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Deb,

You KNOW I'd like to see the Everglades. A trip next Thanksgiving sounds good. I don't know if Carol will let me go, though. She didn't enjoy being alone when I was gone on my trip to the Southwest for 2 weeks last April.

Did you do a self-guided tour, or hire a guide? Did you do a lot of walking? Were there opportunities to snorkel?

We spent Thanksgiving all by ourselves. Cooked a turkey breast and had a fairly traditional meal. It was nice not to have to travel.

Carol just called. She stayed home with a cold today. She said a squirrel was in our feeder. This is quite a feat, because the feeder hangs about 6 feet off the ground from a wire attached to a branch 10 feet above. He must have come down the wire. I didn't think it was possible. I did have the feeder hanging from rope, but it mysteriously broke about a foot below the branch. It was just cotton clothes line rope, so I thought it just was weak, so I went out and got nylon rope. It lasted about a day - cut down again. So I replaced the rope with wire. Now, this was the sunflower feeder. The thistle feeder - the one you gave me - had been hanging from rope for months. No problem. But a day or so after I replaced rope with wire for the seed feeder, the thistle feeder got cut down. It is now hanging from wire. Carol was going to go down and chase the squirrel away, but I told her that if he worked that hard to get those seeds, he should have them.

The slides have all been scanned, but I'll wait and add the ones you are sending. I had a few of my own that I wanted to include, also.

Steve