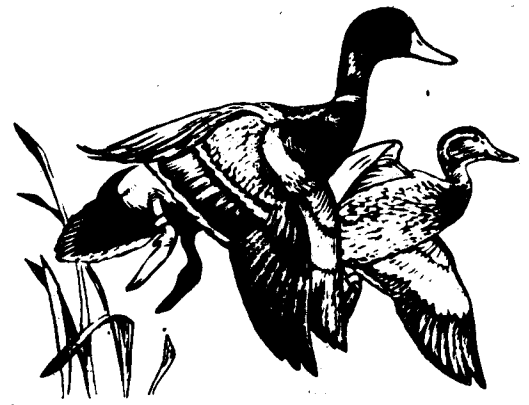


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING:- Our next meeting will be November 12th. Same place and time - Freeport Library, 8:15 P.M. The subject will be Wind-Powered Generators. The speakers will be Thomas Darcy, Director, Bureau Energy Conservation; and Stephen M. Bernheim, Asst. to the Commissioner, Department of General Services.

BOARD MEETING:- The Board meeting for November will be November 5th, Election Day night. Freeport Library, 8:15 P.M.

COMING EVENTS:

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS - -- FREE -- As most of you know by this time, these films this year are co-sponsored with the Town of Hempstead; and are held at the Town Hall Auditorium in back of the Town Hall. The main and most convenient entrance to the parking field, is off Peninsula Blvd. The auditorium, as those of you know who attended the first film, is almost luxurious, pleasing size, seating 250 people. Don't miss these films. Although tickets are free, they must be obtained in advance by sending a stamped-addressed envelope to: Town Hall Lectures, Town Hall Plaza, Town Hall, Hempstead, N.Y. #11550. Ask for a single ticket or for the series. However, tickets for 1975 are not yet available so in asking for the series, tell them in your letter to hold it until the 1975 tickets are available and mail them to you at that time.

Titles and dates are as follows:

Thursday, November 14	- Upcountry Uganda	
Tuesday, December 3	- Queen of the Cascades	
Tuesday, January 28	- The Vanishing Sea	
Thursday, April 10	- Sea Ice and Fire	Descriptive folder stapled in this Newsletter.

Alvin Friedman, Chairman
RO.4-9069

AUDUBON WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP: South Shore Audubon Society is offering a full tuition scholarship to the Audubon Workshop in Maine for the summer '75. The session will run for two weeks beginning July 13. If anyone is interested, please write to Mike Smiles, President, indicating why you would like to go and how your going could help the conservation cause. Everyone is eligible, members and non-members, but you must be at least 18 years old. Please send your letters by the end of November so that a Committee can read all letters and make a prompt decision.

Michael Smiles, President, ~~South Shore~~ Audubon Society,
1279 Melville Road, Farmingdale, N.Y. #11735

- FROM THE PRESIDENT-

South Shore Audubon is placing a WANT AD in this Newsletter. It is a plea for individuals who are willing to devote a little time to help our chapter expand and grow. In order for South Shore Audubon to develop new services to our members and be a vigilant watchdog for our environment, it needs help. We are not asking anyone to quit their job, devote their life, or swear an allegiance to South Shore Audubon Society. All we're asking for is, at most, a few hours a month, possibly as an input source on some standing or special committee. Our committees, e.g. Education, Conservation, Field Trips, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity, are in reality one-man committees. We are not asking you to chair these committees (those we have), but we are asking you to at least serve on one of these committees and contribute your ideas. Lack of new individuals has prevented formation of special committees that could increase the efficiency and growth of our organization. Please, if anyone is willing to help out in any capacity, give your name to one of our officers.

Along this line of thought, I would like to share with you the concluding words from a speech given by Mr. Thomas Williams of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Northeast Regional Audubon Conference at Lake Mohonk this past summer. He states:

"I have long believed that the master key to environmental improvement in our country is citizen care, concern, and participation. It is the only key. The degree of awareness that the public enjoys now did not come like sunlight glinting from the pen of a genius at his desk, or from the sword of a great leader on horseback; it came from the daily efforts of concerned citizens, working with and through professional, conservation, health, and other civic and service organizations of all kinds."

"Were it not for these efforts, the vast majority of people - not only in this country, but throughout the world - would probably be as ignorant today of the profound implications of the environmental crisis as almost everyone was just a few years ago. What the press and active public opinion have accomplished is close to miraculous. Millions of citizens throughout the world are now aware of the fundamental essence of the scientific and social significance of the environmental crisis which, just a short time ago, was of concern to only a scattered handful of experts of one kind or another.

"Can we trust the so-called ordinary citizen with this tremendously important responsibility of determining the selection of vastly important decisions which only the experts were expected to make before - the expert industrialist, the expert scientist, the expert legislator, the expert lobbyist, the expert bureaucrat, the expert politician?"

"We had better. For in an open society, it is the people who choose and judge the experts and determine the course of the nation. Only an involved and free people can stop the onslaught of the blind bulldozer and lead this Nation - and the world - toward a future in which science and technology becomes truly the servant, and not the master, of man."

Mike Smiles, President

CONSERVATION - LEGISLATION

The Public Lands Subcommittee of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has reported for full committee mark-up a totally unsatisfactory Bureau of Land Management Organic Act, HR-16676. Under HR-16676, endangered species would not be given any special consideration in determining the uses allowed on BLM and Forest Service lands, such as mining, logging and grazing. This would seriously curtail the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Other drawbacks of the bill are: 1. If the Secretary of the Interior wished to withdraw Public Lands from mining for conservation reasons (for example, Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area in Idaho), he would need to consult with Congress before he could act. 2. Grazers would be given 10-year renewable leases on Public Lands and if a decision is made by the government to use the land for conservation purposes, the rancher would be compensated for any "permanent improvements" he has made even though he never owned the land and, in addition, the rancher would be given two years' notice.

As the BLM operates under 3,000 different and obsolete laws drawn up when the West was being settled and developed, a new BLM Organic Act is sorely needed, but conservationists feel HR-16676 in its present form, creates more problems than it solves.

NEW "DUCK STAMP" PROGRAM: A new Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Program is being established to help purchase wetland habitat for migratory waterfowl. Over two million acres of wetlands have been purchased from duck stamp revenues since 1934. (Hunters buy "duck stamps" at their local post office at \$5.00 each). Under the new 1974 program, everyone will be able to buy these stamps. If any artists in our group would like to submit a drawing for consideration as next year's stamp, they should write the Office of Audio Visual, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. #20240.

LEADSHOT BAN: Hearings on a proposal to ban leadshot and substitute steel for hunting ducks, geese, swans and coots will be held in four major cities soon. The ban would begin in 1976 in the Atlantic Flyway. Copies of the environmental impact statement issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are available from the Office of Environmental Coordination, USFWS, Washington, D.C. #20240. Comments deadline: November 14, addressed to the Director, USFWS at the above address. The banning of leadshot has been a long-term goal of National Audubon so please write your letter as soon as possible.

"SAVE A LIVING THING": The 7-Eleven Stores, in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation has launched a "Save a Living Thing" project to educate the public and raise money to establish an 835-acre bald eagle refuge along the Missouri River in So. Dakota. One cent from the sale of each 7-Eleven special endangered species cups of its Slurpee drink will be contributed to the refuge. Contributions may also be sent to Department Eagle, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. #20036.

OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING: On Monday evening, October 7th, I attended a program at Seaford High School co-sponsored by the Save Our Bays Association and the Nassau Chapter of the Sierra Club on off-shore drilling in the Atlantic. Participating in the discussion were: E.H. Lundy, Brooklyn Union Gas Co., J.R. Jackson, American Petroleum Institute; H.M. Doebler, LILCO; Tom Stahl, Natural Resources Defense Council; Dr. Donald Cotton, CAUSE.

Conservation-Legislation, Continued -

Following a film showing the injurious effect of oil pollution on L.I. Shores, each representative was given 10 minutes to present his case. As would be expected, representatives of energy presented their side as being the only solution to avoid a much more serious shortage and crisis in the future. LIICO threatened that at the present rate of growth, they will not be able to continue supplying L.I. without Atlantic oil. But the representatives of conservationists and opponents to offshore drilling presented the drilling as a stop-gap measure which will ruin much for short term gain. They presented alternatives emphasizing a federal long range energy policy and more specific alternatives. Dr. Cotton thought the Federal Government might do their own explorations and study, saying that oil conglomerates are not always objective in their evaluations. A new aspect was brought up by the oil companies, saying that the Santa Barbara land had recovered quickly from the first spill, rather than emphasizing the slight danger of spills as they have emphasized in the past. The meeting seemed to be another airing of "sides" with no movement toward resolution of the problem.

Pat Davis
Chairman, Conservation

(For a summation of the views of Ralph Caso against offshore drilling, see the September issue of Environs. Editor)

LEGISLATIVE:-

Energy - An amended version of the Federal Non-Nuclear Research and Development Act (H.R.13565) which suggests an R & D policy for non-nuclear energy sources will be further considered by the House when it reconvenes on September 11. Write your representative urging passage of the bill.

Solid Waste - Senate hearings have been completed on the Non-returnable Beverage Container Prohibition Act (S.2062). The companion bill in the House (H.R.9782) has not been scheduled for hearings. Write Senate Commerce Committee Chairperson Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) urging committee passage of the bill; and Representative John Moss (D-Calif.) urging hearings by his Subcommittee on Commerce and Finance of the House Commerce Committee.

Wilderness: The Eastern Wilderness Areas Bill (H.R.13455) is stalled in the House Interior Committee. Ask your representative to co-sponsor the bill. The Senate has passed the measure.

Strip Mining: The House-Senate Conference Committee on strip mining legislation continues, a final compromise not being expected until after Congressional recess. Senator James Buckley is a member of this Committee. Write urging him to support the strongest provisions of the bill. (Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. #20510).

A MESSAGE FROM THE ATLANTIC COALITION (TAC) - Over 6 million cubic yards of toxic sewage sludge per year is being dumped into the New York Bight. When the projected New York State sewer construction program is complete, the amount will increase to over 18 million cubic yards! Sludge in the sea is a serious menace to public welfare. The basis of our Long Island environment and economy is our magnificent coastal recreation area. Sludge has been discovered several miles off Atlantic Beach and is predicted to wash up on our shores within a year's time.

The Atlantic Coalition has been organized for the specific purpose of combatting this menace. Our battle plan is "on the land as on the sea" -- we will do our share of monitoring the beaches and offshore waters. We are researching and promoting land-based alternatives to the present dumping program. TAC feels that time is fast running out - bureaucratic inertia, "politics as usual", should not and will not be tolerated! We want action from our public officials - and we want it NOW!!!

TAC needs YOU on our environmental team. Accountants, skippers, fund-raisers, speakers, letter-writers, students, in short anyone and everyone --- YOUR help is needed to add to our "clout!" You can contact us by writing to Box 55, Seaford, N.Y. #11783, or by calling Jack Heenan at Ju.7-5556 (evenings).

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary is continuing its monthly programs for the general public during the fall and winter months. These programs are, of course, free of charge and begin at 1:30 P.M. There is ample parking at nearby Young's Memorial Cemetery where Theodore Roosevelt is buried.

The upcoming sessions are:

November 24	- Autumn woods walk with Rose Miller and Art McManus
December 29	- Caring for Sick and Injured Birds - Sallie Ruppert

Also, remember the Sanctuary is open to Audubon members at all times for individual birding.

NOTICE RE NEWSLETTER:-

There will be no Newsletter in December, only a brief folder and meeting notice. So, please save from this issue the bird walk schedule and other information you want.

Perhaps, this is a good time to say, apropos the President's message, that we can use help with the Newsletter. After 5 , or almost, year's of the same, we need new ideas. Do you have suggestions? or comments? Do we have anyone with artistic talent who would design a new masthead? The one we are using is the original which came into being when our group was formed. Can't we have something more distinctive for our group, that we can adopt as permanent? Anyone willing to learn the simple, but somewhat time consuming way to put the Newsletter together? Let's hear from you.

I am suggesting that in the future issues other committees use this space to briefly outline what they, too, can use in help.

Miriam E. Raynor, Editor

- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT -

BIRD WALK SCHEDULE -

Fall and Winter

All Walks start at 10:00 A.M.
and NO WALK if it rains,
snows, or the temperature
is 25 degrees or below.

- November - 3 - Cedar Beach
10- Short Beach -Parking Field #2,
N.E. Corner.
17- Jamaica Bay
24- Tobay (J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary)
- December 1- West End, Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
8- Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E.Corner.
15- Pelham Bay - Meet 9:00 A.M. after going through the Throgg's
Neck Bridge
22- Short Beach, Parking Field #2, N.E.Corner
29- Tobay (J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary)
- January 5- Jamaica Bay
12-Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
19- Cedar Beach
26- Short Beach, Parking Field #2, W.End, N.E.Corner
- February 2- Jamaica Bay
9- Pelham Bay - Meet 9:00 A.M. just after going through the
Throgg's Neck Bridge
16- Tobay (J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary)
23- West End Parking Field #2, N.W.Corner
- March 2- Jamaica Bay
9- Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner

Elliott Kutner
Chairman, Birding

Publications: The 1975 Nature Calendar published by the Long Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy is now ready for sale and distribution. This is an attractive calendar with original black and white drawings of native Long Island birds, animals, flowers and outdoor scenes contributed especially for this Calendar by some of the best known artists in our area.

Calendars are \$3.00 each and may be ordered by enclosing check and your name and address to: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, Long Island Chapter, P.O.Box #72 Cold Spring Harbor, New York #11724.

1974 Operation Nature Guide - Excellent. Published by the local chapter in the West and co-sponsored by National, this is a directory of local bird and nature walks all over the U.S. It includes a map of the National Park Systems and National Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries. There are names and addresses of people in every locality to contact for walks in their area.

Available at 50¢ from: NATURE GUIDE, 34915 Fourth Ave., So. Federal Way
Washington, #98002

- BIRD HOSPITAL -

At this time of year, a large percentage of the calls received are in reference to stunned or hurt birds that have flown into glass windows or had collisions with walls, autos, and other objects in the landscape. These are usually migrating land birds unfamiliar with the area. Depending upon light conditions, glass reflects like a mirror, and the bird sees trees and grass, and, thinking he can fly right on, does just that.

When you find a bird that has collided with an object, and it is still alive, here are some ideas about how to help him on his way. (If the bird is found dead, put it in a bag of plastic wrap with a note of the date, circumstances, place, and your name, and keep in the freezer until the next Audubon meeting when you can get it to someone with a salvage permit. This is a good way to add to ornithologists' knowledge on plumage and migration patterns).

1. Be sure no cats are in the vicinity.
2. Place the bird in a sunny, protected area, near or under a bush, away from human or auto traffic.
3. In an hour or so, the bird should be in an upright position and aware enough to move to cover in a nearby shrub or tree.
4. If the bird cannot maintain balance, put in a tissue lined berry or shoe box with holes in the lid. Make formulas of equal parts of milk, honey and whiskey. Try one or two drops on top of the bill. It will run down between the upper and lower parts of the bill and trigger the swallow reflex. DO NOT PUT LIQUID DIRECTLY INSIDE THE BIRD'S MOUTH. IT MAY ASPIRATE AND DIE.
5. Put the bird in a warm, dark, quiet place for the next few hours or even overnight. (He can do without food for this period of time.)
6. When the bird stands upright and eyes are bright, he is ready for release. Take him away from the house, put the open box on the edge of a path or driveway. The bird will like the security of bushes behind him and a clear view of where to fly.
7. If the bird has a broken bone or bleeding injury, call the Bird Hospital (HA. 7-2639).

To Prevent Collisions:

Expanses of glass look like flyways to the birds. To prevent birds from flying into windows:

1. Hang stained glass ornaments or hanging plants or other objects at varying heights across the window. Do this outside as well to break up reflections.
2. Try pulling shades or blinds.
3. Leave outsides of windows dirty until after the migration season.

Sallie Ruppert

The above is reprinted from the Killdeer, Newsletter of the Huntington Audubon Society.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR INJURED BIRDS: -

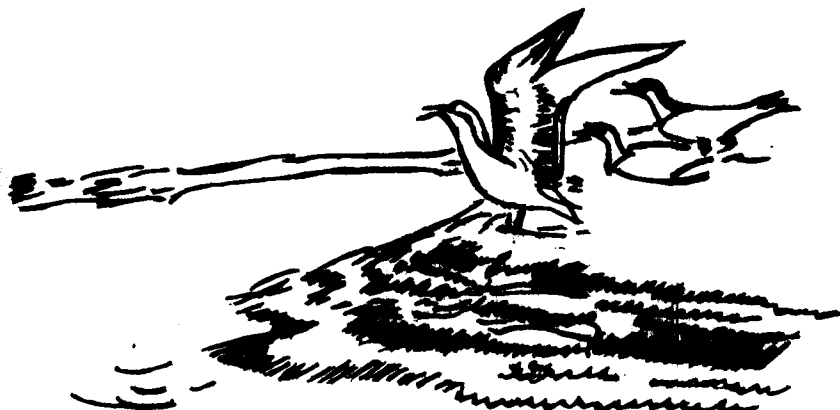
A. & A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square
Tel. GE. 7-2222 - Free care for any wild bird.

Mrs. Arlene Thomas, Author of "Bird Ambulance" - Tel. 212 - HO.8-2330.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

--NEXT MEETING--
--Tuesday, November 12--
--Freeport Library--
--8:15 P.M.--



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