

# The Sandpiper

Fall 2007

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## Hummingbird Project

### FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

West Pasco Audubon is planning a fall membership drive. If you are not a member and you love and respect nature and feel a responsibility to care for the planet, consider joining the National Audubon Society. With your \$20 membership you will automatically become a member of your local chapter, receive a full 1 year subscription to Audubon Magazine and receive a free Audubon backpack. Our local chapter holds free programs the first Saturday of the month at 3 PM at the Starkey Education Center in the J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park, September through April. Throughout the year there are also scheduled field trips and special events to attend. Consider joining and tell a friend. Visit our web page to print out an application at [www.westpascoaudubon.com](http://www.westpascoaudubon.com) or call (727) 372-9640.

Many of our members are lucky enough to have the Ruby-throated Hummingbird visit their yards in the summer. Usually these hummingbirds migrate south beginning in September. On rare occasions, these little fast movers are found here in the late fall and winter. Sometimes they are joined by western migrating hummingbirds that normally pass through Mexico.

West Pasco Audubon is asking it's members and friends to put up or continue to maintain hummingbird feeders. These feeders should be kept up until the middle of January. Feeder food should be a 4 to 1 mix of water and pure **cane** sugar and should be changed at least once a week.

If you are participating and do have a wintering hummingbird sighting, please notify Ken Tracey at [kftracey@verizon.net](mailto:kftracey@verizon.net) or call (727) 372-9640. Your hummingbird could be included in the Alabama Hummingbird Banding Project.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
August 2006  
New Port Richey, Pasco  
Ken Tracey



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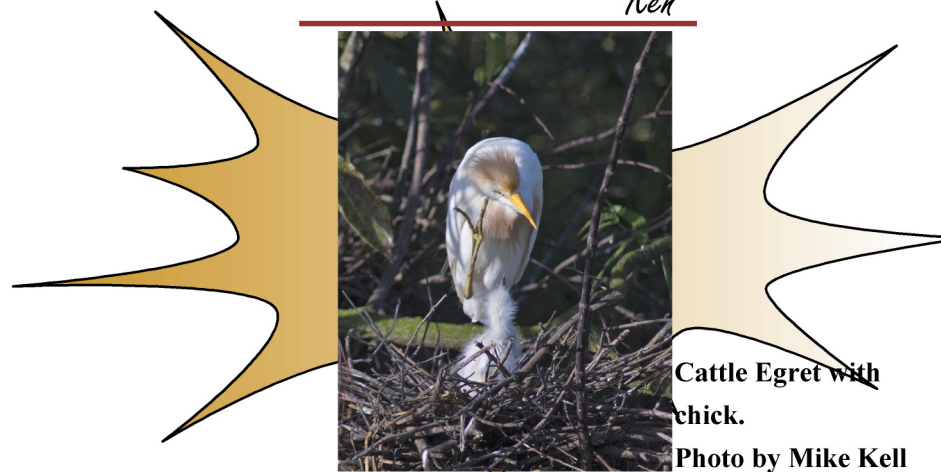
## President's Message

The fall Audubon season is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year of birdwatching. Since we had such a great response to our bird identification classes last year, we are going to continue with a bird id theme throughout this year's programs and field trips. Bring a friend and come and join us as we expand our bird, nature and conservation knowledge.

Last year several members shared their great bird photos with us at our meetings. We want to continue with this and so we encourage you to take those shots and bring them to any of our meetings. Some very rare birds were found in Pasco last year and verified by the photos taken.

Hope to see you on September 8th.

*Ken*



Cattle Egret with chick.

Photo by Mike Kell

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# FALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept 8th	"Identifying Warblers",	3 PM	Starkey Ed Center
Sept 15th	Field Trip 7:30AM meet at CVS @ Ridge & Moon Lake RDs. contact aggy-condon@yahoo.com		Moon Lake Park & Crews Lake Park
Oct 6th	Bird Walk/Ken Tracey	8 AM	Starkey Ed Center
Oct 6th	"Recording Nature"/Mike Kell POT LUCK DINNER	3 PM	Starkey Ed Center
Oct 27th	Field Trip 7:30AM Meet Winn Dixie S.R.52 and Moon Lake Rd. contact aggy-condon@yahoo.com		Cross Bar Ranch
Nov 3rd	Bird Walk/Ken Tracey	8 AM	Starkey Ed Center
Nov 3rd	"Identifying Shore Birds" Murray Gardler	3 PM	Starkey Ed Center
Nov 3rd	Board Meeting	4:30 PM after program	Starkey Ed Center
Nov 17th	Field trip	7:30 AM Meet Green Key	Green Key to Holiday Rec. Center
	Bird Walk/Ken Tracey	8 AM	Starkey Ed Center
Dec 1st	Planning for Christmas Bird Count Audubon Conservation/Peter Day	3 PM	Starkey Ed Center
Dec 15th	Field Trip 7:30 AM Meet Hudson Beach I am inviting participants to my home in Summertree for lunch. Please R.S.V.P. by Dec 12th. Sign up at meeting. contact aggy-condon@yahoo.com		Hudson Beach to Veterans Memorial Park