southwest Florida is grappling with increasing bear encounters and resident concerns, but Central Florida has the highest number of reported bear calls in the state.

In response to this issue, Florida Wildlife Federation is pleased to announce the funding of a seminal bear study titled "Evaluating movement and behavior of Florida Black Bears in the urbanized perimeter areas adjacent to the Wekiva National Wild and Scenic River System of Central Florida."

Other funding partners are the National Park Foundation (through the support of Disney and Subaru of America), Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System Advisory Management Committee, Friends of Wekiva River, Wekiva Wilderness Trust and Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve. Additional in-kind support is provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Seminole State Forest and Wekiva River Basin State Parks.

Dr. Daniel J. Smith, Department of Biology University of Central Florida, is the chief investigator. Florida Wildlife Federation previously sponsored several Florida panther studies conducted

transition areas? How might this change by season?

4. Do bears perform repeated trips (e.g., each day) from public lands to private lands or do they remain on private lands (e.g., using woodlots, fringe forested areas as daybeds) for extended periods of time?
5. What location and habitat characteristics are preferred as daybeds or refuge areas in or near the urbanized areas?
6. How do individual bears navigate the urban matrix (e.g. powerline and railroad corridors, golf courses, parking lots)? What are preferred characteristics of pathways and destinations?
7. What activity patterns (e.g. social interactions, foraging, resting) and time spent can be identified using GPS camera collars?
8. What are the chief attractants (e.g. food sources)?
9. What are the chief sources of mortality?

Trapping and fitting bears with **GPS collars** will occur in areas of the state parks adjacent to urbanized areas and on private lands with permission of the landowner. Methods of trapping and treatment of bears will follow current Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission standards.

Bear **video camera collars** will record 30 to 60 second videos every 30 minutes for 10 hours during active periods. Standard GPS collars last approximately seven months. Camera collars last approximately two months. Collars will be equipped with dropoff devices to collect the collars when the batteries have expired.

Data will be downloaded by cellular communications. Collection frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) will vary depending on need. Frequent downloads reduce battery life of the collars so access will be limited to maximize usefulness.

Camera video will be synchronized to GPS locations to identify location of each video clip and will collect video evidence on amount of time spent performing various activities and types of

behavior when bears are most active. Camera footage cannot be downloaded remotely and has to be returned to the manufacturer. Therefore, researchers are not able to review the footage in real-time or near real-time. When available the Federation will be posting the bear video on the web site and Facebook.

Sample areas (identified by monitoring GPS collar locations) will be targeted with **field cameras** to identify individual bears, concentrations of activity and behavior in fringe areas, woodlots and common "hangouts" in neighborhoods and sites that are repeatedly visited foraging for food. An inventory of targeted locations will be conducted including cataloging habitat characteristics. Researchers will attempt to identify if multiple bears use certain common areas and woodlots as daybeds and resting areas.

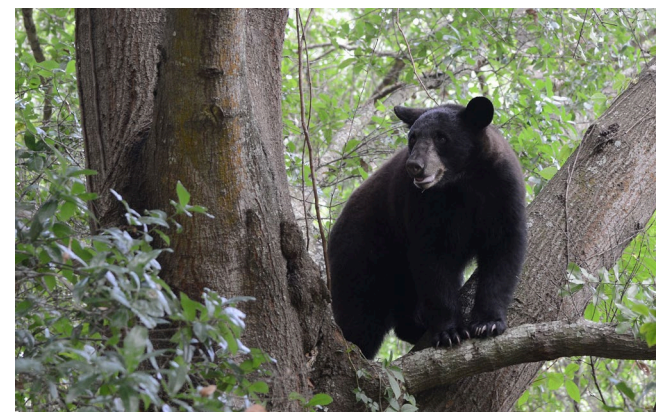
Benefits

The study results will provide valuable information critical to maintaining a healthy bear population and ensuring safety in neighborhoods near occupied bear habitats. It will also help guide more effective statewide management strategies so that bears and humans can better coexist.

Conservation land managers, local governments and homeowner associations will benefit from relevant scientific data in developing the best strategies for community education, public safety, and animal welfare.

The final report is expected in summer 2015. The Federation will be providing periodic updates on the study's progress including photos.

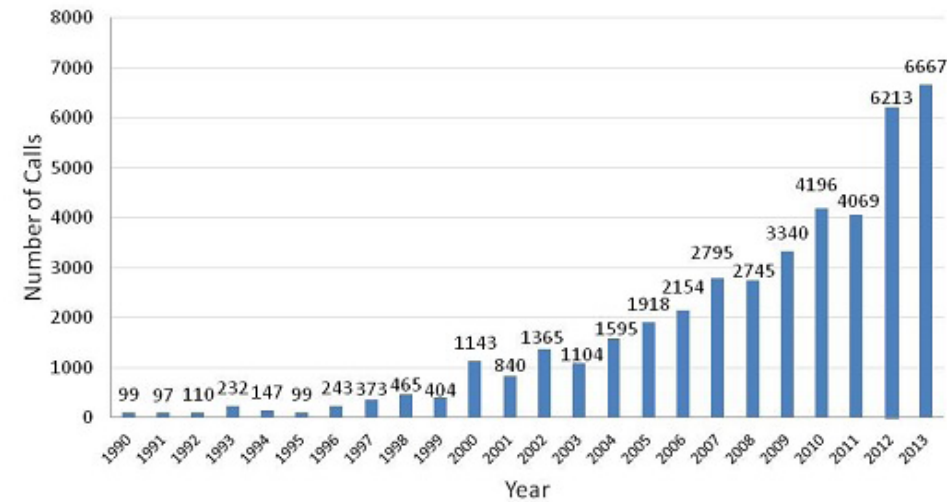
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Florida black bear in an oak tree in a residential neighborhood in Seminole County.

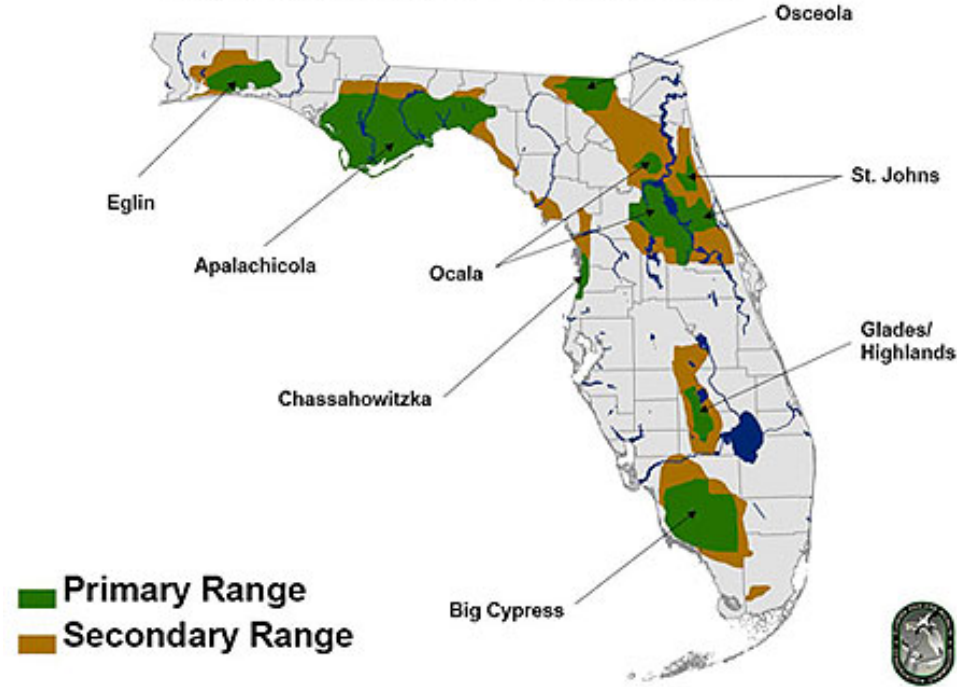
1. Of the number of random bears captured and fitted with GPS collars what percent become "at-risk management or problem" bears?
2. How often are individual collared bears found in neighborhoods?
3. What percent of time do individual bears spend in human-dominated areas, wildlands, and

Statewide Bear Calls from 1990-2013
(n = 42,758)

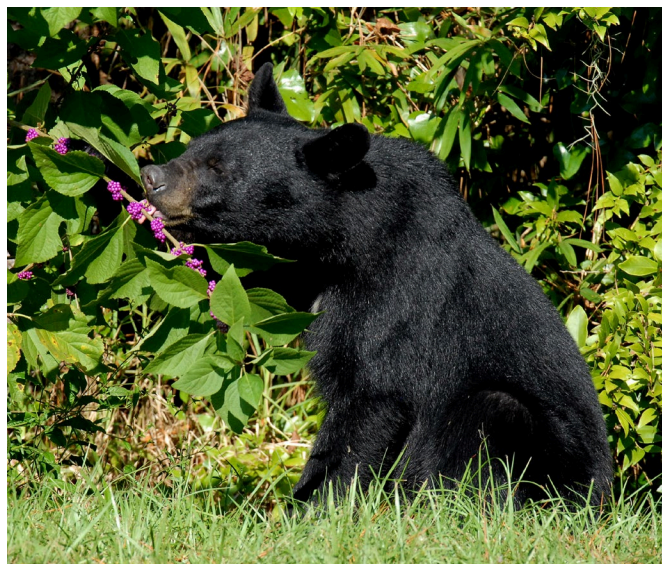


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Black Bear Populations in Florida (2008)



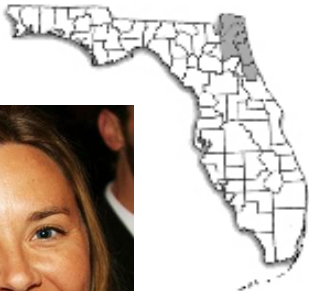
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Florida black bear eating American beautyberry fruit in Seminole County. Bear photos by Jay Exum.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REPORT

by Sarah Owen Gledhill, FWF's Northeast Florida Planning Advocate



Jacksonville Port Task Force Focuses on Environmental Impacts

Beginning in September and concluding in November, Jacksonville Mayor Brown's appointed Port Task Force has been focusing on the environmental impacts of the proposed St. Johns River deepening. Deepening of the river has been cited as necessary to help JaxPort gain a competitive edge over other ports along the eastern United States as the Panama Canal is enlarged.

In collaboration with the St. Johns Riverkeeper and Audubon of Northeast Florida, FWF's Northeast office has been developing a roster of experts to present on the impacts and inadequacies of the monitoring/mitigation plan for the proposal.

Scientists have presented data that shows the deepening of the St. Johns River from 40 to 47 feet will have negative impacts on the St. Johns, a river system that is already threatened by

excessive nutrient pollution and water withdrawals. Impacts raised include:

- Accelerated salinity farther upstream
- Sedimentation, turbidity and erosion
- Impacts to endangered species, such as the manatee and right whales, during construction phases
- Impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation
- Lack of a mitigation plan

One of the most woeful inadequacies of the JaxPort plan is the lack of mitigation. Currently, the mitigation plan is to conserve unidentified acreage of wetlands; however, there is no map or acquisition plan indicating how this will proceed.

A suggested mitigation plan "thrown on the table" by three different federal agencies including the Army Corps is restoration of the Ocklawaha River. The Federation is very much a supporter of looking at this project as a mitigation plan to offset the negative impacts of the deepening. Indeed, restoring the Ocklawaha River would be a net gain for the St. Johns River. Restoring its function and its associated floodplain forest can be accomplished at a cost far less than most restoration projects.

The Federation along with our partners will be advocating for a more comprehensive monitoring and mitigation package as the process moves forward.



Ocklawaha River



Preston Robertson
Vice-President for Conservation &
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TIME FOR BP TO DO THE RIGHT THING

On April 20, 2010, the largest environmental calamity in United States history commenced as the BP Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded south of the Louisiana coast, killing 11 workers. The rig would go on to spew almost 180 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico over the next three months. That crude oil soiled our beaches, killed our sea life and smothered our coastal wetlands. The majority of this black goo has now sunk to the bottom of the Gulf, along with gigantic volumes of toxic dispersants applied to our waters. Our fish and wildlife will continue to suffer for unknown years as lifecycles are disrupted and populations throughout the food web are greatly reduced.

Foreign-based, multi-national corporate giant BP put profit over human safety, the economies of five American states and the ecology of the entire Gulf. Its gross negligence has resulted in the devastation of our coastal environment and left a polluted legacy our grandchildren will have to live with.

Following the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, the US Congress passed the bipartisan RESTORE Act, by which the majority of civil fines will be paid to Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida to fund ecological and economic restoration. Regrettably, none of these restoration projects have been initiated as BP has been in federal court in New Orleans fighting to evade paying civil fines owed under the Clean Water Act. BP has spent plenty on ads telling us that they care about the economic and environmental sustainability of the Gulf, and the millions of residents and visitors that rely upon it. BP has also

paid out settlement dollars to individuals and business. Sadly, they have yet to step up to the plate and settle this matter and provide the Gulf States financial resources via the RESTORE Act to fully deal with their mess.

On September 4, 2014, following many months of sworn testimony and expert opinion, New Orleans Federal Judge Carl Barbier ruled that BP had indeed committed willful misconduct and gross negligence and that these actions led directly to this economic and environmental catastrophe.

Judge Barbier's ruling gave hope that after almost four and one-half years, communities along the Gulf could begin the process of recovering what has been lost due to BP's negligence. But now BP states it will appeal the decision. BP would rather pay its lawyers to advance more time-consuming litigation than actually owning up to its culpability.

This much-needed money is now on indefinite hold as BP continues to stone-wall. Projects to clean our estuaries, restore natural areas and promote water quality are on the back burner owing to BP's intransigence.

It was recently reported that BP makes over *two million dollars an hour in profits*. A significant part of that profit comes from the Gulf of Mexico and petroleum resources that are owned by the United States and her citizens.

Now is the time for BP to do the right thing. Drop the appeal of Judge Barbier's ruling and negotiate in good faith to settle this case. Pay the fine so that Gulf States can begin to recover what has been lost and degraded. Only then will BP have accepted responsibility like any decent corporate citizen.

Preston T. Robertson



4th Annual FWF Kids' Fishing Day a Success!

The Federation held its 4th Annual Kids' Fishing Event on October 4 on the banks of the Ochlockonee River at the FWF River Preserve in Leon County. With beautiful cool weather and about 70 kids, adults and FWF volunteers, the day was definitely a success. After a short lesson in how to catch a fish, many children succeeded in doing just that, some for the first time. Others just got muddy and ran around climbing trees. Either way, all enjoyed being out in "the real Florida" and away from the video screens, at least for a short time.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and parents who took the time out of their weekend to come and help our youth get a little more in contact with the real world! It is hoped these kids will get a sense of stewardship over our precious natural resources, and become advocates for a clean and healthy environment.



Members of a Tallahassee Girls Scout Troop and others in attendance on the river.



Jay Liles
FWF Policy Consultant

Manatees Face Threat From Their Many Fans

USFWS considers protection strategies at Three Sisters Springs

The iconic West Indian manatee, along with the Florida panther and perhaps Jimmy Buffet, are among Florida's most beloved and revered species. (Well, perhaps that's taking it a bit far with Jimmy but he is one of a kind!). Add to this the fact that the manatee is still federally listed as an "endangered" species and we can all understand why the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) takes the protection and nurturing of this animal very seriously. It also accounts for the near "rock star" status these lumbering giants have with tourists and locals alike. So when Ivan Vicente, FWS Visitor Services Specialist at the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, first told me of the concerns his agency has for the level of human interaction with manatees in Three Sisters Springs Wildlife Refuge, it was clear we had to get the word out.

While some agree that we may be seeing improved survival rates for the manatee (thus the decision to potentially move them from "endangered" to "threatened") it is also starkly evident that their own popularity presents a serious issue as to controlling public access in their favorite wintering springs. The statistics are shocking – on any given holiday, but especially in the winter months, it is not unusual for over 200 people at one time to congregate

in the relatively small Three Sisters Spring with an equal number of manatees; as many as 1600 people have been reported on some days (about 200 per hour on average). The most troubling scenario is a cold snap coupled with a holiday or weekend crowd. Too many animals are drawn to the spring's relative warmth and more and more people come to see this natural spectacle each year. This trend could become a formula for disaster if nothing is done.

According to Ivan, the Service has had remarkable cooperation from local residents, tour guides and outfitters. When asked to voluntarily restrict access to the springs during extreme cold periods, most are more than willing to comply. After all, they love and appreciate what these amazing animals bring to their community. However, the sheer growth in popularity of swimming with these gentle giants has created a dilemma for the agency tasked with protecting and managing the springs and its inhabitants. Again, the numbers tell the story: "We have maintained records since at least 2009," says Ivan. "During that year, we recorded 66,000 visitors to Three Sisters, and that was only those who arrived with tour operators." In 2010 that number jumped to 93,000 and in 2012 to 112,000. Just last year, 127,000 visitors came in with tour operators alone, and that does not include private parties and those who

use kayaks and canoes provided by outfitters. "We estimate that nearly 200,000 people interacted with the manatees in Three Sisters Springs last year and that does not include those who come to the rest of King's Bay," says Ivan.

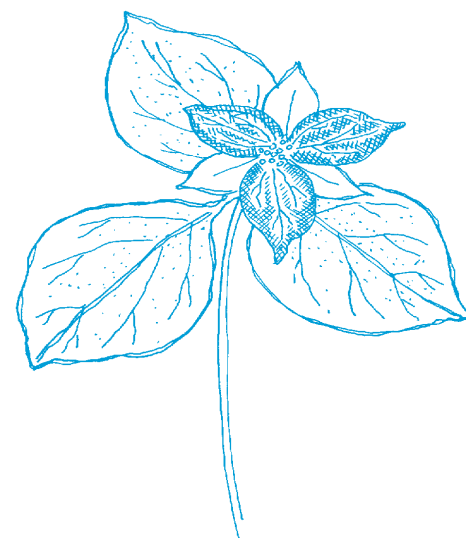
In response, the agency has begun a community oriented process to **potentially** enact new regulations that will help alleviate any stress recreational activities may pose to the animals. Controversial perhaps, but their options are limited and even those who depend upon this wonder for their livelihoods appreciate the need for action. "We have gotten great input from residents and tour operators alike," says Ivan. "We intend to use this fall and winter to trial run a new set of strategies on access and see how it goes. Our goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of the animals while putting in place rules that are reasonable, practical and enforceable."

Once the Department of the Interior has given legal review to the proposed strategies, they will be shared with stakeholders and the local community. Additional stakeholder meetings are planned for early November before FWS institutes the plan.

To get a better sense of the threat to the manatees, see videos done by "Starthrower" on YouTube at <http://goo.gl/CYzvOb>.



*The sheer growth in popularity of swimming with manatees has created a dilemma for agencies tasked with protecting these gentle giants.
Photo by Glenn Wisley/River Ventures.*



FLORIDA KIDS' QUIZ



1. Why is it important to use as little bug spray as possible when we really need to zap a bug?



2. What is one of the most basic and easy ways to save energy?



3. Why is it better to have more shrubs and planting beds on your property and less lawn?

See page 14 for answers, and more information.

IN MEMORIAM

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ANNOUNCING... The 6th Annual Kids' Wildlife Habitat Contest!

On Earth Day, April 22, 2015, the Florida Wildlife Federation will award a commemorative plaque and an age-suitable gardening book to the Florida kid or kids 12 years old or under who have helped to establish and maintain a habitat for wildlife at home or on school property. The habitat will also be featured on our website and in our newsletter. Entries close March 31, 2015.



FWF is dedicated to encouraging young Floridians to be good environmentalists and to care for our native animals and plants. We believe that time spent outdoors working on a habitat project is of great value in encouraging people to learn about nature. Experts say that lack of active outdoor play and projects contributes to many childhood health problems.

It's easy to enter the contest. Just tell us how the habitat provides the following four elements: food, water, cover and a place to raise young. Send some photos of your habitat, preferably with children working there.

Teachers, please note that it is not necessary for schoolyard habitats to be certified by National Wildlife Federation or any other organization, just that they provide the four necessary elements for a good wildlife habitat. We are especially interested in the science that students learn by creating the habitat.

A description and photos of the habitat can be e-mailed to Pat Pearson at patricia@fwfonline.org or mailed to the FWF headquarters, 2545 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

Email patricia@fwfonline.org or call the FWF office at (850) 656-7113 for more information, if needed. See our website at www.fwfonline.org for photos and information about previous winners, and the PowerPoint and videos there for general habitat information.

"Sandhills in Design -Plate II" © 2014 Peter R. Gerbert, Acrylics

*Sandhill Cranes with newborn chicks, Gulf Fritillary and the
wildflowers include: Coreopsis, the Florida state wildflower.*

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See following page (9).



Water Sharing Conference

By Pat Pearson
FWF Habitat Coordinator

Last week, I attended a surprisingly well-attended and comprehensive seminar, gathering, conference, whatever you want to call it, in Monticello, Florida, the county seat of Jefferson County. Jefferson is a small and rural North Florida county of just under 14,000. The conference just knocked my socks off.

Yes, Jefferson County's population is small, but the town knows how to put on a do. There were about 400 attendees over three days. This was the Water Sharing Conference, which brought together people from all over Florida, and from Georgia and Alabama, who are interested in the known science of the Floridan Aquifer, and how to equitably allocate limited water resources. Water issues have been discussed for all the time I've lived in Jefferson County, about 20 years.

FWF has been active in finding solutions to water issues for many years. We are trying to protect Florida's Apalachicola River and the Apalachicola Bay oyster beds as the river's fresh water coming down from Georgia is dwindling away. It is necessary to study the entire system of Georgia rivers and lakes and reservoirs that feed the Apalachicola River, and the three states that lie over the Floridan Aquifer before you can formulate any opinion about possible solutions to problems that face us in North Florida. People who have investigated the system are sure the current abundance isn't going to last very long, and we are past due in applying conservation measures. This was the most forward looking and well informed group of conference attendees I have ever had the pleasure of being with. And they are not just talkers, many are taking measures large and small wherever they can

and promoting methods to achieve conservation.

What a place to hold a meeting like this! The Monticello Main Street organization was organizer and host, the venue - the 1897 Monticello Opera House, which has been under restoration since the 1970s in beautiful downtown Monticello, and is still being polished up. There's a large ground floor lobby with display space for exhibits, and a second floor theatre, with amazing acoustics for lectures and panel discussions. There are several very good restaurants right downtown, and the beautiful 1905 County Courthouse right in the middle of the town square across the street from the Opera House. You could slip out of a meeting for an hour or two and check out the antique shops around the square, or just go sit on a shaded bench and watch a more graceful and leisurely way of life passing by.

What was amazing to me, though, was the number of informed, deeply interested, and passionately concerned people there, both the presenters on the agenda and attendees. These were citizens who have watched for years as Florida's finite amount of water dwindles away and is misused and wasted. They are sharing information with each other, putting forth water conservation methods, believing that we will have enough water for all our needs if we use our supplies wisely...and not waiting for government to do something to help the situation.

I've thought for a long time that most of the good things in America that make life here so special don't originate with government of any kind. I think they rise up from the people and only take effect when government realizes that they should get on the bandwagon.

Gatherings like the Water Sharing Conference educate the public about rising problems, arm them with information and awareness, and help ordinary citizens to engage in effective dialogue with elected officials. Civic engagement

on the widest scale we can manage is our best hope. With the quality and the dedication of the people I saw at Monticello last week, things could begin to get better soon. I was truly impressed.

Oysterman on Apalachicola Bay. Photo by Lou Kellenberger.



FWF PARTNERS PROGRAM

The Florida Wildlife Federation announces a new and exciting dimension to its fundraising program — FWF PARTNERS!

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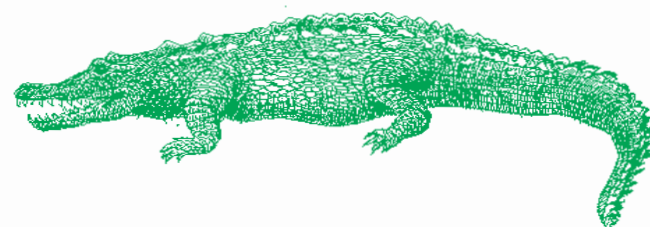
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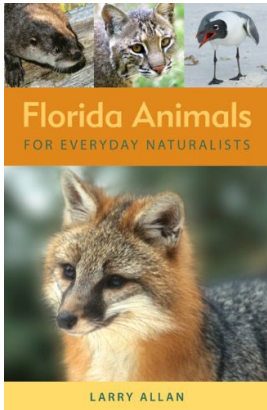
Florida Animals For Everyday Naturalists

by Larry Allan

Florida Animals for Everyday Naturalists contains everything you want to know about Florida's furry, feathered, scaled, and shelled friends. With lively personal essays and stunning photographs, Larry Allan introduces you to the array of wildlife you might encounter in your backyard, at the park, or on a jaunt at one of the state's many wildlife refuges. Each chapter is dedicated to a specific animal, like the bobcat, the river otter, and the caracara, and paired with vivid photos to help you identify these creatures in the wild.

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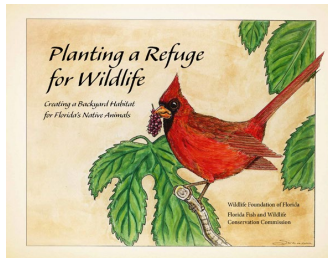
Produced by Wildlife Foundation of Florida

Newly revised and updated, the 40-page Planting a Refuge for Wildlife

booklet is designed to help you attract, enjoy and conserve wildlife at home. The booklet provides homeowners with the tools necessary to create pleasing landscapes where wildlife find the food, water and shelter they need to survive. Planting a Refuge for Wildlife includes tables of native plants and lists of common bird species and their food preferences, all designed to help you discover the variety of animals that you can entice to your property.

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FWF 2015 Calendar!!



Photography by Karen Willes. Karen, an avid nature photographer, has photographed plants, animals, natural features, landscapes, and seascapes from coast to coast, including Alaska. From home in Tallahassee, Florida, she travels several times each year to enjoy and photograph scenes to share with others. All calendar photos from Florida.

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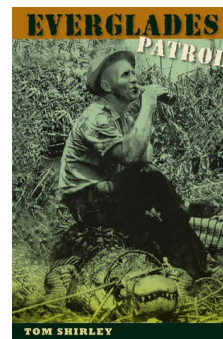
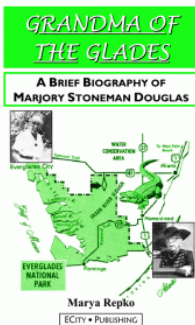
Grandma of the Glades: A Brief Biography of Marjory Stoneman Douglas

by Marya Repko

This concise biography summarizes the achievements of Marjory Stoneman Douglas as a conservationist and writer – she is author of the popular, well-received book about the Everglades, “River of Grass” – and chronicles the changes she experienced through her 108 years of life (1890-1998). Included in the book are old photographs, commentary from friends and recommended reading.

Paperback, 80 pages. **FP - 494**

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Everglades Patrol by Tom Shirley

“Tom Shirley retired after 30 years as a game warden with the old G&FWFC. For me it was an enjoyable read since it was about the Glades and his many potentially dangerous enforcement situations. There is no question that he loved the Glades and took his oath seriously to preserve and protect. He also talks about high water damage and does not hesitate to tell it like he saw and experienced it.” Book Review by Franklin Adams, District VIII Director.

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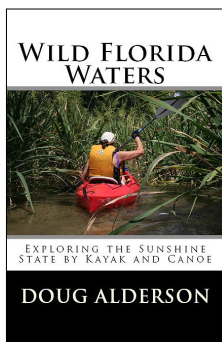
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Wild Florida Waters

by Doug Alderson

Wild Florida Waters places Florida's unsurpassed beauty and abundant wildlife in the forefront, from the mangrove labyrinth of the Ten Thousand Islands to the springfed Ichetucknee River. It also includes an exciting dose of paddling adventures, whether it's tipping over in the Suwannee River's Big Shoals rapids, surfing wind-generated waves while paddling the remote Apalachee Bay, or meeting up with a different form of "wild life" on a scenic waterway. Through all of the adrenalin, a strong conservation message permeates the volume, and useful how-to information is included at the end of each chapter. "It is past time somebody wrote a book of this caliber. A treasure trove of information for nature enthusiasts." -- Bill Richards, Executive Director, Paddle Florida

Paperback, 266 pages. **FP-499**, Price \$14.95, **Member Price \$14.62**



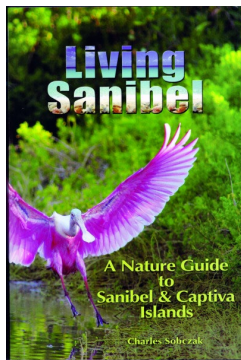
Living Sanibel - A Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands

by Charles Sobczak

Living Sanibel is the most complete nature guide to Sanibel and Captiva Island ever compiled. With more than 650 full color photographs and illustrations by award-winning nature photographers and artists, this single volume is the only book you will ever need while visiting Florida's fabled barrier islands.

Living Sanibel starts with a detailed and concise Environmental History of Sanibel and Captiva. This brief natural history puts the amazing accomplishment of preserving these barrier islands into its true historical perspective. This guide contains a total of 291 species of birds, an extensive shell guide, a complete section on the mammals and sea mammals found on Sanibel and Captiva well as reptiles and amphibians. Also included are the various fresh water turtles, as well as five species of sea turtles that nest on Sanibel and Captiva's beaches.

Paperback, 498 pages. **FP- 489**, Price \$26.95, **Member Price \$24.45**

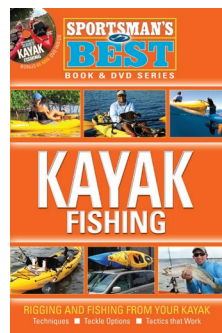


Sportsman's Best: Kayak Fishing

by Jeff Weakley, **Book and DVD**

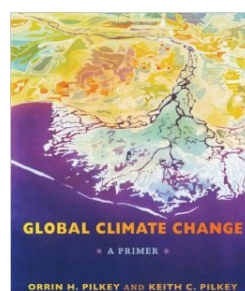
Kayak fishing is among the hottest trends in fishing today. It's affordable and enjoyable for anglers of all ages, on all waters: the saltwater coast, inland lakes, and freshwater rivers. In this new book from the publishers of Florida Sportsman magazine, award-winning photojournalist Jeff Weakley covers this fast-growing sport with expert reporting and rich, full-color photography on every page. The book offers advice on selecting, outfitting and transporting fishing kayaks, technique-specific instruction for catching all kinds of fish and is a fascinating window into the evolution of kayak fishing. Dozens of leading kayak anglers from around the U.S. are featured in this book. Included DVD features instruction by author and interviews with anglers profiled in the book, with fishing action from Florida Sportsman and Shallow Water Angler TV.

Paperback, 243 pages. **DVD Length, 43 minutes. FP-519**
Price \$19.95, **Member Price \$17.95**



Global Climate Change - A Primer

by Orrin H. Pilkey Sr. and Keith C. Pilkey
An internationally recognized expert on the geology of barrier islands, Orrin H. Pilkey is one of the rare academics who engages in public advocacy about science-related issues. He has written dozens of books and articles explaining coastal processes to lay readers, and he is a frequent and outspoken interviewee in the mainstream media. Here, the colorful scientist takes on climate change deniers in an outstanding and much-needed primer on the science of global change and its effects. After explaining the greenhouse effect, Pilkey, writing with son Keith, turns to the damage it is causing: sea level rise, ocean acidification, glacier and sea ice melting, changing habitats, desertification, and the threats to animals, humans, coral reefs, marshes, and mangroves. These explanations are accompanied by Mary Edna Fraser's stunning batiks depicting the large-scale arenas in which climate change plays out. *Paperback, 498 pages. FP- 524*, Price \$15.95, **Member Price \$14.60**



FWF's 2014 Fall Greeting Cards

This year FWF is featuring photographs by Lou and Betsy Kellenberger in the Fall Card packets, which include 12 cards and 12 envelopes. These cards do not contain a holiday inscription. The outstanding photographs and descriptions on the back of the cards written by the Kellenbergers are educational in nature and certainly help to promote the Federation's mission to preserve fish and wildlife habitat for every native species in Florida.

The cards are available online at www.fwfonline.org in the Nature Store. You may also order by phone toll free by calling 800-656-3014.

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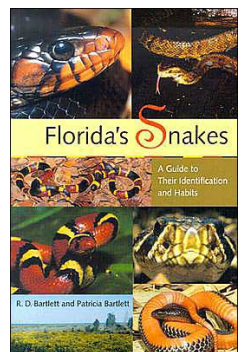


Florida's Snakes

A Guide to Their Identification and Habits

by R.D. Bartlett and Patricia Bartlett

Florida's human population is on the increase, and residents are more likely than ever to encounter a snake or a legless lizard. This book provides a comprehensive illustrated guide to the 86 species and subspecies of snakes and legless lizards living within the state as well as in adjacent areas of neighboring states. It is the only field guide for Florida snakes that includes native, introduced, and established species plus commonly seen but not yet established species. Each reptile is illustrated with a color photo accompanied by a range map detailing where it can be found. Descriptions provide specific details on appearance, size, behavior, and venomous qualities. *Paperback, 182 pages. FP-422*, Price \$24.95, **Member Price \$23.00**

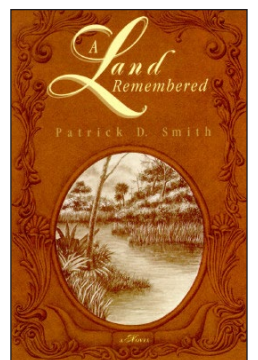


A Land Remembered

by Patrick D. Smith

Here are three generations of the MacIvey family, from dirt-poor Crackers to wealthy real estate tycoons, in an epic portrayal of the American pioneer's will to survive against all odds. Here is the sweeping story of the land, how at first bare survival is scratched from it and then how it is exploited far beyond human need. Here is a rich, rugged history of Florida's pioneer spirit and natural world. Winner of the Florida Historical Society's Tebeau Prize as the Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel. Recently awarded the best outdoor book of 2009 by the Florida Outdoor Writers Association.

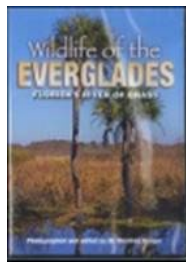
Paperback, 403 pages. FP-413
Price \$12.95, **Member Price \$11.65.**



Wildlife of the Everglades: Florida's River of Grass

Dr. Manfred Dangel invites you to a paradise known as the EVERGLADES. This video is the final contribution of the world renowned naturalist, Dr. Manfred Dangel. This amazing video is narrated by Manfred during his last few weeks. It identifies 144 plants and animals. It is a compilation of 15 years of safaris in the Everglades as a guide for Everglades Day Safari. This is Manfred's legacy. Please enjoy this DVD and appreciate the vast knowledge contained within.

Length: 64 minutes. **FP - 518**, Price \$19.95

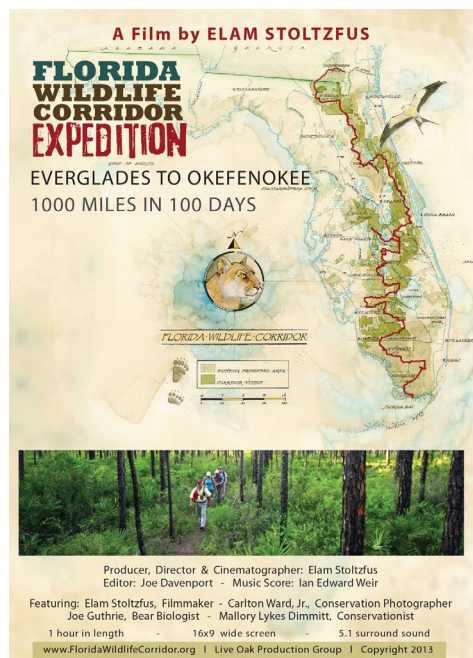


Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition DVD

A collection of stories and experiences woven together in a documentary format. Includes extra video stories and a music video. Produced by Elam Stoltzfus, featured on PBS TV.

1 hour **FP-523**

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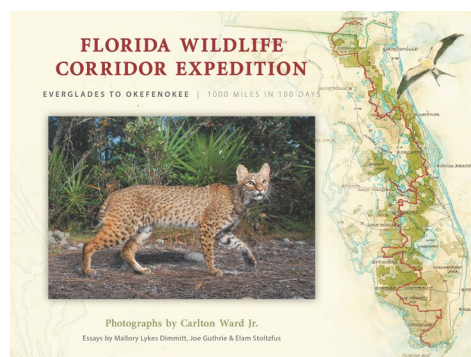


Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition Book

The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition shows the world that beyond beaches and theme parks, the heart of Florida is still wild--and can still be saved. In 2012, four explorers enter the Everglades and, 100 days later, reach the Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia. They paddle, peddle and hike more than 1,000 miles up the spine of Florida to call attention to this remaining natural corridor so essential to the survival of wildlife and to the well-being of Florida's ever-growing population. Stunning photographs by Carlton Ward Jr and essays by fellow explorers bring the story to life in vivid detail.

Paperback, 140 pages. **FP-527**

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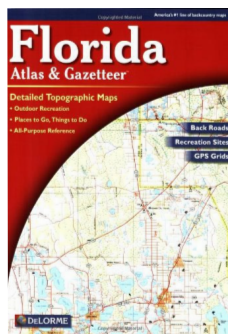
Florida Atlas and Gazetteer

From DeLorme, 9th Edition

Want to get off the beaten path in Florida? A brand-new Atlas and Gazetteer includes GPS grids and a mileage chart with information on public campgrounds, beaches, parks, forests, botanical gardens, museums, historic sites, zoos & aquariums, salt & freshwater fishing, wildlife areas, bicycle routes, natural springs, canoe trips and more. Great for vacationers and Floridians alike.

Paperback, 127 pages. **FP-101**

Price \$19.95, **Member Price \$18.45.**



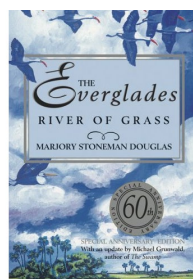
The Everglades River of Grass

by Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Before 1947, when Marjory Stoneman Douglas named the Everglades a "river of grass" in this treasured classic of nature writing, most people considered the area a vast and worthless swamp. She brought the world's attention to the need to preserve the Everglades as the unique and magnificent place that it is.

447 pages, **FP - 412**

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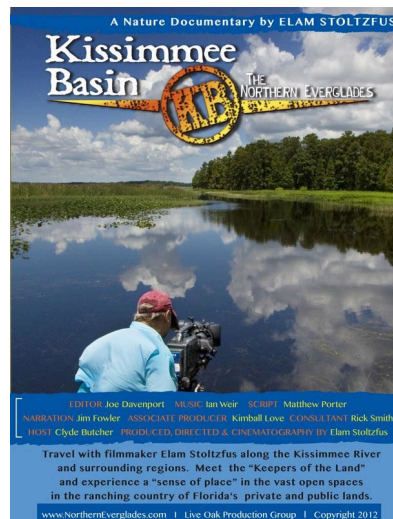


OUTSTANDING FILMS:

Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades

Produced and Directed by Elam Stoltzfus

The Florida Wildlife Federation is proud to announce this outstanding film which is being aired on PBS across the country; check your local listings! FWF was pleased to support Live Oak Productions in the making of this film.



Travel with filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus along the Kissimmee River and surrounding regions. Meet the "Keepers of the Land" and experience a sense of place in the vast open spaces in the cattle country of Florida's private and public lands. Throughout the centuries, the Everglades have inspired strong emotion and debate among

soldiers and poets, politicians and citizens. Its history is as broad and sprawling as the River of Grass itself. Although many stories have been told about the Everglades – from drainage to restoration – few have been told about where it all begins: the Kissimmee River Basin. Restoration and protection of the natural values of this vast, watery landscape may well hold the key to restoration of the Greater Everglades ecosystem.

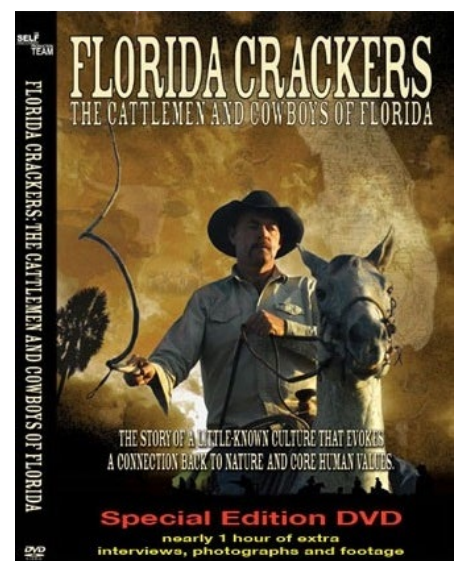
Length: 60 minutes. **FP - 515**. Price \$19.95

Florida Crackers: Cattlemen and Cowboys of Florida

The movie, "Florida Crackers: the Cattlemen and Cowboys of Florida," captures the story of Florida's real-life cowboys; their history, their culture, and the uncertain future they face as they strive to preserve their way of life in a fast-paced modern world. Covering a wide range of topics related to cattle ranching in Florida, the story includes how the landowners strive to preserve the wildlife, land and water. Captured in hi-definition, this one-of-a-kind documentary is a long overdue tribute to Florida's great pioneer culture and lifestyle as well as the Sunshine State's beautiful natural resources and wildlife.

Length: 87 minutes. **FP - 497**

Price \$19.95

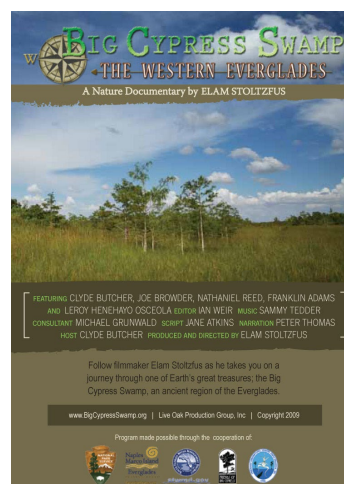


Big Cypress Swamp - The Western Everglades

Follow filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus as he takes you on a journey through one of Earth's great treasures; the Big Cypress Swamp, an ancient region of the Everglades. Big Cypress Swamp: the Western Everglades a visual masterpiece that tells the story of Florida's river of grass, highlighting people who share their passion for this wild place, seasons of scenery that pull you into the rhythm of the swamp, and a chorus of nature sounds scored into a symphony. From grand landscapes to the smallest insect or drop of dew, Stoltzfus brings us into the Big Cypress Swamp its like being there.

Length: One hour. **FP - 479**

Price \$19.95



Answers to Florida Kids' Quiz

1. Why is it important to use as little bug spray as possible when we really need to zap a bug?

Because when we use too much spray, we might accidentally spray good bugs that we want to keep, not kill, and because we might spray pesticides on ourselves or others, and that's not good for our bodies.

2. What is one of the most basic and easy ways to save energy?

Turning out the lights when we don't need them is still one of the most basic and effective ways to save energy.

3. Why is it better to have more shrubs and planting beds on your property and less lawn?

It is a good idea to get rid of lawn areas, and increase flower beds or use of ground covers that don't need mowing as mowing uses a lot of energy that could have been saved for more necessary uses, and puts a lot of pollutants into the air that are harmful to animals and to us.

How did you do, Florida Kid??!!

Florida Wildlife Federation asks:

Do you want to make sure that your children and grandchildren have a healthy environment and can enjoy quality outdoor recreation in Florida?

Do you want to ensure our lands and waters are conserved and available for resource-based public recreation?

If you agree that we must protect the future of well managed outdoor recreation by acquiring public conservation lands, encouraging private-lands conservation, and restoring habitats and populations of fish and wildlife through sound management, then we would like you to become a member of the Florida Wildlife Federation.



By joining with us, you will become part of a dynamic, statewide organization with the goal of conserving Florida's fish, wildlife, water and plant life in the face of rapid loss of habitat statewide. **It is only with the financial support of our members that we may continue to pursue these goals. Please join or donate today!**

We need your support to conserve Florida's wildlife and habitat for today and the future!

Yes! I want to join the **Florida Wildlife Federation** to conserve, protect, and restore Florida's natural treasures such as springs and water bodies, fish & wildlife habitats, and to enhance the public's enjoyment of resource-based, outdoor recreation in Florida. With your membership you will receive the FWF publication, *Florida Fish and Wildlife News (FFWN)* by mail or email (please select your choice below).

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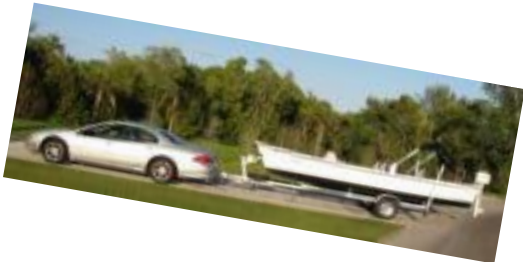
Drawing for the 24th Annual Boating Sweepstakes is December 18

By Claudia Farren, FWF Sweepstakes Coordinator

The drawing for the Federation's 24th Annual Boating Sweepstakes is fast approaching. Be sure to get your tickets now at <http://www.fwfonline.org/Sweeps-Archive/Boat/2014-Boating-Sweepstakes.aspx>! The 2014 Sweepstakes is offering the grand prize winner their choice between four, fuel-efficient, low-emission boats or \$25,000 in cash. This year's selections are a nearshore, bay, flats, or electric boat. The winner can chose the Sea Hunt Triton 188 ideal for serious salt-water fishing; the Sundance SV211 Bay that can easily handle a tournament or a family outing; the Hewes Redfisher with its easy-to-pole design perfect for shallow-water flats or backcountry fishing; or the Ray E-boat Explorer 21 electric boat that is easy to trailer and launch with the family car and will cruise continuously at 6.2 mph for 8 hours on only 8 golf cart batteries.

In addition to the Grand Prize, 10 winners will receive a \$75 Gift Certificate to Guy Harvey Sportswear which features Guy Harvey pocket t-shirts, dry-release performance shirts, hats, footwear, backpacks, and offshore fishing jackets.

The Federation sincerely thanks our supporters for their contributions. Proceeds from this sweepstakes are used right here in Florida to pursue vital fish and wildlife programs from the Everglades to the Escambia River including fish and wildlife habitat conservation on both public and private lands, wetlands protection, sound coastal conservation policy, clean air and water initiatives, Everglades restoration and conservation land protection.



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Boat Choices

How to Enter

Ticket contributions are \$5 each, 6 tickets for \$25, 15 tickets for \$50, or 35 tickets for \$100. Watch for your tickets in the mail or play online anytime by going to FWF's website and clicking on the Sweepstakes button at the top of every page. Then click on 24th Annual Boating Sweepstakes. If you would like a set of tickets mailed to you, send an email to FWF at boatsweeps@fwfonline.org or call our toll-free number (800) 656-3014. Please provide your full name and complete mailing address to receive a packet of tickets. Specify "Boat Sweeps" in the Subject line.

2014 Outdoor Trip of a Lifetime Sweepstakes Winner

This year, FWF added a new prize, an Outdoor Trip of a Lifetime, to the annual Boating Sweepstakes. The prize drawing was held on September 3, 2014, at 3 pm at FWF Headquarters in Tallahassee, and was supervised by Carroll and Co., Inc., Certified Public Accountants. The winner had their choice of a trip for two from ONE of three great outdoor adventure companies: Guy Harvey Outpost, Cabela's Outdoor Adventures, National Geographic/Lindblad Expeditions, OR \$12,500 in cash. A video of the drawing is at: <http://www.fwfonline.org/Sweeps-Archive/Boat/Winners/2014-Boat-Sweeps-Winners.aspx>



Karen Trogon of Tallahassee, Florida, winner of the First Annual Outdoor Trip of a Lifetime Prize, receiving her certificate from Preston Robertson, FWF Vice President for Conservation & General Counsel.



Present at the September 3rd drawing (from left) were Michael Dupree, Jay Liles, Claudia Farren, Michelle Hakemoller, Officer John Beeman, Lynn Jones, Tessa Kleck, Ryan Ricciardi and Ryan Smart.

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Where There's a Will, There's a Way...

For Wildlife



Sarah Bailey with Federation president, Manley Fuller

Sarah Bailey grew up on a farm in Western Kentucky. Tree climbing and seining the creeks for crayfish and salamanders, she spent most days outdoors, and delighted in bringing home various animals, including a box of baby snakes that escaped (inside!). That young love for the natural world matured into a fervent desire to protect land, not only to benefit her beloved wildlife, but to ensure a sustainable future for her children and grandchildren.

After a stint as an art director in New York City, Sarah met her late husband, John Matthews Bailey, of the family who pioneered Sanibel Island in the 1890s. John graduated from the University of Florida in Animal Husbandry, and he and Sarah went on to establish an award-winning cattle operation in Arkansas. Raising livestock and Quarter Horses has remained a lifelong passion, and today the Bailey herd is registered Florida Cracker Cattle. To help preserve their ranch in St. Johns County, the Baileys created a special trust with the University of Florida Foundation, which will benefit several conservation charities including the Florida Wildlife Federation—a gesture that will continue her special relationship with the land and the outdoors after she is gone.

During years of trail riding all over Florida, "I came to see how important it is to save land. We saw the devastation of South Florida wetlands, and what it was doing to our native plants and wildlife." Her sentiments reflect not just her personal feelings, but her lifelong commitment to conservation. Working with statewide land trust programs such as Endangered Lands, C.A.R.L., and Florida Forever; the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners; and the FWF Board of Directors, Sarah contributed to the

preservation of many Florida properties including Big and Little Talbot Islands, Guana State Preserve and the Julington-Durbin Creeks Peninsula. Among her most cherished awards for her long-term activism is the eagle sculpture she received as the ninth inductee into the Florida Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame.

Please join with Sarah and help make sure we and future residents can enjoy a healthy clean and abundant Florida, which helps not only our environment, but also our economy.

A bequest to the Florida Wildlife Federation or a charitable trust like Sarah's is easy to arrange, makes creative use of assets and can benefit your family as well as help the Federation.

For more information on how your estate plan can benefit both you and wildlife, please contact **Tim Bachmeyer**, FWF Development Consultant, at **561-801-5752** or Manley Fuller, Diane Hines or Preston Robertson, at **850-656-7113**.

Conservation Calendar

January 8 – 10, 2015
Everglades Coalition Annual Conference
Hilton Key Largo Resort
www.evergladescoalition.org/conference

January 23-25, 2015
FWF Board of Directors Meeting
Oakland Nature Preserve
Winter Garden/Orlando area
dhines@fwfonline.org

January 21-26, 2015
Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival
Eastern Florida State College, Titusville
www.spacecoastbirdingandwildlifefestival.org

January 24-25, 2015
Manatee Festival
Blue Spring State Park
www.themanateefestival.com

February 6-8, 2015
Birds of a Feather Festival
City of Palm Coast
<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/events/birding-fest>

April 10-12, 2015
FWF Board of Directors meeting
dhines@fwfonline.org

June 12-14, 2015
FWF Annual Conservation Awards Banquet
Board of Directors meeting
St. Augustine
dhines@fwfonline.org