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JUNE DINNER MEETING

JUNE 8TH



We are very fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Roger Caras, an outstanding naturalist, author and broadcast personality, who appears weekly on A.M. America and daily on CBS Radio with his show on pets and wildlife. The subject of Mr. Caras' talk will be, "Animals of the Bible Live Again." Please come to our dinner meeting at Carl Hoppl's Valley Stream Park Inn, 130 W. Merrick Rd., Valley Stream. The price is \$8.75 and the dinner includes: fruit cup, soup, salad, top sirloin of beef, baked potato, string beans and parfait. The bar will be open at 7 P.M. and dinner will be served at 8 P.M.

MAIL YOUR CHECK TODAY TO: Alvin Friedman, 3275 Oceanside Rd., Oceanside, N.Y. 11752. No tickets will be issued. Alvin will keep a list of those who have sent in their checks. Please send yours in today and make this year's dinner the best yet! See you there!



FROM THE FREEPORT LIBRARY:

The SSAS whose Board and General Meetings are held in the Freeport Memorial Library, gives it an annual donation. I spent nearly an hour recently with the staff (no hardship-I'm a "Library Lover") and discovered what admirable use is made of our gift. I got a preview of some of the 1976 selections:

To Save a Bird in Peril - David R. Zimmerman

Pleasure of Birds-An Audubon Treasury - ed. by L. Line

The Flight of the Snow Geese - Des Bartlett

Butterflies - Thom A. Emmel

Larousse Encyclopedia of the Animal World

These are beautiful books, profusely illustrated, and each is identified with our own book plate. They will be placed in a special bin on the main floor of the library from June 1 for about two weeks. Why don't you browse through them, if you are in the neighborhood, and bring your library card. Even if you don't live in Freeport, there are reciprocity privileges. I've spoken to our editor - She'd be glad to get a short informal review of any of these books, so that you can share your enthusiasm with our members.

Ruth Grossman

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This June issue of the Skimmer will be the last one for the 1975-76 season. As old time members of South Shore Audubon know, there is no newsletter during the months of July and August. Since this will also be my last chance to present the President's Message, I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support during the past two years while I was President. I will have to avoid listing the names of people I would like to thank for fear of leaving someone out inadvertently because there are so many of you. But I do want those who have work for SSAS as officers, directors, or worked on committees and gave their ideas and suggestions, to know that I really do appreciate your help in making my job easier and making South Shore Audubon function more smoothly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the newly elected officers and directors for the coming year. Mr. Elliot Kutner, Field Trip Chairman and Vice-President, will now take over as President, and Paul Butkerei, Conservation Chairman, will become the Vice-President. Mr. Ricard Bullenkamp will be our new Recording Secretary, while Jack Fischer and Ruth Grossman will remain as Treasurer and Corres. Secretary, respectively. Two new directors, Bruce Phillips and myself, will replace the two outgoing directors, Linda Schlotterhausen and Miriam Raynor. Again, THANK YOU all for a very enjoyable two years as President of SSAS.

Additional information is now available on the Northeast Regional Conference being held at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. on the weekend of July 16-18, 1976.

Sessions are being planned on toxic substances and pesticides, transportation alternatives, energy alternatives, the Eastern wilderness, Audubon sanctuaries, non-game species management, endangered species and other general conservation issues.

Local Chapter operations will also be covered in sessions on membership, fund-raising, youth education, programs, publicity, field trips, newsletters, and nature centers. Discussion groups with leaders from local chapters with outstanding people in these areas will be supplemented with staff resource people in round table workshop sessions where everyone will be encouraged to share their problems and successes.

Everyone who is active in Audubon is welcome at this conference and all who can should plan to attend. It will cost \$39 per person for the whole weekend --- from Friday supper through Sunday afternoon. This includes room board, and registration. A truly outstanding price.

A children's program has been arranged to be conducted by the Children's Museum in Williamstown. They will provide the natural history oriented play and learning session during all of the workshop sessions. The cost of the weekend for children will also be \$39. Registration forms and final announcements should be available soon. If anyone would like a registration form please write: Northeast Regional Conference, SSAS, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, New York 11520 and we will send you one as soon as they become available.



Mike Smiles, President

If you have any Audubon Magazines, National Geographics, National Wildlife Magazines or other environmental magazines you would like to contribute to a worthy cause, please drop them off at the home of Laura and Alvin Friedman, 3275 Oceanside Rd., Oceanside and they will see that these publications are delivered to local hospitals and senior citizens homes. Thank you.

See SSAS member Asa Starkweather's display of birds at the Malverne Library during the month of June. I know it will be a treat to see!

From the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.....



Pop Goes the Weasel and Other Nature's Surprises

Summer at the Sanctuary is a GREAT idea! Where could you ty-dye with Highbush Cranberry or examine feathers of a Red Goon Bird right in your own community? What an exciting way to study nature and the fun is "right around the corner".

For the younger set there will be five weekly ecology workshops. All programs are from 9:00 to 12:00. Starting July 6-0 there is a Bicentennial Celebration for 4th-6th graders where we'll explore many aspects of colonial and Indian ways of life relating to the forest. Rosehip tea never tasted so good! Cost-\$25.00

July 12-16 - Sassafras and Friends for 3rd-5th graders is an active exploration of five unique habitats on the North Shore. Did you ever come face to face with a Horseshoe Crab or a Damsel Fly? We will be meeting some of the residents of swamps, beach, marsh, field and forest. Cost-\$30.00

July 19-23 - Creations in Nature for 3rd-5th graders is a discovery adventure of specific aspects in nature. We will be exploring things from rocks to red-eared sliders, baby birds to mushrooms. Cost-\$30.00

July 26-30 - Pop Goes the Weasel for first and second graders is an introduction to nature's surprises. Hands-on activities make learning alot of fun for the great way to meet "Mother Nature". Cost-\$30.00

August 2-6 - Hello World for first and second graders is a way to meet our environment using our senses. It is a fun and unique way to see, hear, taste, smell and fell our natural world. Cost-\$30.00

For the teacher, scout leader, parent or anyone interested in an action-packed week of environmental studies, there will be two Ecology Workshops for Teachers June 28-July 2 and August 23-27. Each session runs from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday thru Friday. We will be studying a variety of habitats - forest, swamp, field, marsh, beach, pond and stream. Authorities on specific subjects will be guest speakers and assist the staff. In addition, you will be exposed to a wealth of environmental education materials and active participation through hands-on activities will be encouraged.

We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity so close to home. Brochures are available - call the Sanctuary at WA 2-3200. See you this summer!

Alan and Estelle Ruppert



BIRD WALKS 1976



FIELD TRIPS: The starting time for all bird walks is 9:30 A.M. There is no walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.

JUNE 6 - ALL DAY CANOE TRIP ON NISSEQUOGE RIVER - BRING LUNCH - FIRST RESERVATIONS HONORED - ROOM FOR 30 ONLY - Charge \$5.00 per person - call Frank Cooper 485-8173.

JUNE 13 - West End #2, N.E. corner - LAST WALK OF SEASON!

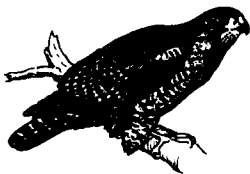
Elliot Kutner, Birding

CONSERVATION NEWS

Several important pieces of legislation remain unresolved at this time. Since it is just prior to the summer recess that many bills are pushed through on the Federal and State level, it is an opportune time to let your representatives know your views. On the state front, push is needed to preserve the 1975 Environmental Quality Review Act, which is being undermined by local government agencies and Gov. Carey, who fears its economic impact. Concerning the preservation of our wetlands, the Army Corps of Engineers needs support in maintaining its power to enforce Section 404 of the Water Pollution Control Act, which regulates dredging. At the federal level, an important environmental issue is the Lobbying Bill. This bill, S2832, is still in Committee in the Senate, but may soon move to the floor. Its relevance to Audubon and some other conservation groups is that it will set guidelines for lobbying by non-profit organizations.

On June 5 & 6 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nassau BOCES is holding its second annual Agricultural Fair. This fair will contain exhibits from diverse conservation and agricultural groups. The event is being held at the State University at Old Westbury, located just off the westbound service lane of the L.I. Expressway, between Rt. 25 and Post Road in Old Westbury.

Paul Butkerei, Conservation



AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS

Since the chairpersons of the standing committees (Conservation, Field Trips, Membership, Publications and Program) are active in and contribute to the success of our chapter, your Board of Directors have decided to give them a voice on the Board. The bylaws have thus been amended to provide for their election by the membership, as required by law. Officers and Directors would henceforth be elected at the April meeting. The President-Elect, with the approval of the Board, would then nominate the chairpersons, who will be elected at the May Meeting. Another amendment provides for a special election at the behest of 3/4 of the total Board membership. Under this, a special election will be held, one time only, at this year's June 8th dinner meeting to elect the chairpersons, if the amendments are approved at the same meeting.

From the Hospitality Committee:

I'd like to thank all those people who generously contributed cake and cookies; as well as the fruit juice, to our meetings this past year. From what was left to clean up after each meeting, there was no question how much they were liked. We could not have our mid-meeting snack without you. Thank you.

Miriam Raynor, Hospitality Chairperson

After two and one-half years, Dorothy Lovering is retiring and Teresa Stoltz will be our new Membership Chairperson as of September 1976. A very big THANK YOU to Dorothy and a big WELCOME to Teresa.

Mr. Roy Latham, regarded by many to be the greatest naturalist in reference to L.I. flora and fauna, has submitted an interesting and enjoyable article about that most beautiful flower, the Orchid. As this is a very busy season for Mr. Latham, he deserves our special thanks for taking the time to write us.

Orchids at Montauk

When I was active botanizing, Montauk produced more orchids than any other region on Long Island. Twenty species were recorded on Montauk, including the rare Crane-fly Orchis, Tipularia, famous for the station in Moore's Woods, Greenport. Montauk was the second station in New York State at the time I discovered it there. It was found at Montauk in six small colonies of four to fourteen plants, all east of Oyster Pond. The largest colony was in a grove of Holly Trees, Ilex opaca. Except for the Hollies, the environment at Montauk matches the Greenport station, moist, gravelly soil associated with Mountain Laurel, Kalmia latifolia. The American Holly is not a member of the Southhold Town flora. Cultivated hollies are not uncommon on the north fork. Holly is common locally at Montauk and nearby Napeague. This short paper is to recognize one other very rare orchid at Montauk; the Crested Yellow Orchis, Habenaria cristata, is a more southern species, common from New Jersey southward. It was formerly listed north to Massachusetts. The writer discovered it at Montauk in 1926; the first New York State record. It was spread over a large area of a mile circle with approximately 3000 plants concentrated in one plot of about one-fourth of an acre. Several orchidologists, familiar with cristata in the south, all state the lemon-yellow flowers of the Montauk species differ from the southern form which has orange-yellow flowers. The only other orchid growing with cristata at Montauk is the beautiful Yellow-Fringed orchis, Habenaria ciliaris, which is very rare. It is recorded where Habenaria blephariglottis, the White-Fringed orchis and cristata grow together, hybridization occurs. However, the White-Fringed orchis has not yet been reported at Montauk, although common several miles west at Three Mile Harbor. In 1926, I discovered a group of five plants of cristata on the wet sandy border of Lily Pond, Sag Harbor. In passing, I should mention the beautiful specimens of the Purple-Fringed orchis, Habenaria pycnodes, at Montauk, which grows to four feet high in the rich, muddy soil. The only other station for it on Long Island is on Gardiner's Island. The few localities on western Long Island are destroyed or lost.

Roy Latham
Orient, L.I.



Dear Friends:

As this is our last publication until Sept., I would like to thank all of you who have sent me articles and stories for our newsletter this past year. I would also like to add my special thanks to Stan Ziminski and Marge Fischer for their many contributions of artwork and stories. I hope you will all continue writing over the summer so that we can have an extra-special Sept. issue. Have a wonderful summer! See you in Sept.

Pat Davis, Editor



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TUES. JUNE 8TH
VALLEY STREAM PARK INN
7:00 P.M.

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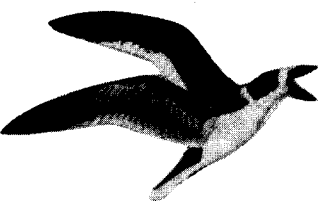
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BIRDING — FALL 1976

Sept. 12—West End #2 N.W. corner
 Sept. 19—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 Sept. 26—West End #2 N.E. corner
 Oct. 3—Short Beach Parking (Jones Beach)
 Oct. 10—Tobay—J.F. Kennedy Sct.
 Oct. 17—Jamaica Bay W.R.
 Oct. 24—West End #2 N.W. corner
 Oct. 31—Tobay—J.F. Kennedy Sct.
 Nov. 7—Jamaica Bay W.R.



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