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ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**'Loxahatchee Winged Wonders'
Photo Exhibit in the Visitor Center**

The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge is hosting an exhibit of Everglades photographs in the Refuge Visitor Center, Refuge Manager Mark J. Musaus announced today. For a slightly different slant on wildlife, nature photographer George Forrest, Sr. has the knack. Not satisfied with the average picture of birds standing, swimming, or flying, George likes to find them catching their meal. Many of the photographs in his exhibits show birds with their meal which usually required George patiently watching and waiting for hours until the bird had its prey. Another unusual component to George's photographs is the written biography that he has placed with his photographs. Most of the photos displayed in the exhibit were taken at the Refuge. The 51 piece exhibit is currently on display at the visitor center through January 1, 2002.

The Refuge Visitor Center is located off U.S. 441 on Lee Road between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue. The Visitor Center is currently open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Refuge is open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. An entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle or \$1.00 per pedestrian is

charged. For more information call the Visitor Center at (561) 734-8303 or visit the website at Loxahatchee.fws.gov.

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