

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

(not your usual walk in the park)

*Pre - RT*

the *CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE*

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

July 2015

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 JULY 2015 3140 State Ave PC, LDS Church

## “BIRDING / BIRD STUDY”



**Opening: Troop 310**

**Program Feature: T.300 JIM WOLF**

**Big George's "Monthly Moment"!**

**Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 323 & T.706**

**SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:**

**Great Florida Birding Trail** <http://floridabirdingtrail.com/index.php/resources/wings/Checklist>  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L2345981>

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology** <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1478>  
and their **All About Birds Guide** <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search>

**Bird Watching Magazine**  
<http://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/featured-stories/birdwatching-magazine/>

**Bay County Audubon Society** <http://www.baycountyaudubon.org/>

**National Audubon Society** <http://www.audubon.org/>

**National Geographic Birds** <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/>

**Wild Bird Unlimited Shop,** <http://panamacity.wbu.com/> Located at 2455 MLK Blvd, PC FL

**Attract Birds to the Backyard:** The sight and sound of birds in the yard reconnects us to the wonder and beauty of nature. Providing food, water and shelter can bring the joy of our feathered friends into outdoor spaces. <http://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/hort/2015/03/02/attract-birds-to-the-backyard>

**Backyard Bird Feeding** by US Fish & Wildlife Service  
<http://nctc.fws.gov/resources/knowledge-resources/bird-publications/feed.html>

**Bird Feeder Selection** <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw192>

**Choosing Binoculars for Bird Watching** <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/gear/binoculars/>  
<http://www.birdwatching.com/optics/binoculars1.html>

**Why Do Birds Take Baths?** [http://support.nature.org/site/R?i=3zjfMdmm7YLoD\\_AA54fkKQ](http://support.nature.org/site/R?i=3zjfMdmm7YLoD_AA54fkKQ)

### **KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:**



**Question:** What do you call a reclusive crustacean?

**Answer:** A hermit crab!

**Question:** What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backward?

**Answer:** A receding hare line!

**So Many Plants, So Little Time:** **Water Hyacinth (Invasive),** *Eichhornia crassipes*

Florida's Worst Floating Weed. Water hyacinth is one of the world's worst aquatic weeds and is Florida's most intensively managed floating plant. Dense mats formed by this species interfere with human uses of water bodies and disrupt ecosystems by preventing penetration of light and oxygen into the water column. This attractive, free-floating aquatic plant grows throughout the year in southern Florida but often dies back during the winter in the northern parts of the state. Water hyacinth is cultivated as a water garden and pond plant, but cultivation, sale, and possession of this noxious weed is prohibited in Florida.

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/141>

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage/why-manage-plants/floridas-most-invasive-plants/water-hyacinth>  
<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatics/waterhyacinth.shtml>



Water Hyacinth

**Bugga da Month:** **Red-spotted Purple**, *Limenitis arthemis*

<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Limenitis-arthemis>

[http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/bfly/red-spotted\\_purple.htm](http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/bfly/red-spotted_purple.htm)



Red-spotted Purple

**Critter of the Month:** **Florida Bog Frog**, *Lithobates okaloosae*

<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/imperiled/profiles/amphibians/florida-bog-frog/>

[http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife\\_info/frogstoads/rana\\_okaloosae.php](http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/frogstoads/rana_okaloosae.php)



Florida Bog Frog

**Everybody's Heard About the Bird:** **Whooping Crane**, *Grus americana*

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Whooping\\_Crane/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Whooping_Crane/id)

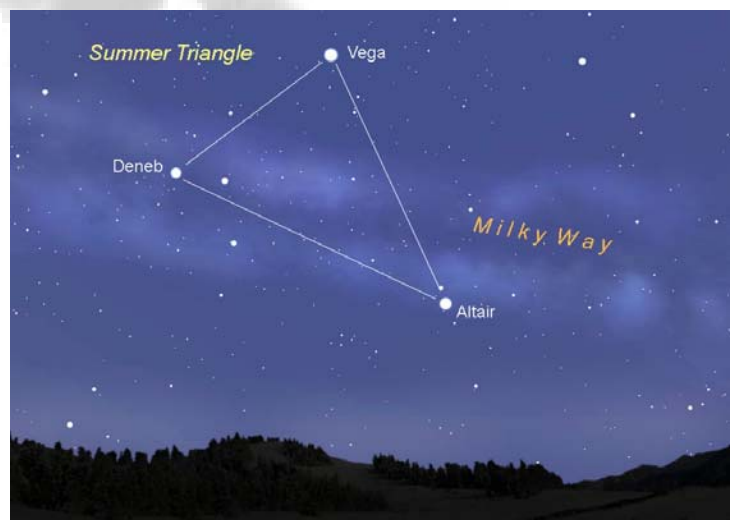
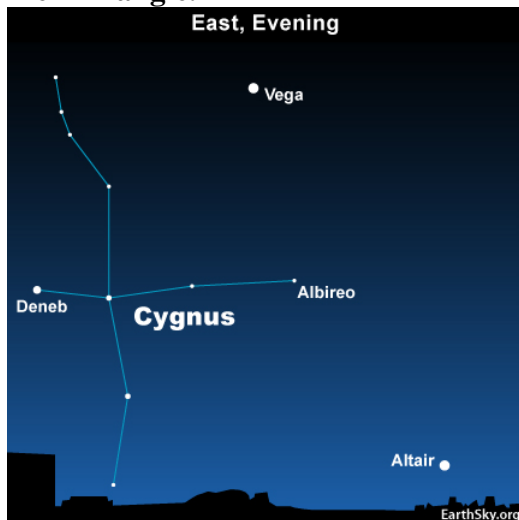
<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/whooping-crane/>

<http://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/whooping-crane>



Whooping Crane

**The Sky Tells a Story:** In keeping with this month's Birding theme - Cygnus the Swan, and the Summer Triangle.



During the summer months, the Summer Triangle star formation lights the sky from dusk until dawn. It consists of three bright stars: Vega in the constellation Lyra (the Lyre), Deneb in the constellation Cygnus (the Swan), and Altair in the constellation Aquila (the Eagle).

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega, rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars.

Northeast of Lyra is Cygnus, the Swan, flying down the Milky Way. Its bright star Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross" is one of the luminaries of the Galaxy, about 50,000 times more luminous than our Sun and around 3,000 light years distant.

To the east, Altair is the third bright star of the summer triangle. It lies in Aquila the Eagle, and is much closer than Deneb; it lies within about 13 light years of our Sun.

**Plus the Usual: Handouts Gone Wild!! / RT Spirit Stick / Ticket Drawing / Closing**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1) **LSD Leaders Picnic, 6:30 Thurs 23 July**, Jenks Ave Church of Christ.
- 2) **LSD BS Fall "Scouting with a Twist" Camporee, 23-25 Oct.**
- 3) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 9 Jan.**
- 4) **LSD Spring Camporee, 22-24 April 2016.**

**Future Monthly RT Feature Themes: If you'd like to Step Up and Become Famous as a LSD RT Theme Presenter, your support would be much appreciated!! Call KG at 234-4077 or email me at [kerry.gunn@navy.mil](mailto:kerry.gunn@navy.mil). And reminder that all past "Crawlin Kingsnake" RT newsletters and other useful links can be found at [http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy\\_Scouts.php](http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy_Scouts.php) .**

**13 Aug – Project CODE (T.706 Chris Doppell)**

**10 Sept – Exploring (T.82 Sharon Caldwell)**

**8 Oct – Special Needs Awareness (T.317 Marsh Weber)**

**12 Nov –**

**10 Dec –**

**14 Jan 2016 – Sales Refresher**

**11 Feb –**

**10 Mar –**

**14 April –**

**12 May –**

**OTHER RT THEMES – Please Take Your Pick!! Geocaching, Fitness & Nutrition, Sustainability, Nature & Environment, Cooking, Caving, Archery, Games, Science, Wilderness Survival, Technology, Project Planning, Paddle Sports, Outdoor Ethics, and Mentoring, etc.**

**See ya Thursday Night 9 July !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #111**

