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## King Mango Strut - 2019

- Ina Topper, *Broward Chair*



The annual King Mango Strut was held in Coconut Grove December 29 (the last Sunday of the year). This annual parade satirizes several events through the year, but this year we focused on our unhealthy love of single-use plastics. Here are links to more photos: [Miami Times Photos](#) And a video: [Miami Herald photos](#)

There is also a YouTube video (we're at the 35:00 minute mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiMUiZXIY-g>

Once again, our combined Miami-Dade and Broward Sierra groups were pleased to participate in this yearly event. As an aside: it almost didn't happen this year, due to a serious financial shortfall on the part of the organizers. Were it not for a very persuasive fund drive on the part of many loyal participants in past parades, this unique tongue-in-cheek satirical parade might have been history by now.

Nevertheless, here we were again, another year - another parade and, once more, creative minds were put to work to come up with this year's environmental Sierra team.

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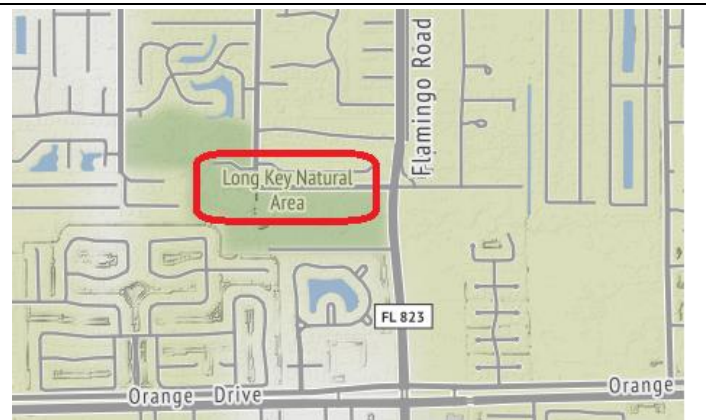
### January 2020 meeting

We will not be having our usual monthly meeting in January at Fern Forest. Instead, we will be having our annual Sierra Club/Broward Audubon Society joint meeting on Thursday January 16, 2020 at Long Key Nature Center 3501 SW 130 Avenue, Davie, FL. Meeting starts at 6:00 PM.

<https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267402865/>

### February 6, 2020 meeting

We're back at Fern Forest, speaker to be announced.





# Broward Sierra News



## Happy 2020

- Ina Topper, *Broward Chair*

Dear Broward Sierrans,

Another year has come to our doorstep. First and foremost we're wishing all Broward Sierra Club members a healthy and happy New Year. Secondly, and maybe not even in second place of importance, we hasten to bring the following two events to your attention:

1. As is our yearly tradition, this January general meeting is, again, being held as a joint venture with the Broward Audubon members on January 16<sup>th</sup> (details on page 1).
2. And this is, in our opinion, by far the most important upcoming Broward Sierra event:  
In celebration of this year being the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, we are once again holding our very own Broward Earth Day event at the Anne Kolb nature center on March 1st. Yes - it'll be a full day of events, speakers, presentations, and a lot of fun! We're pleased to offer all this (and some other activities as well) free of charge.

In this beautiful county park location right off the intracoastal waterway we're not only looking forward to meeting each and every one of our members face to face, it's also a great opportunity to let the general public get more acquainted with all we do in the environmental way !

See the last page of our newsletter, and most certainly in our next issue, for more specifics. Of course it's always a good idea to check our website as well and our Meet-up page: <https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267162134/>

Meanwhile, we hope to see all of you from time to time, if not at every general Fern Forest meeting, at least whenever you can find a way to fit it in your (we know...'busy'...) schedule. And DO bring your friends, neighbors, family or those who just happen to stay with you that very moment for a Florida visit.

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However, let's hasten to say, when it comes to Urgent Issues, alas... we all know there's NO shortage of those! (May we mention the significant setbacks in recent times, on the governmental and/or political level, that are now, more than ever, threatening a multitude of already fragile issues?) In past years we did cover other environmental concerns: sea level rise, our Everglades at-risk, endangered species protection, over-population, urban boundaries, etc.

Subsequently, it didn't take much this time to grab the one issue that came to mind almost immediately: the excessive usage of single-use plastic items. Oh yes - this newsletter has, in the past, printed many articles about the Single Use Plastic bag scourge. (Kudos, by the way, to a group of Sierra Floridians North of us who are now jointly going to approach several supermarket chains, aggressively pursuing them to promote drastic reduction of SUP, the new abbreviation now in vogue: Single Use Plastic items). But for our King Mango Strut participation we felt it was time to bring attention to the excessive usage of plastic bottles, in every way, shape or form. (Come to think of it: what did we do, way back, when there was no market for small bottles of water? Oh yes, we brought our own bottles, remember?)

The accompanying pictures on these pages will speak for themselves.....The anti-plastic police, the casket filled to the top with anything single use plastic.

All of it in a satirical manner, as is the King Mango Strut Parade's intention. But we DID bring the message across and, once again, the many parade watchers lining the Coconut Grove streets know now what we do - and who we are.... the National Sierra Club.

For some scary statistics about plastic, click here: <https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-single-use-plastics/>









# Broward Sierra News



Welcome back our new and returning ExCom members: Susan Caruso, Ina Topper, and Pat Turpening

# LOCAL SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

To preserve a place, you must believe in it. To believe in it, you must see it.

	<p><b>Fern Forest Beautification Days: 1/26/2020, 2/9/2020</b></p> <p>You know we have our monthly meetings at Fern Forest? Well, it's time to do something for them. During the cooler months, we would love for you to join us for our Fern Forest Beautification Days, helping them get rid of invasive plants and in general keep the place looking good for visitors. Please join us from 9:00 AM to noon and bring water and wear long pants and shoes that can get wet/muddy. The park will supply gloves but you may prefer to bring your own. Cost: Free. Rated: Moderate. No pre-registration is required, but let us know if you're coming by signing up at our Meet-up Page:</p> <p>1/26/20: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118604/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118604/</a>                  2/9/20: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118638/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118638/</a></p>
	<p><b>Canoe/kayak Blue Cypress Lake west of Vero Beach</b>  <b>Saturday, January 18, 10 AM</b></p> <p>Blue Cypress Lake is known for birding and spectacular cypress trees along the shoreline. See <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7N8UC0nVDIg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7N8UC0nVDIg</a> and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5razAfDVvo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5razAfDVvo</a>. Sorry, no rentals available. Suggested donation: \$3 members, \$5 non-members. Moderate. Limit 10. Ron Haines, 561-315-0528, <a href="mailto:RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net">RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net</a></p>
	<p><b>Big Cypress Hike on the Florida Trail</b>  <b>Saturday, January 18, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Meet at the Oasis Visitor Center, 52105 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, for a three to four mile round trip hike to Robert Strand. Moderate to Strenuous. Suggested donation: \$10. Kaatje Bernabei, <a href="mailto:kaatjebernabei@bellsouth.net">kaatjebernabei@bellsouth.net</a>, 305-298-0277.</p>
	<p><b>Nature Walk at Wakodahatchee and hike at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge: February 22, 2020</b></p> <p>Palm Beach County offers us two opportunities, within 13 miles of each other, to learn the great diversity of wildlife that constructed wetlands and a bald cypress swamp support. We'll explore the 50 acre Wakodahatchee Wetlands by boardwalk in West Delray Beach. Then we will drive to the Loxahatchee Refuge in Boynton Beach where we will travel the Cypress Swamp Boardwalk, a 0.4-mile trail that loops through towering cypress trees, pond apple trees, ferns and other flora of the swamp, behind the Loxahatchee visitor's center. We will also take a short hike on a trail in the refuge. Each location provides accessible boardwalks, where we may see endangered Wood Storks, a Snail Kite, or any of 270 other species of birds in the refuge. We expect the trip to both parks and lunch to run from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. We ask that you bring your own lunch, which we'll break for, between traveling to our 2nd location. Rated: Easy. Participant limit is 20 people.</p> <p><a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267136521/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267136521/</a>                  Suggested donation: \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Reserve your spot by contacting the Leader: Adriene Barmann, <a href="mailto:adriensierraleader@gmail.com">adriensierraleader@gmail.com</a> or 954-328-9447</p>
	<p><b>Broward County Earth Day Event – March 1, 2020</b>  <b>Put it on your calendar!</b> The Broward County Sierra Club Group will be holding a 50th Anniversary Earth Day event at Anne Kolb Nature Center. There will be booths, lectures, giveaways, free pontoon boat rides and free kayaking. We had this event a few years ago and unfortunately we received a lot of rain, so we are moving it further away from the rainy season. We will announce more details as they are worked out. Sign up at: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267162134/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267162134/</a></p>



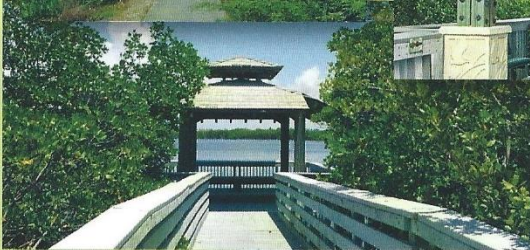
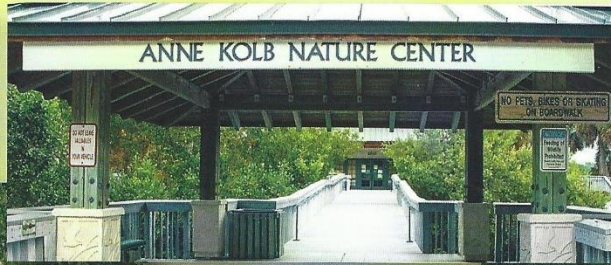


# EARTH DAY 2020

Sunday, March 1, 10 AM - 4 PM

at Anne Kolb Nature Center

751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood



**FREE PARKING  
AND EXHIBIT  
ENTRANCE**



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**FREE KAYAKING**

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# RECLAIMING FLORIDA'S FUTURE FOR ALL

CLEAN WATER CLEAN AIR CLEAN ENERGY

JOIN US TO SPEAK TO OUR LEGISLATORS ABOUT  
CRITICAL ISSUES CURRENTLY IMPACTING FLORIDA!



**FEBRUARY 6, 2020**  
**FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL**  
**10AM-4PM**



**We can't hold our elected officials accountable  
if we don't tell them what we want!**

**We need Broward residents to join us in Tallahassee as we meet  
with legislators to discuss bills impacting our water, air, and  
right to clean energy. Transportation and training provided.**

**Travel and Training Day: Wed, Feb 5**

**Meeting Day: Thu, Feb 6 (return to Broward after meetings)**

**Questions? E-mail [susan@rethinkenergyflorida.org](mailto:susan@rethinkenergyflorida.org)**

**To Register: Scan the QR Code Above or visit**

**<https://www.rethinkenergyflorida.org/eventer/reclaiming-floridas-future/>**