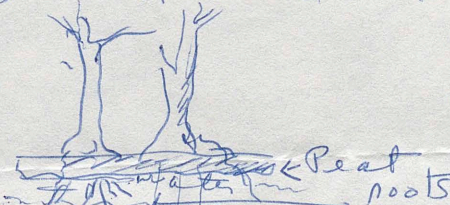


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Bunny Dear -

That last phone conversation with you was so strained for me. When I heard you had a cold I just didn't know how you were feeling and so felt I had to cut the talk. And then was left wondering if that had been necessary. When one can't look and see words are so inadequate.

Okefenokee means the land of Trembling earth. So called because the swamp rests on inches & inches (3 to 9) of peat & that rests on water. If you step on it it undulates like a water bed. Of course there are islands where the peat has taken hold - not the peat but the trees 'roots.



We were disappointed when we learned that the place 50 miles from the swamp. But we learned a lot about the swamp's history & geology. And we saw birds we'd never seen before: Ibis, wood storks, sand-hill cranes (almost as big as ostriches) and a barred owl and a

red-shouldered hawk that flew down into some bushes only 30 ft from our boat & then came up with a wriggling snake in its talons. Perching on a branch he proceeded to eat.

The Swamp is open - huge prairies. lots of alligators who are very shy. Looking at them one believes in Dinosaurs even though I know that birds are a ~~more~~ ^{direct} descendant. Well - I'm not sure about your hummingbirds.

Wilson is trying to save his business. I wish he'd go work for someone else. He's not a business person. But maybe he'll learn. Right now things here are tense. Wilson's always avoided what was uncomfortable but not so much now & that's good. Still he looks awful. We've cancelled two trips - one for a week in Vermont in Feb. & another a weekend in Phila. (he's working Sats.) I, needing people, have started a Women's Group. Today we (8) meet for the first time & we'll decide together just what kind of group we'll be. Except for 2 people I know them all. Still how we'll do together remains to be seen & experienced. We'll meet 2 hrs or so each wk or twice a month. I'll let you know how things go. I was disappointed that you're still putting the collection in order & can't come in Jan. So we'll wait till Feb. Tell Sue I didn't mean to be rude & not say Goodbye to her. Love to Adrian too and for yourself much of the same Judy