



Habi-Chat

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Scrub restoration area.
Photo by Dorn Whitmore

Scrub Restoration

We're getting lots of questions about what the Refuge is doing in the area along SR 3 north of Wilson's Corner. "We see bull dozers knocking down trees and now the area is black from the recent fires. What's going on?" We understand the concern; it does look dramatic! However, it is a necessary first step in restoring scrub and improving the habitat of the threatened Florida Scrub-jay.

A big part of our mission as an agency is helping endangered and threatened species recover. When we completed our Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Refuge last year, it put into sharp focus how vital Merritt Island NWR was to the recovery of the Scrub-jay. There is no other place in the world that has both excellent Scrub-jay habitat and a mandate for helping Scrub-jays recover! Without overstating it, Merritt Island NWR is the species' best hope, and we have initiated steps to help it survive.

Scrub-jays occur only in Florida and Merritt Island NWR provides habitat for about one quarter of the State's population (about 500 families). The Ocala National Forest is another Scrub-jay stronghold, but Scrub-jay recovery is a secondary mission for the U.S. Forest Service. The Lake Wales Ridge still has a good Scrub-jay population and about 130,000 acres are in public ownership, but the lands are scattered and widely separated along a 100 mile-long corridor, which is not the best scenario for Scrub-jay recovery. The remaining healthy populations are found in smaller tracts of

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Hometown Celebration!

Each spring, the Refuge volunteers are recognized for their tremendous dedication and hard work. Sendler Education Outpost, the Refuge's environmental education pavilion, was the site, and John Tanner, gator trapper, was the chef. Gator tail, swamp cabbage, ribs, slaw and key lime pie were the menu for the 2008 Volunteer Recognition. Eighty volunteers along with Refuge staff enjoyed the meal while watching a live raptor presentation. The Avian Rehabilitation Center presented special guests: a great horned owl, bald eagle, screech owl, and peregrine falcon.

The award recognition followed, celebrating a whopping **14,356 volunteer service hours** totaled from 1/07 to 3/1/08. Volunteer reaching every 250 milestone hours were awarded special recognition. At the pinnacle were George Schoen and Joanne Napieralski each with **2,250 hours**, Betty Salter with **2,500 hours** and **3,500** for Cary Salter!

Jim Stahl, a retired Ohio biologist, was named **Volunteer of the Year** for his outstanding biological field work and for presenting a diversity of natural history programs. Karl Eichhorn was awarded **Special Recognition** for his many years of dedicated service to the Refuge resources and its visitors.

Volunteer Milestone Hours:

<u>250 Hours</u>	Kathy Eichinger	Margaret Towe	<u>1500 Hours</u>
Bob Armbruster	Jo Ann Heenan	Susan Waldron	Barbara Schoen
Curt Arnold	Dave Martin	<u>1000 Hours</u>	Sandy Walters
Patricia Thomas-Arnold	Lori Martin	John Boucher	Dan Witmer
Donn Bruse	Kay Stahl	Carlie Myrick	<u>1750 Hours</u>
Bill Martin	<u>750 Hours</u>	Bill Nunn	Jim Stahl
<u>500 Hours</u>	Al Brayton	<u>1250 Hours</u>	
Peter Bartman	Wayne Preston	Karl Eichhorn	

A **Great Big Thank You to MIWA** for sponsoring the event and to Susan Waldron, Dan Witmer and Kathy Eichinger for their invaluable assistance in the set up. A standing ovation for our volunteers for their outstanding service!

Nancy Corona, Public Use Ranger, USFWS



Volunteers enjoy a hayride.
Photo by Richard Eichinger

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Scrub-jay.
Photo by Joel Reynolds

public land scattered around Florida. Jays still occur on some private lands, but unless the lands are managed with fire, these isolated populations will eventually disappear. The Refuge has some of the best quality jay habitat due to habitat management activities, including fire. The Refuge is playing a critical role in the Scrub-jay's recovery and they are a featured species in our management activities.

To remain productive for Scrub-jays, scrub sites must mimic the natural cycle and burn every 3-5 years. If fires are not allowed to perform their natural role, scrub habitat becomes overgrown and jays abandon the site. Over time, the jay populations on the refuge have become separated by over grown scrub vegetation, which presents barriers to jay movement. Four isolated jay populations have formed on the Refuge and they are located:

- 1) from Tel-4 Road to KSC Headquarters,
- 2) from Headquarters to the VAB,
- 3) from the VAB to Haulover Canal, and
- 4) from Haulover Canal to the north.

A fifth population occurs on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the Refuge is working with the Air Force to better manage the habitat and help connect this population with MINWR. The four populations on the Refuge no longer inter-breed and the habitat separating them is in poor condition.

To connect the isolated groups of jays and improve the habitat, habitat restoration is required. In some cases this means knocking down the overgrown oaks and other vegetation before the habitat is burned. This is what occurred between Dummitt Cove and Haulover Canal. It looks drastic at first, but in the long run this is a necessary step in restoring scrub habitat and providing a corridor for Scrub-jay movement. Within a few years, the scrub oaks and other native plants will sprout and you may once again see Scrub-jays and other scrub loving species using these restored sites.

Dorn Whitmore, Refuge Operations Specialist, USFWS



The purpose of the Merritt Island Wildlife Association is to promote conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and to provide assistance to Refuge programs.

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CCP Update!!!



Polygala on LWRNWR.
Photo by Cheri Ehrhardt-Topper.

Did you know that Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR) is the parent refuge to Lake Wales Ridge National Wildlife Refuge (LWRNWR)? That's right, staff managing habitats and species here on this unique, space coast refuge also manage lands on one of the most globally imperiled ecosystems in the world – the Lake Wales Ridge. LWRNWR is composed of four separate units totaling about 1,860 acres located in Polk and Highlands counties along the 8-mile wide by 100-mile long Lake Wales Ridge. (Visit our website at <http://www.fws.gov/merrittisland/subrefuges/LWR> for a map and biography of the Refuge.) As was the case for MINWR, the LWRNWR has embarked on a journey to complete a 15-year Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Refuge staff are currently pulling together information for the task. We all have a stake in the

future management direction of LWRNWR and the development of the CCP allows each of us a voice in the process.

After the summer, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be holding a public meeting near the LWRNWR to hear issues and concerns from the public and to ask for help in deciding the future management direction of the Refuge. If you're interested in participating, we've set up a variety of ways to participate.

- The public meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2008 and will provide a workshop atmosphere to hear and capture your views and opinions. More information will be provided on the place, time, and date of the meeting once details are complete. We'll post meeting details on the Refuge's website.
- To keep up with the latest information on the Lake Wales Ridge CCP and its progress, please visit the website, email us at LakeWalesRidgeCCP@fws.gov or call me at 561-715-0023.
- If you prefer, you can also contact us the old fashioned way, in writing. Make sure to include your name and address and mail your comments to Lake Wales Ridge CCP, Merritt Island NWR Complex, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville, FL 32782-6504.
- We can also receive faxes at 321-861-1276.

Status Report for CCPs for Refuges in the Merritt Island NWR Complex:

Refuge	Stage in Planning Process
Pelican Island	Final CCP completed 7.24.2006
Merritt Island	Final CCP completed 9.27.2007
Lake Woodruff	Responding to comments submitted on DCCP & EA and then preparing final CCP
Archie Carr	Preparing for public review and comment on DCCP & EA
Lake Wales Ridge	Conducting preplanning and preparing for public scoping
St. Johns	Scheduled to begin fall 2009

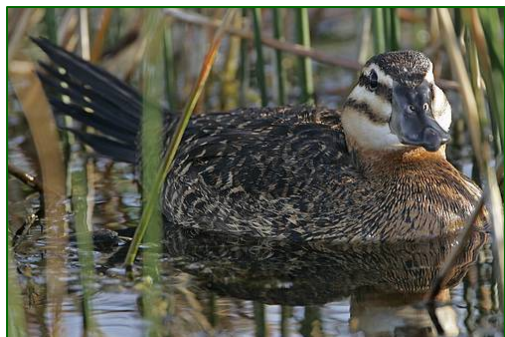
If you'd like to receive additional information about the Plan, please fill out and return to us a mailing list form: <http://www.fws.gov/merrittisland/subrefuges/MailListReq-LWR>. Thanks and we hope to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or for more information.

Bill Miller, Biologist, USFWS

Nature Through the Lens

Three local residents with a love of nature photography express their passions in a three man exhibit depicting the wildlife and natural landscapes of Brevard County. Nature Through the Lens will hang in the Merritt Island NWR Visitor Center through the end of July 2008. View these beautiful and telling images of nature: roseate spoonbills, bobcats, scrub jays, bald eagles and diamond-backed rattle snake to name a few.

Nancy Corona, Public Use Ranger, USFWS



Masked Duck.
Photo by Joel Reynolds



Juvenile Scrub-jay.
Photo by Tom Dunkerton



Screech Owl.
Photo by Bob Paty

America's 548 National Wildlife Refuges Under-Funded by 43 Percent

A new report released to Congress on May 22 found the nation's 548 National Wildlife Refuges to be vastly underfunded, leading to understaffed refuges and closings; unsafe roads and trails; decreased safety; millions of acres of invasive species; unprotected at-risk species; and hundreds of layoffs.

America's National Wildlife Refuge System, comprising nearly 100 million acres, requires a minimum of \$765 million annually to operate adequately. However, the System is currently receiving \$434 million per year – an average of just **\$4.34 per acre**.

The report finds that:

- One in three refuges are operating without a single staff member;
- The System has already cut 300 staff positions; and without adequate funding increase, plans for a 20 percent staff reduction will resume;
- Unfunded projects regarded as "Mission Critical" total more than \$115 million;
- The System needs 845 full-time law enforcement officers, but currently has just 180 – **one officer for every 555,000 acres**;
- The System is able to invest just 0.67 percent of its value in annual maintenance; and
- More than two million acres have already been lost to invasive species, placing threatened and endangered species at even greater risk.

The Refuge System, created by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903, provides habitat for more than 250 at-risk animal and plant species. The 40 million people who visit refuges each year contribute an estimated \$1.7 billion in annual sales and over 27,000 jobs to local economies. Close to 800,000 Americans participated in environmental education programs last year, and more than half of the nation's refuges are available to anglers and hunters.

"Hundreds of thousands of Americans will visit their local wildlife refuges this Fourth of July weekend, but too many will find them either completely closed, open without staff or a visitor's center, or with decaying infrastructure," said Evan Hirsche, president of the National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) and Chair of the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE).

The report, entitled "*Restoring America's Wildlife Refuges 2008*," was issued by CARE, a diverse group of 22 organizations representing environmental groups, hunting and fishing advocacy groups, and scientific organizations representing more than 14 million members and supporters.

"This year's report continues to highlight the dire needs of our National Wildlife Refuge System and the failure of the federal government to meet them," said Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI), a founding co-chair of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus. "It serves as another wake-up call to the U.S. Congress that we need to do better in order to preserve and maintain these national treasures and the wildlife they support. I applaud the CARE alliance for its tireless efforts to bring these issues to light."

CARE recommends that Congress increase Refuge System funding to \$514 million in fiscal year 2009, and that it reaches full funding of \$765 million per year by fiscal year 2013.

"The National Wildlife Refuge System is one of America's greatest natural resources, and it cannot be ignored," said Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ), a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee and a founding co-chair of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus. "The CARE report demonstrates that our refuges are severely under-funded and inadequately maintained. Congress should act to increase funding of the refuges."

Brad Phillips, CARE

Refuge Clean Up a Huge Success!

Saturday March 29, 2008 was a beautiful day for the Refuge and the 93 volunteers who turned out for the Refuge Clean Up. From 9:00 am until 12:00 pm 8 groups of volunteers from the community attacked various areas known to be prime littering sites. During the Clean Up volunteers collected more than 100 bags of trash, a number of tires, and even a television set. Focus areas were East and West Gator Creek roads, L Pond Road, BioLab Road, and Patillo Creek Road, as well as the Sandler Educational Pavilion and Dummit Cove. Cub Scout packs 712 from Titusville and 356 from Cocoa worked in the Bairs Cove area.

Special thanks go to the many Refuge volunteers whose participation made the Clean Up such a success. Deputy Refuge Manager Kathy Whaley deserves special Thanks for giving up her Saturday to lead one of the volunteer groups.

Thanks to the extra effort from Sandee and Ed Larsen for the hot dog roast and raffle sponsored by MIWA at the Sandler Educational Pavilion. Donations from Garden Street Publix, Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, and Dixie Crossroads helped to make the Clean Up a success. All participants received a photo picture book of the Refuge as a thank you. Several of the participants from the community were interested in making donations and joining MIWA!

Kathy Eichinger, Refuge Volunteer



**Ed Larsen cooks hot dogs for the volunteers.
Photo by Richard Eichinger**



MIWA Minute

The dog days of summer have begun here at the Refuge. The migratory birds have left and many species of bugs have multiplied! With gas prices getting higher, a visit to the Refuge is a bit costlier for many families, but we are still the best show in town. Entry to the Refuge is still free, so pack some water and a lunch, apply some bug repellent, and bring the kids to the Visitor Center. It's a great way to spend the day and get the kids off the computer!

MIWA would like to welcome our newest life members: **Tiffany Stamas** of the Alexander Dawson School in Lafayette, CO; **Dr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Sanders** of Mentor, OH; **Maureen & Wayne Wright** of Titusville, FL; **David Bame** of Altadena CA; and **Richard L. English** of Merritt Island, FL. Tiffany, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, and David are visitors to the Refuge and had an interest in becoming more informed about happenings here. Maureen & Wayne are local residents with a passion for wildlife. Richard is the son of Board Member George English, father of Refuge Intern Jennifer English, and also worked at the Refuge in the summer of 1973. It is inspiring to have the English family involved with the Refuge. Thanks! As Life Members they will receive benefits, including discounts on field trips, educational programs, and purchases at the **Bookery** gift shop. We would like to thank all of our Life Members for their loyal support:

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			<i>Maureen & Wayne Wright</i>

We encourage all members to become actively involved in our programs and we ask you all to promote membership to your friends and families.

For information on volunteering at the Refuge, contact Nancy Corona at 321-861-0668. Feel free to call MIWA's direct line, 321-861-2377 if you need membership or retail information. Please come in out of the heat and browse the **Bookery** for gifts and field guides.

I'll see you at the Refuge!

Sandee Larsen, Bookery Manager

Call for Silent Auction Donations

MIWA is requesting donation items for our upcoming annual meeting fundraiser. Gift certificates, artwork, handmade items, and anything with a **nature theme** are needed. All donations are tax deductible and will be displayed with your name or company name. Contact Sandee Larsen at 321-861-2377 for additional info.



Photo Exhibit of Brevard's Wildlife

The Environmental Committee of the Brevard's Democratic Executive Committee will be hosting a photo exhibit of Brevard's Wildlife. The exhibit will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville, FL. Admission is \$3.00 and there will be a cash bar.

Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Merritt Island Wildlife Association and the other half will be used to establish a University of Central Florida scholarship in environmental studies. All exhibited photographs will be available for sale. Custom framing of purchased prints will also be available. For additional information contact Harry Behret by phone at 321-639-7302 or 917-703-3590, or by email hbehret@cfl.rr.com.

Jennifer English, Refuge Intern





Hello to...

...Jennifer English, our seasonal MIWA Sales Associate, is undertaking the summer Refuge internship. She will be assisting the public use department, VIC desk support, and numerous other duties. Good luck Jennifer!



Refuge Intern, Jennifer English.
Photo by Sandee Larsen

Hello and Goodbye to...

...Daryl and Connie Foreman, who were Refuge work campers. They came to us from Hickory Corner, Michigan where Daryl worked as an Electrician and Connie as a Retail Manager before retiring. They have two sons and a daughter. The Foremans hope to return to MINWR in October.



Work Campers, Daryl and Connie Foreman.
Photo by Sandee Larsen

Goodbye to...

...Karl Eichhorn, who volunteered for the Refuge before we even had a Refuge or volunteer program! Karl, along with Allen Cruickshank, was instrumental in the lobbying efforts with NASA when the Refuge was being established. Karl is leaving his VIC Desk duties but will continue to contribute in many other ways. Thanks Karl!



Nancy Corona, Karl Eichhorn, Dorn Whitmore, and Sandee Larsen.



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MIWA, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville, FL 32782



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Monday through Friday

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday*

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

*VIC is closed Sundays from April – October

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise – sunset, except during Shuttle Launch/Landing operations.

Speak up!

Government decisions determine the fate of the Merritt Island NWR. You can help by letting key decision makers know how you feel about the Refuge and other natural resource issues.

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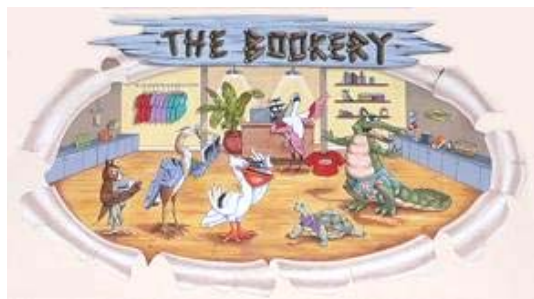
In response to a request from the National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA), MIWA has donated \$500 to financially support NWRA programs that include advocacy training, Friends programs, website, media reports, outreach, their Beyond the Boundaries initiatives, and misc. programs/projects to promote and protect the National Wildlife Refuge System. We encourage our members to individually contribute, as well. All donations allow greater resources to influence the decision makers in Washington to help the refuges we all care about so deeply. Please support the NWRA, the only organization working to protect, enhance, and expand the Refuge System

To donate or receive additional information please contact the NWRA at 202-333-9075 or visit www.refugeassociation.org.

Sandee Larsen, Bookery Manager



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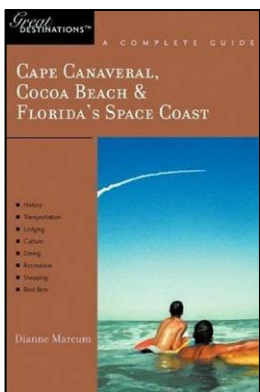
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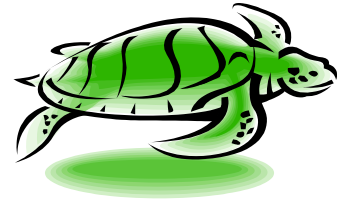
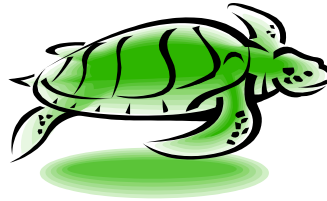
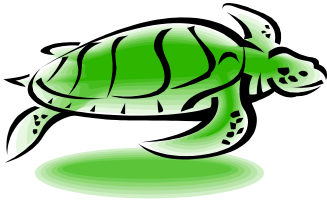
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MIWA Members-Only Sea Turtle Walks

Friday, June 20 and Wednesday, July 9

Corporate Member Program July 18



Meet at the MINWR Visitor Center at 8 P.M. for a short informational program followed by a trip to Canaveral National Seashore in search of a nesting sea turtle. Program typically lasts three to four hours. Long sleeve shirt, long pants, bug spray and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. *Cameras and flashlights are not permitted. Children must be 8-years-old to attend.*

RSVP, as space is limited. Due to the popularity of this program, if you have previously attended a MIWA Turtle Walk, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Please call the MIWA Office at 321-861-2377 to reserve your space now.

Programs are subject to shuttle launch/landing and NASA security closures and cannot be rescheduled.



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