

AUDUBON ACADEMY 2009

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- 3:00 pm Registration open
- 4:00 Birding, kayak, canoe rentals available
- 5:00 Welcome Gathering
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Program – “Ancient Islands: Lake Wales Ridge”
Speaker: Dr. Mark Deyrup, Sr. Research Biologist, Archbold Biological
Station, Past-president, Highlands County Audubon

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

CONNECTIONS: BIRDS, PLANTS, CLIMATE CHANGE

- 6:30-8 am Breakfast
- 7 – 9:00 Field Trips – Catfish Creek Preserve
(Kayak or canoe rental available)
- 9:20 Welcome and Orientation
- 9:30 Keynote Address: “Inspiring the Power of Grassroots Conservation Policy”
Eric Draper, Director of Policy, Audubon of Florida
- 10:00 Audubon at Home
Rob Fergus, Program Director, National Audubon
- 10:45 “Buntings, Larks, and Woodpeckers: Opportunities for Audubon Chapters in
Bird Conservation”
John Ogden, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon of Florida
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm “Solar Power to the People”
Sarah Ridley, Audubon of Florida, and Pete Johnson, Climate Action
Chair, Duval Audubon
- 2:00 – 3:15 Concurrent Workshops:
“Conservation on a Larger Scale”

Charles Lee, Director of Advocacy, AOF

“Changing Cultural Views of Native Plant Landscaping”
David L. Cox, Ph.D., David Cox Consulting, LLC, Vero Beach, FL

“E-Bird”
Chuck Geanangel, Lake Region Audubon, and AOF board member
(limited to 15 participants)

3:30 – 4:30

Concurrent Sessions

“Stewardship Opportunities for Audubon Chapters”
Julie Wraithmell, Wildlife Policy Coordinator, Audubon of Florida

“Plant a Carbon Sink – Florida Native Plants”
Nancy and Bill Bissett, owners of The Natives, a native plant nursery

“E-Bird”
Chuck Geanangel, John Ogden (limited to 15 participants)

4:30 – 6:00

Native plant sale and free time (canoe, kayak, birding, networking)

6:00 – 7:15

Dinner

7:30 – 9:00

Program: “Natural Florida in Word, Image, and Deed” Sponsored by
FL Defenders of the Environment and the Florida Humanities
Council

9:00

Bonfire – Bring your musical instruments

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 29

6:30-8 am

Breakfast

7:00--9:00 am

Field Trips, Native Plant Sale

8:30

“Sharing Ideas from the Bird Education Conference”
Michelle Frankel, Ornithologist & Development Specialist, AOF

9:00 – 10:00

Concurrent Sessions:

“Using Grants to Accomplish Chapter Goals”
Michelle Frankel, Ornithologist and Development Specialist, AOF

“Establishing Wildflower Roads”
Louisa Taylor, Bay County Audubon, and Terry Zinn, Florida
Wildflower Foundation

10:15 – 12:00

“Does Your Chapter Need a Makeover?”

Dr. Stuart Langton, Ph.D, Sr. Fellow at Florida State University and
President, Stuart Langton & Associates

12 - 12:30 pm

Evaluation and Wrap-Up