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## **125 years of Audubon in Florida!**

Every wading bird you see in Florida today? Thank Audubon, and especially the early wardens like Guy Bradley, Columbus McCleod, Rhett Green, Rod Chandler, and more, who enforced Florida's early legal protections for birds, in some cases at the cost of their lives.

When you stroll the boardwalk at Corkscrew, thank the Audubon members who had

the foresight to save those ancient trees from the saw, and when you take in the vault of the Milky Way over dark Kissimmee Prairie, you can thank Audubon for that too.

That eagle flying overhead? Audubon's Center for Birds of Prey.

The national wildlife refuges, national parks, state park system, state wildlife agency, water management districts? Audubon, Audubon, Audubon.

Yes, Audubon had partners, but its legacy (and ours) is spangled with endless "if not us, then who?" stories that made a difference for the very survival of Florida's natural resources.

Happy Birthday to all of us who love birds and the places they need!