

## **Inventory Plan** **Longleaf Pine Preserve**

The object is to count all birds seen and heard just as in the normal bird counts.

Team A – 2 miles west gate – walk east either on shoulder of SR44 or on the rail fenced trail and then along the ditch to Old Sawmill Road then through the access gate and northerly along Old Sawmill Road, the red trail, to the point where the trail splits off from the road (Point X).

Team B – 1 ¼ mile west gate – walk eastern trail from point where trail splits off Old Sawmill Road (Point X) to spot where Old Sawmill Road crosses under the power line (Point Y).

Team C – 1 ½ mile west gate – drive into preserve on Old Sawmill Road and drop off team B at Point X. Count birds from Point X, past the borrow pit to Point Y. If Team C arrives at this point before Team B, they should continue their count northwest along the power line to near Highway 4, then return to the meeting point. Pick up Team B at Point Y and Team A at Point X and return to the west parking area.

Team D – 3 ¼ mile west gate – walk past the orange gate to the left of the information stand and continue straight along the unmarked trail to its end about 1 ½ miles into the preserve. Return to the parking area along the same trail. There is a cleared trail to the east about 1 mile in; this trail is only a few hundred yards long and can be birded also.

Team E – 2 miles east gate – walk into the preserve along the blue trail to mile marker 9.

Team F – 2 miles? east gate – drive into the preserve on the blue trail as far as the road is passable. Turn around at that point and bird back to mile marker 9. Pick up Team E and return to the east parking area.

Teams A, B, C and D should park in the west parking area. Teams E and F should park in the east parking area. Teams should meet at their respective parking lots at 8:00 AM. All teams should gather at the west parking area after finishing their count to turn in their tally sheet.

Teams A and C should be cognizant of the fact that they will be sharing Old Sawmill Road with private landowners in their own vehicles.

Each team should have at least one cellular telephone for communication and safety. Bring lots of water and mosquito repellent.

Dates of count: March 14 and 28; April 4 and 18; May 2

## Longleaf Pine Preserve Trail Area Map

Trails are open to hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. Low areas of the trail may be several feet under water after rainy periods. Three of these areas are indicated on the map. Trails are marked with directional arrows on white posts. For your safety, please stay on marked trails as many of the service roads on site are not marked. Distances are marked at 1-mile intervals beginning at the west entrance. Visitors should bring adequate drinking water and carry out their trash.

