



November 2022

Live Meetings, Walks and Events (see 2nd page)

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WhiteBird PRAS Monthly Newsletter

Past President Series 4 Larry Behrens

PRAS misses the joyous humor that Larry Behrens always brought to our meetings. He moved to Kansas last year. He writes, "Even though I no longer live in Port Charlotte, I often think about the good times spent in SW Florida and the many events in which I participated as a member and officer of Peace River Audubon Society and as a volunteer at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. Highlighting these events included the weekly maintenance at Audubon Pennington Nature Park, heading up some of the very enjoyable hikes through many of the area parks, conducting some of the monthly PRAS meetings which featured some fascinating speakers." Larry Behrens



Left to right: Shannon McGinnis, Larry Behrens, Jim Knoy and Cindi Macri. Larry made a wonderful video and bird list for Audubon Pennington Park on our website at Birding/Hot Spots Click:

<https://peacriveraudubon.org/audubon-pennington-park/>

Boat Eco-Tours on Peace River

Look for information on the upcoming boat trip up the Peace River planned for February 2023. Larry Behrens used to provide narration during the Eco-Tour trip up the Peace River. He writes, "The boats were contracted by the King Fisher Fleet out of Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda. Even though the narrators for the Eco-Tours were primarily volunteers at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, most of us were members of PRAS, the organization which helped establish CHEC. The Eco-Tour took visitors approximately 15 miles upstream with a turn-around taking place at historic Liverpool Park which was established by John Cross, a native of Liverpool, England. On the way to Liverpool, the visitors on the boat were shown physical characteristics of the Peace River plus the natural history of the plant and animal life along either side of the river. The narrator gave a history of the Native Americans that lived there during historical times and, more recently, Europeans. Locals who established thriving communities along the river were noted. Some of the most interesting species observed by the visitors included Rosette Spoonbills, Dolphins, Manatees, Bald Eagles, Egrets, Herons, Pelicans, Frigate Birds, Alligators, tree ferns, Bald Cypress, and many more interesting animals and plants. Peace River is a 'gem in the rough' in all of Florida."

Larry Behrens

CHEC Bird Blind Committee



Please consider volunteering for the CHEC Bird Blind Committee. Mike Krzyzkowski is recruiting anyone interested in a monthly gathering at the Bird Blind to spruce up the blind on the third Wednesday each month. Please email Mike to let him know. mikekrzyzo07@gmail.com.

2022-23 PRAS Link

<https://peacriveraudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Brochure-Trifold-final.pdf>

November 4th 10:30am at CHEC
Conservation Presentation
Birds along Peace River by Bren Curtis

Other Nov activities below:

Field Trips and Walkabouts General Public Invited

Walkabouts - 2 hr walks usually 2nd Tuesday of the month - meet at the parks at 8:00 AM

Field Trips - Usually on 3rd Saturday
Details by email or Website Calendar
~ 1/2 day & optional meet for lunch
Form your own carpools at

North 385 Kings Hwy by Culvers

South 41 & Burnt Store Rd by Home Depot

East 27680 Bermont & 17 by Winn Dixie
Bring water, snack, sunscreen

Tuesday, November 15 Walkabout
CHEC Alligator Creek led by Cris
Salmonsén at 8am, 10941 Burnt
Store Rd, Punta Gorda.

Saturday, November 19 Field Trip
Celery Fields 6799 Palmer Blvd,
Sarasota, FL 34240 at 8 am
Carpools formed 385 Kings Hwy.
or early birders drive to Ackerman
Park, 400 Apex Rd around 7:30
then on to main parking lot at 8.

Speaker Programs

Third Thursday of Month

Doors Open 6:15 PM

First Alliance Church

20444 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte

Covid Indoor Distancing Protocol

Masks Provided

Thursday, November 17 Speaker - Kate
Borduas So You Think You Know Pelicans

PRAS Online Photo Contest November 1 - December 10

Want to win a Photo contest like Mac Stone, the winner of the International Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award who took this photo of the Ghost Orchid and Hummingbird at Corkscrew Swamp. You can win a cash prize of \$200. Go to PRAS website to find out the details and submit your photos or click here: <https://peacriveraudubon.org/photo-contest/>



Window strike in SW Florida!

Gray catbirds are the cat's meow! 🐱

Their signature call resembles a "mew" just like a cat. Gray catbirds are related to mockingbirds and brown thrashers, therefore they share their amazing vocal talent. They are even able to produce two sounds at once because of their ability to utilize each side of their syrinx independently.

This catbird was stunned after hitting a window and sustained an injury to the eye. You can prevent window collisions by shutting blinds, hanging wind socks in front of windows, or applying decals on your windows to alert birds to dangerous expanses of glass. [#migrationmonday](#)



Peace River Series Continues



Hurricane Ian brought a 500 year flood to Arcadia with 23.7 ft crest over 1912 record of 20.6 ft. Rainfall total at Grove City was 26.95", Charlotte Beach at 22.97", Nocatee at 16.73: and Fort Ogden at 15.74". North Port and I-75 subsequently flooded too.