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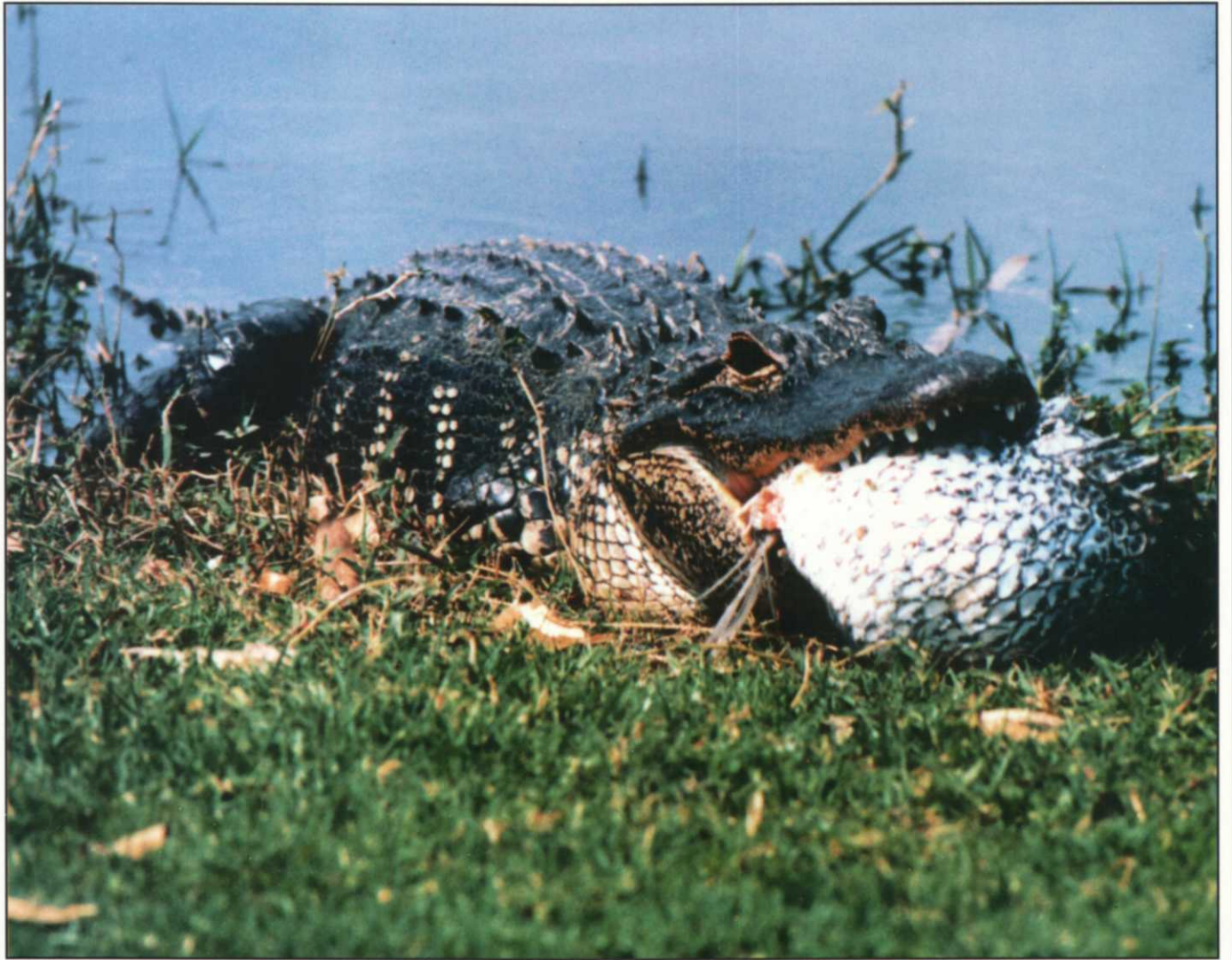
Wildlife inventories at 81 Florida golf courses revealed nearly 200 species of birds, 40 mammals, 25 snakes, 20 butterflies, 40 reptiles ...and too many insects to count!

BY SHELLY FOY

Have you ever heard the statement: “Wildlife Can’t Live on Golf Courses?” For those of us in the golf industry, we know otherwise.

In this issue of the *Florida Green* dealing with education, we as individuals need to realize what an important role we play in the process. We need to educate golfers and the general public about the efforts underway to preserve and enhance the many different environments found on and around golf courses. Wildlife in particular benefits greatly from the abundance of habitat found on golf courses. We know this, now

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we need to let others know.

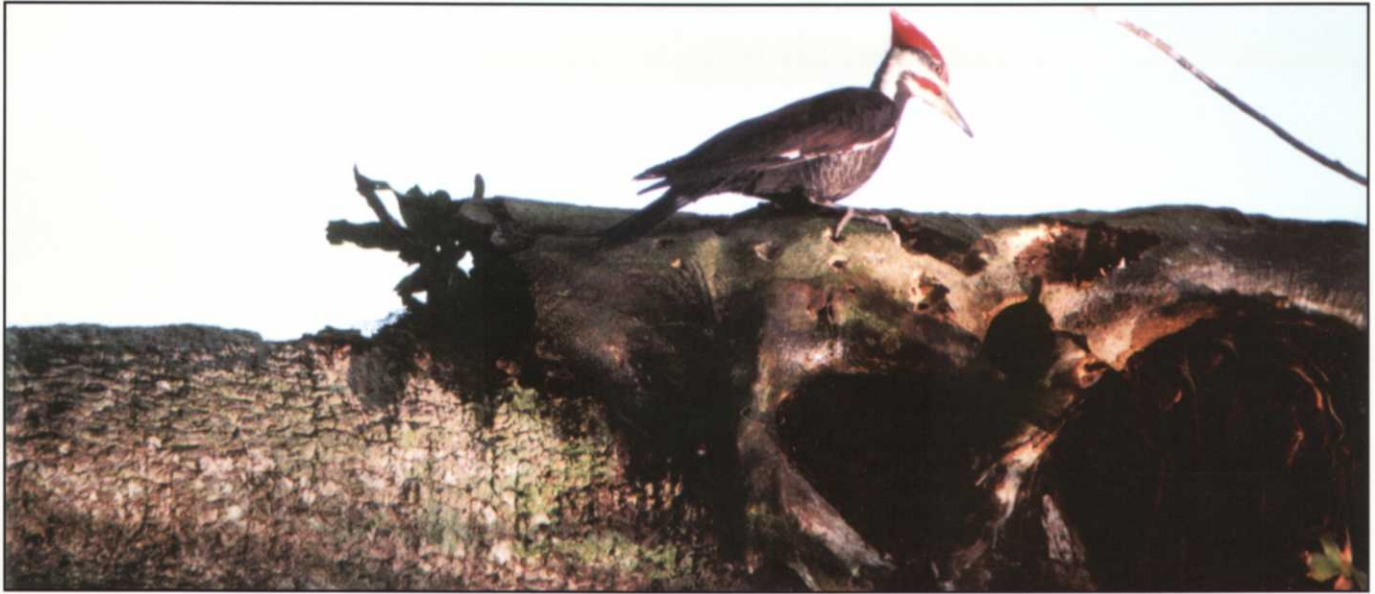
The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP) is a good educational tool. One of the first steps in this program is to complete a Resource Inventory that describes your property and the existing wildlife. Florida currently has 150 golf courses registered in the ACSP, with half of these members having returned their resource inventories.

A simple way to start and keep a wildlife inventory for your course is to get the golfers involved. Make it an ongoing process. Post it in the clubhouse, newsletter, or other locations where your golfers can assist in the documentation process. Also, have a copy in your maintenance facility and get your staff involved.

According to the Department of Interior's 1985 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation, 82.5 million Americans feed birds. This amounts to 46% of all Americans, and this number is increasing daily. So, if you are not sure of a particular species, chances are good that someone from your golf course

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will be. Another benefit from getting your golfers involved is you are gaining support for programs and helping create a sense of responsibility for the wildlife on site.

Recently I had an opportunity to view the ACSP wildlife inventories returned from Florida. There are almost 200 bird species listed, 21 of which are either "Endangered," "Threatened," or a "Species of Special Concern" according to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

There were approximately 40 mammals, including black bears, manatees, Florida Panthers and otters, just to name a few. There were over 25 snake species, 20 butterfly species, and over 40 different reptiles and amphibians. The pages of insects listed were too numerous to count.

These numbers are the result of 81 golf course resource inventories. Imagine what the numbers would be if we had a wildlife inventory from all of the golf courses in Florida.

We are currently working on a statewide wildlife inventory for Florida golf courses which will be published in a future issue. Anyone wishing to share their wildlife lists and photos, please call me at (407) 546-2620.





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