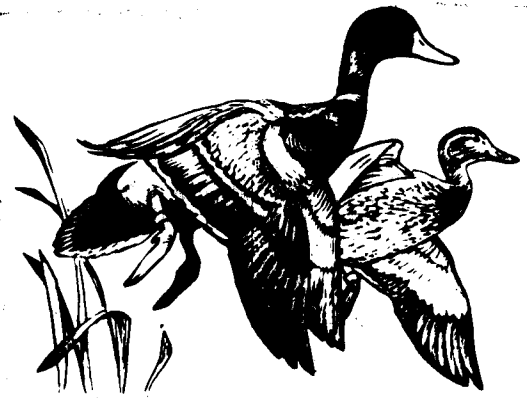


# SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

## Newsletter



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### NEXT MEETING -- NOVEMBER 13th

November will be another in our "not to be missed" programs. Harold Wellender, Birding Chairman of our neighbor chapter, Great South Bay, will show and describe his slides of "Western Birds". Come and enjoy our third excellent program this year.

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Another important date in November is the 26th. This is the second in our program of National Audubon Wildlife Films. And for those who missed the first program, Design for Survival, narrated by William A. Anderson, it is hard to describe what one missed. A fast moving film about patterns of survival in all wildlife and how nature has provided for this, William Anderson is a dynamic speaker of tremendous knowledge and ability. It is not surprising to know that he will be written up soon in a national scientific publication.

And, - if you did miss the first program and want to make up for it, the series tickets will now be sold at \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students. After the next program, November 26th, no further tickets will be sold.

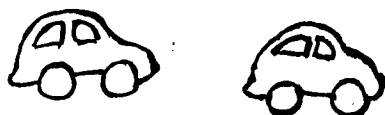
Our second program promises to be equally as good as the first. "Mule Deer Country" stretches from Mexico to Canada, the Sierras to the Rockies and out into the plains. Lyle K. Moss, photographer and narrator, has an impressive background. Don't miss it.

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The Long Island Audubon Council, a working coalition of the Nassau and Suffolk chapters, will hold a meeting on Saturday, November 10th at Suffolk Community College, Selden, at 9:00 A.M. All S.S.A.S. members are cordially invited to attend. If interested, call Al. Lemke, 735-1110.

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Transportation  
to meetings? Call ---



Alvin Friedman - RO.4-9069  
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Jack Fischer - RO 4-6529  
Ray Ward - PY 6-0115

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At a hearing conducted by the Council on Environmental Quality in Mineola on Wednesday evening, October 3, I testified, on the part of South Shore Audubon Society, in opposition to oil drilling on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf.

The threat of offshore oil drilling poses the major menace to our Long Island environment. We have all read of the massive bird kill in Santa Barbara. Oilspills there and elsewhere have destroyed hundreds of thousands of birds, countless fish and crustaceans and coated miles of beaches and wetlands with a black, smelly goo.

We Auduboners enjoy our barrier beach natural resource - we are birders, bathers, boaters and fishermen. This hearing received considerable publicity in the newspapers and on the radio, being the subject of two editorials in Newsday alone. Yet, despite all this publicity, and despite the profound impact offshore drilling could have on so much that we hold dear, attendance at the two days and one evening of hearings was pathetic. The large auditorium of the Nassau County Social Services hall, the site of the hearings, was virtually empty. Even the head of the CEQ remarked on the evident lack of interest, and the petroleum executives naturally chimed in with "See, just like we said. Nobody cares, so let's go ahead and drill."

It is vital that conservationists attend these hearings. It is not necessary to present a statement, just be there. The committees conducting these hearings are very conscious of the audiences, assuming, logically, that a poor turnout evidences a lack of interest. There is seldom sufficient time to get notices of hearings into the newsletter. What is needed is a cadre of interested members to form a true conservation committee, get up a telephone chain, and attend hearings. I will continue to make statements (although suggestions are heartily welcome, and any concerned citizen can speak) and I hope our next president will follow my example (this was the eighth hearing at which I have testified since becoming president). All that is asked of volunteers is just to be there.

This is your environment we are fighting for. Once destroyed, it may be gone forever. When it is too late, will you say to yourself, "Maybe I could have done something?"

If you can spare a few afternoons or evenings a year, please contact me at a meeting, or write me at 2108 Stuyvesant Avenue, East Meadow, New York, #11554, or call me at PE 5-1110.

Thank you.

Albert H. Lenke  
President

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- Your editor will volunteer to take calls for a telephone chain and provide transportation for one car of passengers - Write, 'phone, or tell me at the next meeting. Can we count on you? -

-- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT --



Schedule of Bird Walks -  
Fall and Winter

-- All walks start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below. --

November - 4 - Cedar Beach. Take Ocean Parkway from Jones Beach east to parking field on ocean side of parkway.

- November - 11 - Zachs Bay. Parking Field #4, Southeast corner.
- 18 - Jones Beach. West End Parking Field #2, Southwest corner.
- 25 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach). Parking field on north side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach.

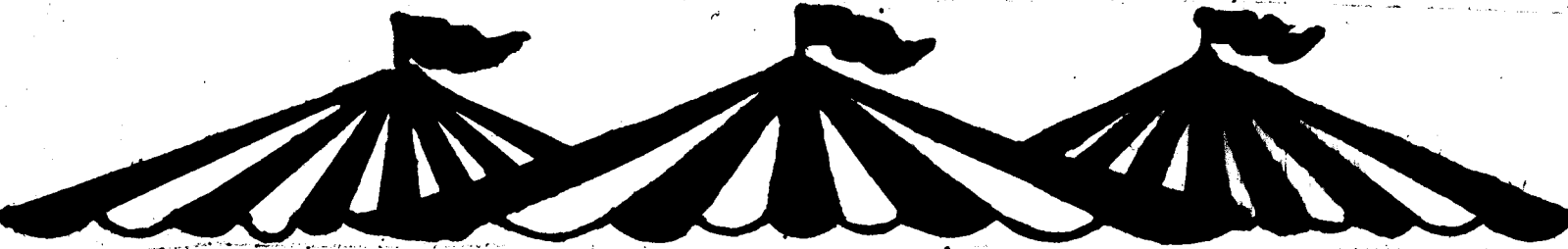
- December - 2 - Cedar Beach. Ocean Parkway east to parking field on ocean side of parkway.
- 9 - Pelham Bay. Meet 9:00 A.M. Meet at Throggs Neck Bridge Plaza after going through toll booth, on extreme right hand lane.
- 16 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. West side of Cross Bay Blvd. 2 - 3 miles south of Belt Parkway.

Elliott Kutner, Birding Chairman  
IV 6-7667

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A.O.U. CHANGES made by the CHECK-LIST COMMITTEE as of June 1973, and listed in the June issue of American Birds:

- Blue Goose is now --- Snow Goose
- Green-winged Teal and Common (Eurasian) Teal are now Green-Winged Teal.
- Red-shafted, Yellow-shafted and Gilded Flickers are now Common Flicker.
- Traill's Flycatcher is now separated into two species:
  - Southwestern fitz-bew song type will now be -Willow Flycatcher.
  - Northeastern fee-bee-o song type will now be -Alder Flycatcher:
- Robin is now renamed American Robin.
- Audubon's and Myrtle Warblers are merged into one - Yellow-rumped Warbler.
- Bullock's and Baltimore Orioles are now races of - Northern Oriole.
- Slate-colored and Oregon Juncos now considered a race of Dark-eyed Junco.
- Upland Plover is now renamed Upland Sandpiper.
- Knot -- a name change to -- Red Knot.
- Other name changes to conform with international usage:
- Leach's Petrel now Leach's Storm-Petrel.
- Wilson's Petrel now Wilson's Storm-Petrel.
- Common Egret becomes Great Egret.
- Widgeon is now spelled Wigeon.
- Shoveler is now Northern Shoveler.
- Pigeon Hawk becomes Merlin, Sparrow Hawk becomes American Kestrel.
- Catbird bwcomes Gray Catbird.
- Yellowthroat becomes "Common Yellowthroat.
- Parula Warbler becomes Northern Parula.



NATIONAL AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES

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SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

FIVE outstanding films with professional lecturers.

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973 - "Design For Survival"  
presented by William A. Anderson.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1973 - "Mule Deer Country"  
presented by Lyle K. Moss.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1974 - "Scandinavian Saga"  
presented by John D. Bulger.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1974 - "The Living Jungle"  
presented by Greg McMillan.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1974 - "Downstream"  
presented by Howard P. Boyd.

---at---

Bayview Avenue School  
Bayview Avenue and Merrick Road  
Freeport, New York.

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Tickets - Now available for the remainder of the films (4 in all) at the reduced price of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students. They will be available up to and including November 26. After that date no further tickets will be sold.

Send check or money order payable to South Shore Audubon Society, Inc. Mail to Alvin Friedman, 3275 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, New York #11572. Telephone: RO.4 - 9069.

From the Birding Front - continued

Fall and winter bird walks -

- December - 2 - Cedar Beach - off Ocean Parkway east of Jones Beach  
and Gilgo  
9 - Pelham Bay - Meet 9:00 A.M. - Toll Plaza after  
going through toll booth - extreme right lane  
16 - Jamaica Bay  
23 - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach)  
30 - Zachs Bay - Parking Field #4
- January - 6 - Jones Beach - West End Parking Field #2  
13 - Gilgo Beach - Channel side parking  
20 - Cedar Beach  
27 - Short Beach - Park near Coast Guard Station
- February - 3 - Pelham Bay - Meet 9:00 A.M. See above.  
10 - J. F. Kennedy (Tobay Beach)  
17 - Jamaica Bay - off Cross Bay Blvd.  
24 - Jones Beach - West End Parking Field #2

Elliott Kutner, Chairman, Birding

The island we call home is a bird-watcher's paradise. Our field trips this year have been as fruitful as any we've had in the past. On one day we saw well over sixty (60) different species. Not only has our count been high but the "good birds" have been in our sights. We have seen "Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Common Gallenule, American Bittern, Clapper Rail in the high light department.

Our happy birding is just part of this season's success. We have had a dramatic movement in our "people count" on Sunday mornings. The numbers would warm the heart of any self-respecting field trip director.

There is a weekend trip away in the planning stages for the spring. We will keep the membership posted as our plans progress in this area. Again, I invite one and all to join us on our weekly trips.

Elliott Kutner, Chairman, Birding



THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

Free winter guided nature walks to be offered.

The Education Committee of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary has decided to offer free winter nature walks during the upcoming winter months. These walks will be led by local naturalists explaining and discussing all aspects of nature. All walks will be on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in December and running through March, at 1:30 P.M. Large groups may make special arrangements by calling Mike Smiles at 293-7225. These walks will, of course, be held on the grounds of the Sanctuary at Oyster Bay.

Mike Smiles, Representative  
South Shore Chapter



Directions: From Main St., Oyster Bay, turn right (east) and continue to Cove Road, which is quite a distance out of town. Look for a parking lot saying "Theodore Roosevelt Grave". The sanctuary is next door.



AND A FEW MORE interesting places, nearby, where one can enjoy a "Walk in the Wild":

GARVIES POINT

A 72 acre preserve on the Sound, visited by laughing gulls and terns. There are many trails rich in the history of Long Island geology. The Nassau County Museum of Natural History, which maintains the Point, allows visitors and conducts nature study tours at the preserve, Tuesday through Sunday. Garvies Point is on Barry Drive in Glen Cove. (516-489-0096).

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

The sandy shore of Sunken Beach fronting on the Sound is the habitat of shore and wading birds. Take Northern and Sunken Meadow State Parkways to Kings Point for access to the Park. Open daily, year round.

Local Walks in the Wild - continued:

TARGET ROCK NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

A private estate donated in 1967 to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for a refuge. Mourning Doves and Ringnecked Pheasants reside on the refuge - Canada Geese stop to rest on their migration. Trails in the 80-acre refuge may be used for hiking, bird-watching, nature study and photography. Visited by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 P.M. For information write Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge, Target Rock Road, Huntington, N.Y. 11743. (516-271-2409).

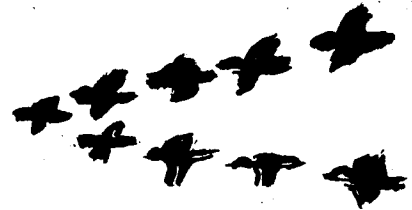
POINT LOOKOUT

a 52-acre preserve. Shorebirds and wading birds enjoy the dunes and water's edge. A nature study center is located at 1 Parkside Drive in Point Lookout. Open Monday through Friday in winter (daily in summer). (516-431-9200).



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

"The Silent Migration" - from the Long Island Press,  
contributed by Jean Suss -



The fall migration is the long migration, beginning with the first shore-birds moving south in early July and continuing to the end of the year. Now that their nesting duties are over, different species select different migration schedules, but it is all the silent migration. No morning songs to announce the migrants' arrival - no daytime singing leads the birdwatcher to the visitor. Of course, there is not total silence. There are some exceptions such as the faint cries from those passing overhead in the midnight skies; call notes from those foraging on the woodland floor; and the geese and swans trumpeting their passage.

At dusk a sharp observer in the right place may note the low-flying nighthawks, moving south, and on a bright fall day the watcher may sight a mile-high concentration of broad-winged hawks gliding to the southwest, but with these exceptions, only flocks of shore-birds - wheeling in precision over shore and marsh punctuating their passage with clarion cries - are conspicuous in their passage.

The fall migration is the youth migration. Young birds outnumber adults and the prevalence of the young birds can severely test the ability of the birdwatcher to identify all the individuals. Thus the fall migration is a great testing time.

Migration in the modern world is more hazardous than in earlier times. In addition to natural hazards, the man-altered landscape is less hospitable for the birds. Gone are the natural landscapes rich in wild fruits and seeds. Only birds that glean in cultivated fields, notably the blackbirds, are today better off than their ancestors were in centuries past.

HOW ABOUT AN ART-CRAFT SHOW FOR MEMBERS?

Those of you who were at the October meeting heard Jack Fischer outline his hopes for an art and craft show for members. Besides the two or three people of whom we know, there must be among our membership people with some talent or ability who would welcome an opportunity to exhibit what they do. The subject would be anything pertaining to nature. Range of work would be from painting, drawing, carving to less known crafts, perhaps horticulture. We would like to know how many people might be interested. To be successful a project of this kind must have membership interest and support. We would like to hear from you - with interest and suggestions. Call Jack Fischer at RO.4-6529.

More details and progress in upcoming Newsletters.

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-- WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS --

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|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-------------|
| Robert Epstein - Oceanside         | - | Ms. Diane Kaplan      | - | Woodmere    |
| Geraldine Javors- Plainview        | - | Mrs. Temmy Kocivar    | - | Massapequa  |
| Bernard Klyfeld - Lido Beach       | - | Diane Krieger         | - | Mass. Park  |
| Martin M.Korrow - So. Hempstead    | - | Miss Helen E. Kruger  | - | Floral Park |
| Nancy M. Barker - Rockville Centre | - | Sarah & Roger Mann    | - | Levittown   |
| Eugene Heilner - Rockville Centre  | - | Miss Marien E. Miller | - | Lynbrook    |
| Robert V. Piggott - Lynbrook       |   |                       |   |             |

We hope you will come to our meetings and not only enjoy them but also get something worthwhile from them.

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\*\*\*\*\* Want to Invest in the Environment?

National reports that this can now be done through the new Tax-Exempt Environmental Bond Fund, a portfolio of tax-exempt bonds for financing pollution abatement and for other environmental purposes. For information, write to the First Boston Corporation, 20 Exchange Place, New York, N.Y. #10005. \*\*\*\*\*

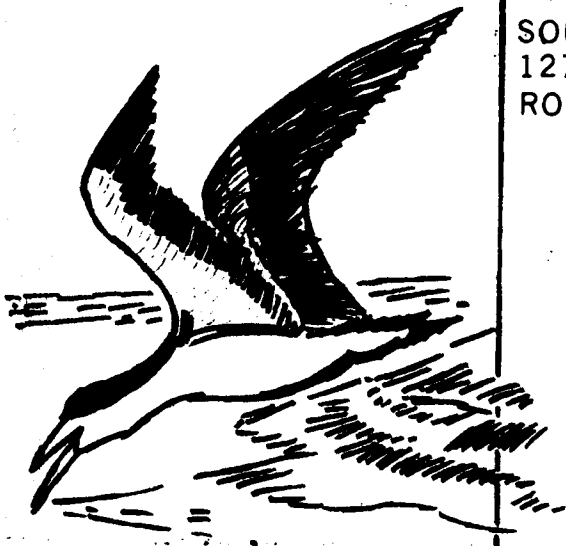
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| Michael Smiles, Vice-President     |       |           |
| Chairman, Conservation/Legislation | ----  | 293 -7225 |
| Jack Fischer, Treasurer            | ----- | RO 4-6529 |
| Ray Ward, Membership               | ----- | PY 6-0115 |
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| Miriam Raynor, Editor, Newsletter  | ----- | RO 4-6204 |

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--NOVEMBER MEETING--

Tuesday, November 13th.

Freeport Library

8:15 P.M.



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NEXT FILM PROGRAM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

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DEER

COUNTRY

*Lyle K. "Buzz" Moss*

