ABOUT AUDUBON'S CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY:
Located in the heart of the Western Everglades, Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is the ideal destination for visitors looking for a place of quiet serenity and unmatched natural beauty. The Sanctuary protects 13,000 acres.

A 2.25-mile boardwalk winds through pine flatwoods, across wet prairie, around a marsh, and finally into the largest old-growth bald cypress forest in North America. Birders from around the globe flock to the Sanctuary as one of the premier destinations on the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail.

CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY MISSION STATEMENT:
To protect the natural resources of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, its surrounding watershed, and the Western Everglades, and influence Everglades restoration; for the benefit of birds, other wildlife, and people; through land management, science, education, restoration, and public policy advocacy.

LOCATION:
Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is located off Immokalee Road, 15 miles east of I-75 (exit 111).
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BY THE NUMBERS AS OF 2019

256 BIRD SPECIES RECORDED

2.25 MILES OF BOARDWALK

2,574 MEMBERS

530 AGE OF OLDEST CYPRESS TREE

147 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

IMPORTANT DATES

1886 Plume-hunters decimated South Florida birds

1910 First Audubon warden protects Corkscrew rookeries

1952 Logging of cypress forests in Corkscrew began

1954 Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary established

1956 First boardwalk built at Corkscrew Sanctuary

1994 The Living Machine installed, one of the first of its kind

2000 Blair Audubon Visitor Center opens
Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary was built on a foundation of conservation. We put a halt to plume hunting, we saved the old-growth bald cypress forest, and most of our upstream and much of our remaining downstream watershed is designated as conservation land. However, threats to Corkscrew remain. Using science as a guide, we work to maintain and restore the natural history legacy entrusted to us.

**Western Everglades Science**
Providing the sound science needed to drive conservation and restoration.

**Habitat Stewardship**
Five principle components: fire, invasive species, hydrology, wildlife & plants, and human access.

**Conservation Policy & Advocacy**
Everglades Science conducted at Corkscrew guides Audubon Florida's policy work.

**Corkscrew Watershed Science Forum**
Partnering with our Federal, State, County and other neighbors to share the latest science on the ecology of our watershed.
One of the best ways to learn about and experience the Western Everglades is through an educational program led by Sanctuary staff, docents, and partner educators. In addition to serving as an official field trip site for students in Collier County, a variety of programs are available for students and the public throughout the year. An estimated 2,300 students participate annually in an education program.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

- 2nd Grade Insect Adventure
- 5th Grade Wild Florida Adventure
- Boardwalk Adventure
- Guided Walks
- Lunch and Learn
- Florida Master Naturalist Program
BLAIR AUDUBON CENTER

State of the art, environmentally friendly, and solar-powered, the Blair Audubon Visitor Center welcomes more than 100,000 visitors annually.

- Discovery Center with educational exhibits, film, activities
- Nature Store environmental souvenirs, books, gifts
- Gallery Café and artist series
- The Living Machine wastewater treatment demonstration
- “World-famous” 2.25-mile boardwalk

RECURRING EVENTS

Corkscrew "After Hours"  Corkscrew Swamp Meditation  Family Fun Day  Community Science Programs
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is considered a “crown jewel” in the network of National Audubon Society nature centers, and hosts 100,000 visitors annually.

The Sanctuary has earned the following prestigious designations:

- National Natural Landmark
- Ramsar-designated “Wetland of International Importance”
- Member of the Old-Growth Forest Network
- Recognized as a Wetland of Distinction by the Society of Wetland Scientists in spring 2019

**Our Support System**

**Sustainability Board**
Our Sustainability Board serves as an important advisory group to the Sanctuary’s staff. They assist the organization with increasing support for Corkscrew’s programs and engaging the people and businesses of Southwest Florida.

**Donors**
Donors, foundations, and corporations help sustain our beloved Corkscrew Swamp, provide environmental education to our community, and preserve and manage the natural resources within the precious interconnected habitats and watersheds of the Western Everglades.