



Hernando Audubon NEWS

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Monthly meetings: location and times

The September and October meetings (see items this page for details) meet at the Community Activity Center, 205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville. The center is between the public library and the U.S. Post Office in downtown Brooksville. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for socializing, with coffee and light refreshments. Programs start promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you are a member, please consider bringing a guest. If you are not a member, you are welcome to join us at all meetings and on the field trips.

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We're collecting aluminium cans to raise money for our education and outreach projects. If you can help, please bring these recyclables with you to the monthly meeting. Thank you!

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September 23

Speaker: Margo McKnight

Creating a conservation network for Eastern North America

Margo McKnight is the executive director and a board member of the Wildlands Network, headquartered in Titusville, Fla. The organization is working to create four large, protected land corridors in North America, which it terms *wildways*, and that provide protection for wildlife for the long term through landscape connectivity. Ms. McKnight will be sharing with our chapter a way for everyone to get involved in creating a network of people protecting one of these continental corridors, the Eastern Wildway, which extends from the Acadian forests of Maritime Canada to the Everglades in Florida. This expanse includes national parks, preserves, forests, scenic rivers and wild places. It spans climates from arctic to tropical. The animal and plant species diversity is great, with many plants, birds, fish, and butterflies that are found nowhere else in the world.



BLACK BEARS are among the many species that could benefit from the establishment of a system of interconnected lands.
 Photo: © William C. Gladish for Wildlands Network

October 28

Speaker: Myrna Erler-Bradshaw

A Gallery of Wildlife Photography

Myrna Erler-Bradshaw's photographs bring wildlife and the natural world up close and into sharp focus. In this program Myrna will tell us how she became interested in photography and of the continual drive to develop her talent and improve her photographic techniques. Since retiring from her printing business, Myrna has travelled extensively, taking her camera to places far and near, and in the process creating a breathtaking gallery of images that she will share as a PowerPoint presentation this evening. Myrna's work has won numerous awards at the regional, state and national levels. She



MYRNA AT WORK during a trip to the Smokies in 2008. Photo by Kate Hughes

generously shares her photographs with many local nonprofits, including Hernando Audubon. Her contributions often illustrate this newsletter and enhance our website.

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**Our new season:
great programs, great
field trips, great events**

We have another exciting season coming up. Hernando Audubon is bringing back your favorite events, like the Big Day Birdathon and the Christmas Bird Counts, plus our ever-popular field trips and picnics. We also have many first-time activities scheduled by our new field trip leader, Eileen Riccio. Our immediate past president, Mary Dowdell, has planned some exciting programs, with speakers like Craig Pittman, who will discuss the topic of his recently published book, *Manatee Insanity*; and Bob Montanaro, the author of *Critters Coms, and Cowboys*; plus our first speaker of the year, Margo McKnight, the executive director of The Wildlands Project.

There is plenty of fun and comradeship for you, our members. That being so, think what you can do to help our struggling wildlife.



Every member can contribute something. Maybe it's just two hours to help at a booth or, if you can't attend an event, maybe you can donate to our fundraiser on Big Day. How about contributing to a bake sale, or volunteering your special skill?

Our club runs on the goodwill and generosity of our members who donate their time, talents and dollars. Please consider giving us a hand this year in whatever way you can.

Linda

LINDA VANDERVEEN
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We welcome submissions from readers. If you have a story idea, please call either of the editors, or e-mail hernandoaudubon@yahoo.com, with "Newsletter" in the subject line.

We welcome these new members, who joined us over the summer months, and we thank those of you who renewed your memberships during this period. We look forward to seeing all of you at our programs and on the field trips. Kathleen East, our membership chair, says we have passed the 500-member mark. During these difficult times, when many organizations are struggling, this milestone reinforces our belief that there are many people who continue to care deeply about our wildlife and wild places. Our thanks to every one of you for your support!

NEW MEMBERS:

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|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Cynthia A. Appicello | Heather G. Crawford | Donna Proctor |
| Susan Bass | Carolyn A. Foster | Douglas and Patricia Rickles |
| Linda Benlien | Cathy Greenwalt | William Rose |
| Robert Bock | Patricia Harten | Charles Sampson |
| Richard Brown | Amanda M. Kapluck | Kristine Schmelter |
| Donna Carnes | David Millendorf | Vicki Smith |
| Isabel Carr | Ron Oliver | Nancy Taitano |
| Joan Casanova | Sherry Padalino | Beth Watson |
| F. Crabtree | Nina Plail | John and Connie Whitman |

Electronic mailing lists are great sources for up-to-date birding information

BY BEV HANSEN, ORNITHOLOGY EDITOR

Do you ever wonder what birds people are seeing during spring and fall migrations? Or are you curious about any rare birds that are being seen? The answers to these questions can be found on various list servers in Florida. List servers are electronic mailing lists where people send e-mail messages, such as reports about the birds they are seeing, and these messages are distributed to all the subscribers to the list.

There are two major list servers in Florida, as well as several regional ones. One popular list server is Birdbrains, which began serving the Tampa Bay area, but has now expanded coverage to all of Florida. The other list server is Florida Birds. Both list servers have about 500 subscribers, with some people subscribing to both lists.

You can read these messages, without subscribing, in one of two ways. You can go to the archives and scroll through the messages. The Birdbrains archives is at <http://listserv.admin.usf.edu/archives/brdbrain.html>. The Florida Birds archives is at <http://lists.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/wa?AO=FLORIDABIRDS-L>.

A second way to read the archives, not only for Florida, but for all the United States and Canada, is to go to <http://birdingonthe.net/>. Under the category "Mailing Lists," click on "Regional/Specialty." On the regional mail page, if you want to read the Florida list servers, you would scroll down to Eastern US, and click on Birdbrains, etc. On the regional mail page, you will also see numerous list servers for central and western US and Canada. Also included are list servers for other parts of the world, as well as list servers for specific topics, such as bird banding, hawks, shorebirds, butterflies and moths, etc.

To join Birdbrains list server, you can go to this link <http://listserv.admin.usf.edu/archives/birdbrain.html> and submit your e-mail address and a password of your choice. You will then receive a message asking you to confirm that you want to subscribe. Once you respond to this message, you will be on the subscription list, and will start receiving messages.

To join Florida Birds list server, send a message to listserv@lists.ufl.edu. The message should say: Subscribe FloridaBirds-L YourFirstName YourLastName (substituting your own first and last names). You will then receive a reply asking you to confirm your subscription. When you answer that, you will begin receiving messages. Another source for information about what birds are being seen is <http://e-bird.org>. There birders post their bird totals for a given field trip, and these lists can be viewed by others.

Some birders would consider the sources I have described above to be dated technology. They, especially younger birders, have moved on to text messaging, the use of iPhones, blogs, etc., but I have some catching up to do on those recent resources.

Serious about birds?

The American Ornithologists' Union will be holding its 129th annual meeting right here in Florida! The AOU is dedicated to the scientific study of birds. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville, July 24-29, 2011. The University of Florida is the sponsor. For more information go to www.aou.org, or contact Mary Dowdell at 352-797-7874, e-mail marydowdell@bellsouth.net

September/October Field Trip details

September 18 - Saturday Crews Lake Park (Pasco County)

Birding and Nature Hike

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

Contact: Andy and Elaine Maywalt

352-686-8195 or

e-mail andymaywalt@bellsouth.net

Meet at the front gate. The hike will be led by Don Robinson, a biologist and former Crews Lake ranger. In addition to birds, we may see many species of plants, and we expect there will be flowers in bloom, so be sure to bring your camera.

Directions: Take Mariner Boulevard south, crossing County Line Road, where Mariner becomes Shady Hills Road in Pasco County. Go approximately 4.8 miles (just past the Suncoast Parkway overpass). Take the first left, and then the first right to the park entrance.

October 16 - Saturday

Rattlesnake Festival

San Antonio (Pasco County)

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Stage #1

Good bluegrass music, arts and crafts, reptile show, pageants, and more.

Free admission. Check it out at

www.rattlesnakefestival.com.

October 23 - Saturday

Fort Cooper State Park (Citrus County) Birding and Nature Hike

Start time: 8:15 a.m.

Contacts: Eileen Riccio/Jim Meyer

352-419-5205 or e-mail elriccio@yahoo.com

The park opens at 8:00 a.m. There is a \$2.00 per person entrance fee. Many species of birds are often seen in the park at this time of year. We will be hiking about 2 miles from the lake shore, going through hardwood hammocks and upland forest, looking for late fall migrants, Wood Ducks, Bobwhite, waders, deer, indigo snakes, and other Florida wildlife. We may be accompanied by a park ranger. Plan on a three- to four-hour trip.



OSPREYS

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Hernando Audubon ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2010-2011



Field Trips Meetings Lectures Special Events

Guests are always welcome at our meetings, field trips and events. Coffee and other light refreshments are served at meetings before the program starts.

Please call the trip leader/event contact, consult the most recent issue of Hernando Audubon NEWS, or see the bimonthly schedule on our website (www.hernandoaudubon.org) for where to meet, start time, and other important details about each field trip or event. There is limited space on some trips, so we suggest calling the trip leader at least two weeks in advance to make a reservation.



September

- 18 Crews Lake Park Field Trip**
Andy and Elaine Maywalt:
352-686-8195
- 23 Monthly Meeting/Lecture:
A conservation network for the East: help us create it**
Speaker: Margo McKnight of the Wild-lands Network
Community Activity Center,
205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Cypress Lakes Preserve Workday (ESL)(*) - Public Lands Day**
Jim King: 352-754-4057, ext. 28020

(*) Hernando County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Program

October

- 2 Reptile & Amphibian Festival**
Chinsegut Nature Center
Details at MyFWC.com/Recreation/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm
Kristin Wood: 352-754-6722
- 16 Rattlesnake Festival**
San Antonio, Fla. Details at www.rattlesnakefestival.com or call Eileen Riccio: 352-419-5205
- 23 Birding at Fort Cooper State Park**
Eileen Riccio/Jim Meyer: 352-419-5205
- 22-23 Audubon of Florida Assembly**
St. Petersburg. Details at www.fl.audubon.org
Linda Vanderveen: 352-428-2629
- 23 Cypress Lakes Preserve Workday - Scrub and Sandhill Habitat Restoration (ESL)**
Jim King: 352-754-4057, ext. 28020
- 28 Monthly Meeting/Talk and PowerPoint presentation:**
Wildlife Photographer:
Myrna Erler-Bradshaw
Community Activity Center,
205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Program starts at 7:00 p.m

November

- 6 Pioneer Day**
Chinsegut Nature Center
Details at MyFWC.com/Recreation/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm
Kristin Wood: 352-754-6722
- 13 Starkey Wilderness Park Birding Walk**
Jim McKay: 727-207-3448
- 18 Monthly Meeting/Members' Photo Presentation and Annual Thanksgiving Celebration**
Community Activity Center,
205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville.
Note earlier start time: 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Big Pine and Chinsegut Birding Hike**
Linda Vanderveen: 352-428-2629

December

- 4 Brooksville Birding Hotspots**
Mary Dowdell: 352-797-7874
- 18 Brooksville Christmas Bird Count** (Citizen Science Event)
Clay Black: 352-592-4949
- 21 Aripeka-Bayport Christmas Bird Count** (Citizen Science Event)
Bev Hansen: 352-686-0460



HOODED WARBLER at Fort DeSoto State Park © BEV HANSEN



**Hernando
Audubon
Society**

January

- 8 Weekiwachee Preserve Salt Marsh Safari**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949, ext. 4325
- 14 Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge Field Trip**
Dan and Shirley Kohler: 352-683-9370
- 15 Weekiwachee Preserve Sparrow Drive**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949, ext. 4325
- 26 Mosaic Mines Field Trip**
Reservations must be made by January 16.
Bev Hansen: 352-686-0460 or
e-mail bevalhansen@earthlink.net
- 27 Monthly Meeting/Lecture: Manatee Insanity**
Speaker: Author Craig Pittman
Community Activity Center,
205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Weekiwachee Preserve Sparrow Drive**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949, ext. 4325
- 29 Cypress Lakes Preserve: Scrub and Sandhill Habitat Restoration (ESL)**
Jim King: 352-754-4057, ext. 28020

February

- 5 Hernando Big Day/Birdathon**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949, ext. 4325
- 12 Ahhochee Hill Sanctuary Workday**
Christie Anderberg: 352-797-3545
- 19 Circle B Bar Ranch (Lakeland) Field Trip**
Wally and Lee Handeland:
352-835-7050
- 24 Monthly Meeting/Lecture: Swallow-tailed Kites and Short-tailed Hawks**
Speakers: Ken Meyer and Gina Kent of
the Avian Conservation Research Institute
Community Activity Center,
205 E. Ft. Dade Ave., Brooksville.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Honeymoon Island State Park Field Trip**
Bev Hansen: 352-686-0460



HUMMER IN ALOE

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March

- 5-6 Swamp Fest**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949 or
Andy Maywalt: 352-686-8195
- 17 Chassahowitzka WMA Swamp Hike and Centralia Natural History Tour**
Andy and Elaine Maywalt: 352-686-8195
- 18-20 Audubon Academy**
Gainesville. Details at
www.audubonofflorida.org
- 24 Hernando Audubon Society Annual Meeting and Lecture: Critters, Cows and Cowboys**
Speaker: Bob Montanaro of Pelican
Island Audubon Society
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Rainbow Springs State Park Field Trip**
Eileen Riccio/Jim Meyer: 352-419-5205
- 26 Cypress Lakes Preserve: Scrub and Sandhill Habitat Restoration (ESL)**
Jim King: 352-754-4057, ext. 28020
- 30 Weeki Wachee River Canoe/Kayak Trip**
Vera Huckaby: 352-848-5776

April

- 2 Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Early Spring Migrants Field Trip**
Bev Hansen: 352-686-0460
- 9 Goethe State Forest Field Trip for birds, butterflies and carnivorous plants**
Clay Black: 352-592-4949, ext. 4325
- 15-16 Birding and Wildlife Festival**
Chinsegut Nature Center. Details at
MyFWC.com/Recreation/Chinsegut_Nature_Center_index.htm
Kristin Wood: 352-754-7622
- 23 Green Key Migrants Field Trip**
Eileen Riccio: 352-419-5205 or
Linda Vanderveen: 352-428-2629
- 30 Orlando Gatorland "Bird Babies"**
Eileen Riccio: 352-419-5205 or
Linda Vanderveen: 352-428-2629

Special April Event:

An outdoor event that replaces the monthly meeting at the Community Activity Center.

Date to be announced in future issues of the Hernando Audubon NEWS.

May

- 5 Sunset boat trip to Bird Island in Lake Rousseau (Citrus County)**
Jeanne Brown: 352-754-5186
- TBA Annual Picnic**
Look for date and location in future issues of this newsletter.





The Squawk Box:
an occasional
commentary
by the editor

Thomas Jefferson wrote that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Well, in Hernando County the price for our natural environment is also eternal vigilance. In plain language: We must keep an eye on our elected officials and the business before them.

Case in point is the recent attempt to pervert the will of the voters who, in 1988, approved a millage levy for the acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands and habitats for endangered species, threatened species, and species of special concern. This enlightened action by voters was one of the first of its kind in Florida. On Aug. 10 of this year, the Hernando County Board of Commissioners had before them an ordinance that would have diverted some of the money levied to protect our very special lands to a different purpose. Fortunately, the idea went nowhere because three of the four commissioners present had the good sense not to take up the proposal.

Two things trouble me about this incident: (1) The wording of the proposed ordinance was ambiguous. It was not evident to me that funds would be diverted to uses never intended by the voters. (2) So few of us who care about our natural environment and the ecosystems it supports attended the Commission meeting – which brings me back to Mr. Jefferson.

These are difficult times. The argument is often made that human needs take precedence over environmental interests. Now, more than ever, we must not forget that this is a false choice: human health and wellbeing are *dependent* on a healthy natural environment, *not* opposed to it. So, let's be vigilant. Commission meetings are held on the first three Tuesdays of the month, at 9:00 a.m., and the agenda is publicized. Keep your eyes and ears open, and don't be afraid to speak up – or out, whatever...

Lucille L.



BY BOB KEIM, CONSERVATION CHAIR

Conservation: Hope, Action and the Nature Coast

politicians to begin drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, threats to the Everglades Restoration Plan (which Audubon helped develop), and the ongoing pollution of Weeki Wachee Springs. And that's just a short list.

Yet we must always hope. Indeed, as we move into the coming "Audubon year," we get new opportunities to speak out for wildlife and rivers, to advocate for growth that is reasonable and responsible, and to work for environmental policies and programs that respect the interdependent web of all existence in which we live. As Joe Murphy wrote in this column last year, "Living in concert with, and acting on our true beliefs, helps us be fully alive."

There are many conservation issues that need action. We want to schedule the first meeting of the Conservation Committee during the week of October 4th-8th. Details on time and place will be available soon. If you would like to be involved, send an e-mail to hernandoaudubon@yahoo.com with "Conservation Committee" in the subject line. You can also call me at 352-793-2268. This will let us know who wants to be a part of this great work.

Editor's note: Bob is a native Floridian, deeply attached to the land. He grew up in Mulberry and learned to "smell fish on the wind" from his maternal grandmother. His soul resonates to Peter Mayer's song, Blue Boat Home. He majored in religion at Florida State University, but spent most of his working life developing spatial information systems (GIS) for Hillsborough County. Respect for the "interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part," is the work of his life. Be sure to talk with him when next you meet him.

It probably goes without saying that most of us have, over the last several months, had our eyes focused on BP's Deepwater Horizon "disaster in the Gulf" – and with good reason. The news coming out of the situation has been at times curious ("Will this solution work?"), at times frustrating ("Why hasn't this situation been fixed yet?"), quite often discouraging ("Is there no workable answer?"), and most of the time maddening ("A million gallons of oil a day surging into the Gulf of Mexico! That's our water, our coastline they're threatening!"). It's only natural that we would be so drawn into such an event happening so close to our part of the world – that coastal ecosystem that Eric Zamora poignantly showed us back at the March Hernando Audubon meeting. I keep thinking about those oyster farmers working to grow sustainable businesses in Cedar Key, wondering how they're faring and dealing with possible fears.

After the summer we've been through, some of the challenges and losses we've faced in previous years here on the Nature Coast almost seem less threatening.

But it's times like these that call each of us to keep our guard up, to pay attention to more than just the front page news, and to be willing and able to act when the time is right. As I write, we face an ongoing debate on climate change and its potential effects on people worldwide, calls by some

Build them, and they will come – the Eastern Bluebirds, that is

BY LUCILLE LANE, EDITOR

If you haven't recently biked or walked the Withlacoochee State Trail that extends 46 miles, from Lacombee, in Pasco County, to Inverness, in Citrus, you've missed something special: the bird boxes that line this converted railroad bed. There are (get this!) 188 Peterson-style boxes along the trail. They were built and installed by one man, Louis Nipper, a volunteer with the WST, which is part of the Office of Greenways and Trails, the manager of the statewide rails-to-trails system. Louis also obtained, and periodically hauls down from Georgia, donated lumber to make the boxes, so the project has been accomplished at no

cost to Florida taxpayers.

"It's work and a donation program I enjoy and have fun with," Louis said.

The boxes have found eager tenants in the local population of Eastern Bluebirds. Based on his records from monitoring the boxes, which he also does, Louis says that approximately 500 birds fledged this season. Carol Allen, who started volunteering after she saw Louis installing a box on a section of trail across from her home, has noticed the increase in Bluebirds. "We've had boxes on

Withlacoochee State Forest hosts endangered Florida Scrub-Jays

BY VINCE MORRIS, FOREST SUPERVISOR II
FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

The Withlacoochee State Forest is known as a hotspot for the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker because Division of Forestry and Florida Fish and Wildlife staff have been managing growing populations in the forest's Citrus and Croom tracts since 1998. In 2004, however, forest biologist Coleen Werner discovered a Florida Scrub-Jay in the southwest corner of the Richloam Tract, near the town of Lacombee. Careful management of that area as a scrub and scrubby flatwoods has provided habitat for what has turned out to be a breeding pair that remains in the area to this day. In fact, the Lacombee pair produced at least one chick in the 2010 nesting season.

Last year, a pair of Florida Scrub-Jays was reported by a reliable source in scrub habitat in the Citrus Tract. Withlacoochee Forest staff were unable to detect more than one bird during the 2009 nesting season, and no nest was found. This year, however, the single male was able to attract a banded mate that traveled several miles from a Southwest



FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY WITH A SNACK. © Myrna Erler-Bradshaw

Florida Water Management District property. The pair produced at least two fledglings.

These mini populations represent a challenge to forestry staff to manage. Without translocation as a management tool, which has been used successfully to shore up the Croom population of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, we are at the mercy of natural dispersal. However, we will work diligently to grow these tiny populations using habitat management and, hopefully, good-sized populations will result. Florida Scrub-Jays are a welcome and interesting addition to the state forest!



SUCCESS. Louis Nipper shows off one of the broods hatched this season in the boxes he made, installed, and now monitors, along the Withlacoochee State Trail that extends between Lacombee and Inverness. Photo: L. Lane

our property for years, but we've never seen as many Bluebirds as we have this season," Carol said. Carol now monitors a 10-mile stretch of trail regularly, and has some wonderful experiences to share. "One day, I opened a box, and the baby had the eggshell still on his eyes. It was a priceless moment," she said.

Louis started this remarkable project in May 2009 in response to a suggestion posted on a bulletin board by Withlacoochee State Trail manager Steve Stackhouse, who has since retired. The current trail manager, Joe Howard, backs the effort one hundred percent, and is encouraging anyone interested in volunteering to "come help out." Monitoring and cleaning the boxes will ensure the continued success of the program which, according to a spokeswoman in the Tallahassee office of Greenways and Trails, is the only one of its kind in the state.

Isn't it amazing what one person can accomplish when they are driven by desire and determination?

Note: Withlacoochee State Trail Manager Joe Howard can be reached at his office in Inverness, telephone 352-726-2251 - e-mail joe.howard@dep.state.fl.us

The 2010 Audubon Assembly will be held October 22 and 23 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon. Save the date!



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environmental
stewardship.**



The 2010-2011 Schedule of Events is the center spread in this newsletter. The schedule lists the activities, dates and contact information for planned events through May 2011.

Mark your calendar, save the schedule, and be on the lookout for expanded listings in future issues of Hernando Audubon NEWS.

Yes, I want to become a member of the Audubon Society! Enclosed is my check for \$20, payable to the **National Audubon Society**.
(New memberships only - Please do not use for renewals)

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Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____ Date _____

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Membership, Hernando Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1678, Brooksville, FL 34605

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