



BROWARD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dear Audubon Member:

By joining the National Audubon Society, you declared your support for conservation and preservation of our precious and threatened wildlife and habitat and you automatically became a member of the Broward County chapter. Your local chapter provides an outstanding program of speakers on wildlife and environmental issues, monthly bird watching trips, annual wildlife festivals such as Buteos on the Beach, the Everglades Bird Fest, the Annual Give Thanks for the Environment Day, and our monthly newsletter, "*The Warbler*." Moreover, we are a respected voice in support of conservation and preservation.

Our Board members are very involved in local, regional, and state conservation programs. For example, we play an active role in the County's water resource management. Barry Heimlich serves on the Technical Advisory Committee of the Broward County Water Advisory Board. We are also active in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Barry serves on the Broward County CERP Task Force, and he and Dr. Barbara K. Pryor, Editor of "*The Warbler*" and published CERP/Everglades author, are our chapter representatives to the Everglades Coalition. Lisa Baumbach continues her leadership roles in Audubon of Florida, serving as co-chairperson of the Audubon of Florida Regional Conservation Committee, which reviews conservation plans for the southeast region, and on the state Audubon of Florida board.

During the past year, Broward Audubon continued to be influential with the Broward County Commission regarding environmental impacts of the proposed expansion of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. We continue to alert the County Commission to potential environmental impacts on coastal mangrove wetlands, West Lake Park and John U. Lloyd State Park, and shortcomings in the proposed mitigation plan. By taking an even-handed, problem-solving approach with the various agencies and the Commission, Broward Audubon has earned respect as a "voice of reason" on environmental issues.

All of these programs require the participation and financial support of our members. The chapter receives less than 10% of your annual National Audubon Society dues -- far short of what is needed to cover chapter expenses. For the past several years, our chapter has run budget deficits and had to invade cash reserves. We urgently need your help.

Please help us ensure, by your generous, tax-deductible donation, that BCAS continues its programs and continues to make a difference in Broward County. Please do it today.

We greatly appreciate your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Broward County Audubon Society Board of Directors

Lisa Baumbach-Reardon, President 2004-2005