

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1978  
8:15 P.M., FREEPORT LIBRARY

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NIGHT

This is the night for all our members to show their favorite slides. Members may show five to ten slides - anything from general scenes to closeups of birds, plants, rocks, etc. These slides may be sequential shots on one subject or completely unrelated to each other.

So, please come to our February 14 meeting, bring your slides, and make Audience Participation Night a big success. It depends on YOU!

## IN MARCH:

SSAS member, Linda Schlotterhausen, recently took a trip to the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea west of Alaska. She will present a color slide show on the Birds and Seals of the Pribilof Islands on Tuesday, March 14.

REMEMBER THESE DATES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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## THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY SUNDAY FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS



Feb. 12 Wintering Birds - Who and where are they? Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill

Mar. 12 Marsh and Beach Investigations - Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill

Apr. 9 Annual T.R. Bird Walk at Sagamore Hill-Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill

May 14 Spring Discovery Walk-Mother's Day Special

All activities - 1:30 to 3:00.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The next meeting of the Photography Club will be held on Sunday, February 12, at Milburn Pond on Merrick Road in Baldwin. The club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Rain date - February 19. If you have any questions, please call Al Lemke, 731-3639.

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## SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIPS

This year SSAS is offering two adult scholarships and two youth scholarships for the Audubon Workshop in Maine. This workshop is scheduled for the last two weeks in July. If anyone would like to be considered for a scholarship, please write explaining how this experience could help you further spread the ecological theme.

Deadline: May 1, 1978 Please write to:

Mr. Elliott Kutner  
461 Dunster Court  
West Hempstead, New York 11552

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following slate is recommended:

President - Paul Butkereiit  
Vice President - Patricia Davis  
Treasurer - Al Lemke  
Secretary - Richard Bullenkamp  
Director - William Hollweg  
Director - Mary May  
Jr. Director - Kathy Worthington

Asa Starkweather, Chmn.

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AUDUBON WILDLIFE SERIES: Greg McMillan, "Central California's Coastal Plain" - Tuesday, March 7, 1978 8:15 P.M., Hempstead Town Pavillion, Town Hall Plaza - For tickets write to the Town of Hempstead, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Office, 50 Clinton St., Hempstead, N.Y. 11550. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY  
Balance Sheet as of 12/31/77



ASSETS

Cash-Checking Account	\$1,461.23	
Savings Bank	4,265.27	\$5,726.50
Inventory-Binoculars		15.65
" Decals		185.40
" Patches		182.70
Advances - Dinner		25.00
" Bird Seed Savings Day		478.98
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$6,614.23</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Liabilities

Deposits - Binoculars	155.00
Net Worth	6,459.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	<u>\$6,614.23</u>
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INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income

7/1/77 to 12/31/77

National Audubon	\$2,746.00
Profits - Binoculars	558.27
" Decals	8.10
" Patches	4.68
Interest - Savings Account	101.98
Donations	15.00

TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,434.03</u>
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Expenses

Newsletter	\$1,623.74
Contributions	800.00
Meetings	155.00
Postage & Stationery	27.65
P.O. Box	25.00
Membership	32.56
Education	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$2,713.95</u>
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NET INCOME	<u>\$ 720.08</u>
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BINOCULAR SAVINGS: SSAS is offering an outstanding opportunity to purchase Bushnell and Bausch & Lomb binoculars, scopes and tripods at a savings of 30 to 50%. These special prices are available when we order in groups of 12. If you wish further information, please call Asa Starkweather (LY 9-5824) or Joan Butkerei (LY 3-4554).

The following is a list of actions taken by our state government on environmental issues during the past year. This information was taken from the 1977 New York Voter's Guide, which is published by the Environmental Planning Lobby. In each case the vote sought by the EPL is called the "correct" vote.

1) State Environmental Quality Review Act Delay  
This bill delays the enforcement of the Environmental Quality Review Act until Sept. 1, 1978. Impact statements, which were to be filed on all projects, will only be required on Type 1 projects until after this delay. The correct vote was listed as "NO". All local representatives, except Dunne, who was absent, voted "YES". This bill was passed and signed by the governor.

2) Adirondack Park Agency Abolition - The State Senate voted to abolish the park agency and to replace it with a local government commission. This bill would bring to an end the protective land use controls which are vital to the preservation and protection of this resource. There was however, no similar bill introduced in the House. The EPL called the correct vote "NO". Levy voted "YES", Dunne voted "NO".

3) Home Insulation - This bill requires utilities to offer home insulation plans to customers, aid in financing such plans, and conduct home energy audits. The EPL considered the correct vote "YES". All local representatives voted "YES", and the bill was signed by Governor Carey.

4) Lake Erie Drilling - This bill opens Lake Erie to drilling for natural gas. The bill contains numerous protective controls concerning water supply, control of spills, liability etc., to insure protection of municipalities and their environment. The correct vote was "YES". In the Senate both Levy and Dunne voted "YES". In the House, Kremer voted "YES". D'Amato, Gulotta, Harron, McGrath, and Murphy voted "NO". The bill was signed by the governor.

5) Urban Forestry Program - This bill encourages improvement of urban neighborhoods through a program of tree planting. The EPL suggested correct vote was "YES". In the Senate, Levy and Dunne voted "YES". In the House, Gulotta and Kremer voted "YES", Harron, McGrath and D'Amato voted "NO". The bill was vetoed by the governor.

Twelve additional bills were passed by both houses, with a majority of our local representatives backing them.

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The following seven bills were signed into law by the Governor: Oil Spill Liability, Hot Water Heater Standards (concerning energy use), Room Air Conditioners (also concerning energy efficiency), Real Property Tax Commission, Solar Property Tax Exemption Urban Cultural Parks, and Resource Recovery.

These 5 bills were vetoed by the Governor: Energy Efficiency Construction Codes, Energy Efficiency in Public Schools, Waste Oil Re-use and Recovery, Community Gardens Office and a bill requiring the Power Authority of New York to establish the need for any electric generating facility they propose. The Environmental Planning Lobby was pushing for the passage of all these bills.

Paul Butkereiit, Conservation

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SSAS member, Rita Rover, will be teaching the following courses at S.U.N.Y., Farmingdale:

Biology Laboratory Workshop \$35

A new perspective in Creative Science for children will be available which will incorporate six fascinating areas for children to explore. It will include Frog Dissection, Live Animal Behavior study using planaria (1/4" flat-worm), bone investigation of human and animal structures, seedling studies, germination tests and growth reactions of plants, as well as PH studies utilizing standard laboratory equipment such as microscopes, graduated cylinders and pipets. This enrichment program will be offered to children of specific age groups in two sessions.

Creative Science for the Younger Set \$35

This session will be structured for children in grades 3 through 5. Six sessions: Saturdays 10:30-12:30 P.M., February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18 (12 hrs.).

Creative Science for Juniors \$35

This session is structured for children grades 6 through 8. Six sessions: Saturdays 1:00-3:00 P.M., February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18 (12 hrs.).

No real rescue this time. Bill Sharvat (V.P. of Malverne Environmental Council) called. Some boys had picked up (!) a wild duck by Pat's Meat Market and Bill asked me to meet him at the MEC office.

When I arrived, Bill introduced me to four interested teenagers. The bird was in the corner on a table behind a paper bag. I moved the bag and there was a male wood duck! Wood ducks are extremely wary of human beings and this one allowed me to touch it. I guessed it must be sick and now my ghoulish nature came to the fore. I collect dead birds and stuff them for displays in talks at schools. If this duck should die, I would have a prize!

We emptied a carton and I took the duck home. I put a bowl of water and some cracked corn in the box, placed it in the back hall, and went to bed with visions of a stuffed wood duck in my head.

The next morning my wife wanted to see it. There was movement in the box so I took it outside and carefully opened the top. The duck exploded out of the box and away he went! Well, no exhibit but I did save the wood duck.

Did I tell you about the herring gull with the half of a plastic 6-pack holder on its head? There were three hoops and the gull had its head in the middle one so it appeared to have two large ears. A lovely eleven-year old girl called me and said it was in her school yard. When I arrived, we searched but couldn't find the gull.

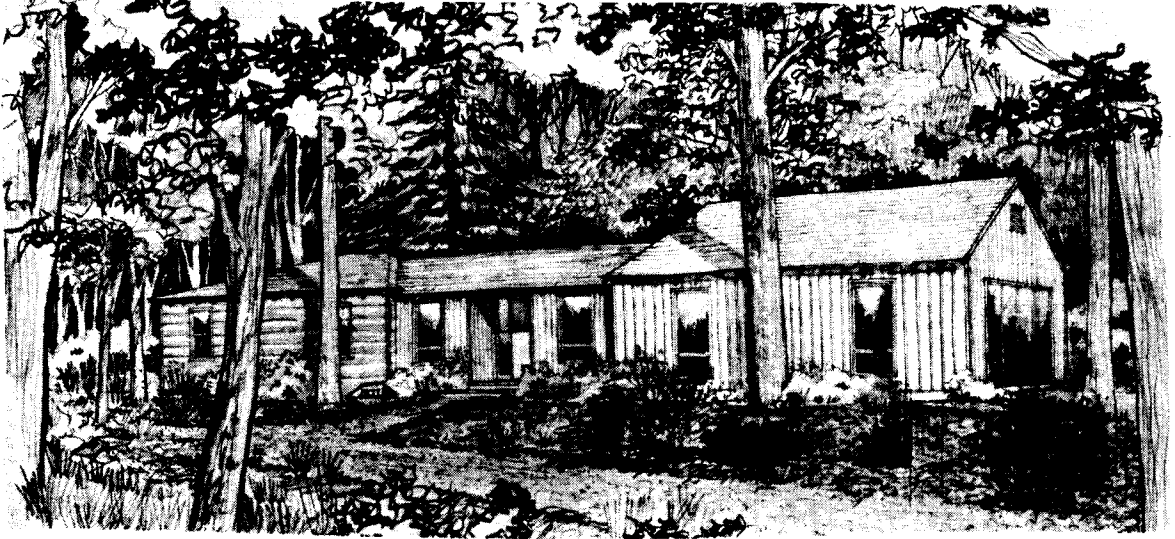
Yesterday, I received a call from Mrs. Bernston in Oceanside. She lives on the water and the gull had appeared on her dock. She had been feeding the gull and it came within two feet of her before flying away. The TR Sanctuary gave her my phone number. I pointed out that since she was feeding it and it came near to her, I would be no asset. I suggested that she make a loop of string that the bird could step in and, in that way, snare it. Then, she could throw a blanket over it, turn it on its back to immobilize it and clip off the plastic and snare and release it. She thanked me and said he would let me know. I'm waiting.

Asa Starkweather

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| T. Alexinas       | Harold & Gloria Cohen | Fred Hansen       | I. Mann              | Barbara Long |
| Kathy Anderson    | Anne Crowley          | Denise Hermansen  | Michael A. Marrone   |              |
| Reba Bennicasa    | Janice Dutcher        | Janice Hewitt     | Robert T. Ottens     |              |
| Seymour F. Berger | John F. Garde, Jr.    | Victoria Hingston | Sue Penny            |              |
| J. Berger         | Gundy Gutroz          | W. E. Horbrecht   | Gonzalo Pineiro, Jr. |              |
| Cecilia Caffrey   | Francis Hale          | W. Jackie         | Ernie Piserni        |              |
| Andrea Calderone  | George M. Hanna       | Teresa Ladd       | Jill Pliskin         |              |
| Richard Vail      | Dolores Souiero       | Walter Ruzyla     | Deb Reidlinger       |              |
| Barbara Ward      | A. E. Stevenson       | Judson Smith      | Mildred Rountree     |              |

NEW ENERGY-SAVING  
ADDITION FOR  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
SANCTUARY



Work has started on an addition to the Trailside Visitors' Center at the historic Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay which will greatly enhance its growing value to members of the South Shore Audubon Society.

Tucked away unobtrusively among the great trees of this sanctuary the new construction is designed to blend into the forest not only with attractive visual effect but also with minimum impact upon the surrounding trees and with minimum demand on our energy resources.

Under local management by nearby Audubon chapters and members of the community since 1974, this oldest National Audubon Society sanctuary in the country now emphasizes nature education. It is relatively small (less than 12 acres) and therefore serves primarily as a center for programs which reach out to schools and various wildlife habitats in the surrounding communities. Alan H. Ruppert is the resident-director, and with his wife, Estelle, their work has achieved national recognition ("...one of the outstanding education programs in the country..." according to John M. Anderson, Director of the National Audubon Society Sanctuaries).

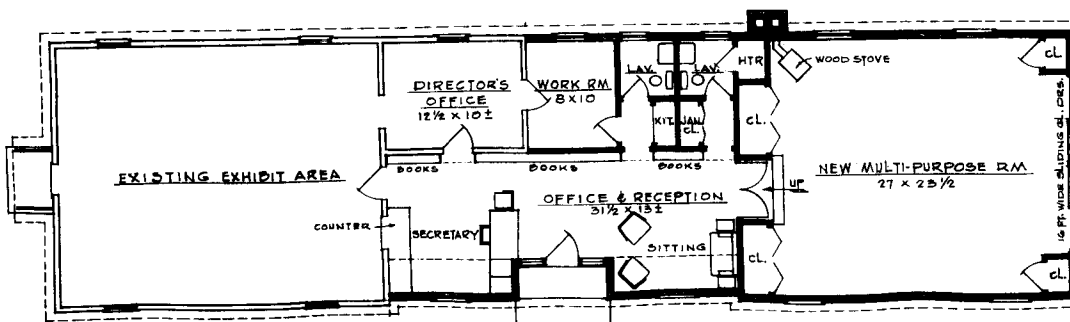
The small existing Visitors' Center building has served the sanctuary since 1939, but not during the winter months. Without insulation and bathrooms, and with inadequate heating, meeting room and office space, the sanctuary now has great difficulty in providing the year-round services to the schools and community which it has undertaken.

The existing building will become the primary exhibit and interpretive wing. It will be connected to a new central core containing sanitary facilities, heating system, office, reception area, and library space, and a new large multi-purpose room for films, slide shows, meetings and classes.

With heavy emphasis on insulation, the design includes an efficient wood-burning stove which, when desired, can heat the new room without other sources of energy. The design also provides for economical heating by more conventional methods in various stages to the different parts of the building according to the usage at the time. Thus, at one extreme, if not in use in mid-winter, the plumbing may be easily drained and all heat turned off. At other times all heat may be turned off except for local heating of critical water pipes (or aquarium). The central core area alone, of course, can be heated while the large rooms at either end are not. Provision is made in the new structure for the later addition of solar panels on the south roof.

So as to minimize potential damage to the sanctuary's magnificent trees, the footing under the slab floor is interrupted and bridged as necessary to avoid the cutting of vital root systems.

The new addition preserves the rustic style of the original building and the design stresses low initial cost and minimal operating expense. Geo.B.Post & Sons, the architects, have designed an attractive structure in which the community will take great pride.



BIRD FEEDER SURVEY COUNT - JANUARY 1978

MOURNING DOVE	226
DOWNY WOODPECKER	13
BLUE JAY	93
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	14
TUFTED TITMOUSE	2
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	13
MOCKINGBIRD	18
STARLING	287
HOUSE SPARROW	488
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	20
HAIKY WOODPECKER	4
COMMON GRACKLE	35
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	18
CARDINAL	71
EVENING GROSBEAK	6
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	81
HOUSE FINCH	261
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	20
TOWHEE	5
SLATE-COLORED JUNCO	59
TREE SPARROW	1
FOX SPARROW	19
SONG SPARROW	75
PURPLE FINCH	18
YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER	1
PINE SISKIN	25
ROBIN	1
BOHEMIAN WAXWING	2
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	2
CATBIRD	2
BROWN THRASHER	22
SPARROW HAWK	2
RACCOONS	8

Dear Folks:

If you are wondering why we have an extra-large count this month, one of our members, Mrs. Harriet Andrews of Rockville Centre, feeds her birds 250 lbs. of seed per week so her variety and number of birds is special - Aside from placing feed in her 9 feeders, Mrs. Andrews also scatters seed on the ground since some birds do not like going to the feeders.

SSAS member, Ruth Grossman, sent an article from the Rochester, N.Y. News about the Annual Christmas Bird Count. The report said that 1,232 bald eagles were sighted in eastern Alaska near the Yukon border. That's good news since there are so few in the rest of the U.S.

WATERFOWL RESCUE

Because of recent oil spills on L.I., SSAS will be setting up a Waterfowl Rescue Group for our area. We will be learning cleaning techniques used in removing oil from waterfowl. All those interested, please call Pat Davis, 822-6189.



BIRD FEEDER SURVEY COUNT - FEBRUARY 1978

Please keep a log of the following birds at your feeders - by the month. The Skimmer deadline is the 15th of each month. Send your computations to our editor, Pat Davis, 7 Myers Avenue, Hicksville, New York 11801.

MOURNING DOVE	_____
DOWNY WOODPECKER	_____
BLUE JAY	_____
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	_____
TUFTED TITMOUSE	_____
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PURPLE FINCH	_____
YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER	_____
PINE SISKIN	_____
ROBIN	_____
BROWN THRASHER	_____
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	_____
CATBIRD	_____
SPARROW HAWK	_____
BOHEMIAN WAXWING	_____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPRING FESTIVAL

South Shore Audubon is preparing for a unique Spring Festival. The theme of the event will be concerned with L.I.'s unique environment. Collectors of items pertaining to L.I.'s natural history, as well as photographers, artists, and designers should consider this event as a forum for their work. All persons interested in joining us with displays relevant to the area's wildlife, plantlife, or the area's varied habitat areas should call Joan Butkerei (LY 3-4554) or Carol Ann Tymann (IV 1-5050). Members of SSAS are invited to submit an original title and/or logo designed for this event. All entries should be mailed no later than Feb. 21 to Joan Butkerei, 268 Wallace St., Freeport 11520.

MAR. NEWS DEADLINE FEB. 15

NEXT MEETING ----- TUES., FEB. 14, 8:15 P.M., FREEPORT LIBRARY

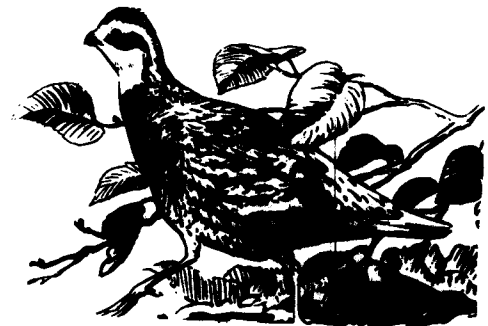
FIELD TRIPS: Starting Time - 9:30 a.m.

No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

- DEC. 11 - Pelham Bay-Meet at 9:00 at Toll Booth Throg's Neck Bridge
- 18 - Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 25 - NO WALK
- JAN. 1 - NO WALK
- 8 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 15 - Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E. corner
- 22 - West End #2, N.W. corner
- 29 - West End #2, N.E. corner
- FEB. 5 - Pelham Bay-Meet at 9:00 at Toll Booth throg's Neck Bridge
- 12 - Tobay J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 19 - Cedar Beach - Parking Lot
- 26 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- MAR. 5 - Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E. corner
- 12 - Tobay J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 19 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 26 - West End #2, N.W. corner
- APR. 2 - West End #2, N.E. corner
- 9 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

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