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## Meeting

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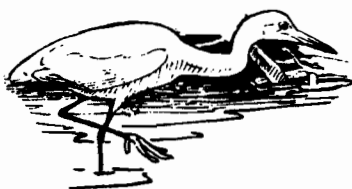
GUEST SPEAKER: Joan Scancarelli

"Life Between the Tides"

This slide and lecture program will introduce you to that strange and wonderful world of plant and animal life that exists between the tides.

### BIRD AND NATURE WALK

A special bird and nature walk will be held at the Marine Nature Study Area, Slice Drive, Oceanside, N.Y. on Sept. 15 at 9:30 A.M. The walk will be led by members of the staff of the Center. Although the walk will be concerned mostly with the birdlife of the area, discussions of the estuarine ecosystem and other environmental issues will take place.



### COCKTAIL PARTY

A cocktail party for the benefit of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary will be held at the Hay Barn, Planting Fields Arboretum on Sunday, Sept. 23, 5-7 P.M. A donation of \$25.00 per family is requested. Proceeds will be used to improve the Sanctuary's facilities and educational programs. For further information call the T.R. Sanctuary at 922-3200.

**SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY PRESENTS**

**TRINIDAD**

**FOR THE BIRDER AND NATURALIST**

**9 DAYS – \$1059.00 INCLUDES AIRFARE  
DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 9  
(SAT.) (SUN.)**

**FEATURES INCLUDED IN OUR  
1984 TOUR PACKAGE  
Maximum 32 Participants**

- Round trip air
- Round trip Transfers – Trinidad
- Baggage handling – Trinidad
- 3 meals daily
- 7 field trips, including transportation with birding experts in attendance:
  - 1 Guided walking tour of surrounding area
  - 2 Blanchisseuse, full day
  - 3 Caroni Swamp, half day
  - 4 Aripo Savannah and Arena Forest, full day
  - 5 Nariva Swamp, full day
  - 6 Heights of Aripo, full day
  - 7 Dunstan Cave, full day
- All gratuities, except to tour leaders, drivers, boatmen
- Field card check lists

**ABOUT WHERE YOU STAY  
THE ASA WRIGHT NATURE CENTER  
IN TRINIDAD (8 NIGHTS)**

The ASA WRIGHT NATURE CENTER, Spring Hill Estate is located 1200 feet in the mountains of the Northern Range of Trinidad, seven miles north of the Town of Arima. The Centre was established to provide a recreation and study area relating to tropical wildlife open to all, and to preserve the wildlife thereon. A special attraction of Spring Hill is a breeding colony of nocturnal Oilbird. Located in Dunstan Cave, a beautiful riparian grotto on the property, this is the only easily accessible colony known of this remarkable species.

Spring Hill is a cocoa-coffee-citrus plantation partly reclaimed by secondary forest and largely surrounded by impressive rain forest where some original climax areas have an upper-story canopy of 100-150 feet on the steeper slopes. The whole effect is one of being deep in a tropical rain forest. The Centre has long been a haven for both amateur and professional naturalists. The usual problem in the tropics is to find a place where one can operate in reasonable comfort and still find wildlife in the immediate area. To see Squirrel Cuckoos, Toucans and all manner of lesser species fly within sight of the front gallery, to see Tufted Coquettes and half a dozen other species of hummingbirds feeding on the vervain from the back gallery, is but a start of what the birder will find at the Centre. botanists and entomologists and other naturalists will find the area equally rewarding.

**FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CALL;  
Arthur Gruebel – (516) 621-8721**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**ALL DEPARTURES** are subject to a minimum of 16 participants, In the unlikely event that this number does not materialize, well in advance of departure, a full refund of the deposit paid.

**TOTAL PRICES:** Based on per person, double occupancy, 9 days including prepaid land arrangements as detailed. Applicable round trip economy class (subject to change). Prices are based upon New York departure.

**PAYMENT:** At time of bookings a deposit of \$50.00 with the balance no later than 45 days prior to departure. Full refund will be made on cancellation received 45 days or more prior to departure. Later cancellations will be subject to cancellation fee according to actual costs incurred. All Documents and flight information will be sent to you 3 weeks prior to departure.

**NOTE: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER TRINIDAD.**

Children under 14 years of age are not accommodated.

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Please .....seats on date. ....(Tour No. 9 Days)

Name .....Phone ( ) .....

Address .....

City .....State.....Zip.....

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Time does have a way of fleeting by. It doesn't seem possible that by the time you read this article, it will have been three months since we have been together either on one of our field trips or attended our meetings. But in less than two months we will be called upon to make decisions which can effect our lives and the lives of generations to come.

I am speaking about the forthcoming election and the importance of electing officials who are sympathetic to the environmental causes. For the past few years we have seen a lessening of interest in this area and a growing interest in areas in opposition to the protection of our environment and natural resources. The problems of "Acid Rain" have not been properly addressed. Clean air and water legislation is slow in coming. The protection of national parks, wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, forests, rivers, lakes have been put on the slow burner. Vast regions have been opened to energy exploration, strip mining, lumber and other private development interests. The enforcement of cleaning up of Toxic waste sites by the EPA has for all practical considerations been stopped. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us, regardless of political affiliation, to carefully assess the positions of each of the candidates and elect those who meet the qualifications and standards that you subscribe to. After election you should also keep the pressure on these elected officials to see that what you stand for is enacted.

This year SSA will be considering the possibility of "adopting" a refuge to be maintained by the chapter. We are presently in discussion with the Town of Hempstead and as soon as we find out all of the details you will be notified. We also have many interesting programs and field trips scheduled for this year and I am looking forward to meeting you on these occasions. I also would like to invite you to become more active in our chapter and to offer inputs that will help us improve and grow. Please do not hesitate in contacting any our officers for any matter that may be of importance to you.

Jerry Bernstein

### CALENDAR

Sept. 7-9	Federation of New York State Bird Clubs Annual Meeting - Ithaca, N.Y.
Sept. 11	General Meeting
Sept. 12	"Reclaiming Our Wastes" Conference-Hofstra Univ.
Sept. 15	Bird and Nature Walk- Marine Study Area Oceanside
Sept. 23	Cocktail Party for T.R. Sanctuary-Planting Fields Arboretum
Sept. 29	L. I. Audubon Council

### GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 9

Noted herpetologist, Brian Bram, will present a special program on "Reptiles of the United States." The program will include live reptiles and a slide show. This program is appropriate for all ages.



### SHOREBIRD SURVEY

The South Shore Audubon Society has been asked by The Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to participate in the Fall survey of migrating shorebirds. Volunteers are needed to occasionally search the beaches and marsh lands to count the birds seen and to especially look for any banded birds. Anyone interested in volunteering for this survey, please contact me for details.

Jerry Bernstein - (516) 623-8255

# Environmental News

New York Times, 6/84: Mayor Koch announced a plan for the Staten Island Greenbelt that would make it the largest city park.

New York Times, 7/2/84: Mrs. Anne M. Burford was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and the Atmosphere. Mrs. B. resigned, saying position was not "juicy" enough.

Newsday, 7/4/84: U.S. agreed to swap 278 acres of Montauk Air Base land for 125 acres on Fire Island. All preserved for park use. Thanks to our federal and state officials and to those who expressed their concern about the proposed sale of the property.

New York Times, 8/18/84: Garrison Diversion will invade 12 National Wildlife Refuges, subsidize each farmer \$800,000 and offend Canada. The fate of this \$1.2 billion project rests with a 12 member presidential commission. Decision by 12/31/84. Write President Reagan and senators.

Your calls and letters are effective!

LENNOX A. GORDON

## ANNUAL DINNER

The 1984 Annual Medal Award Dinner of the National Audubon Society will take place on Thursday, November 29, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Park Avenue and 42nd Street next to Grand Central Station.

The evening will include brief comments by Russ Peterson, President of the National Audubon Society, and the presentation of the Audubon Medal to Dr. Joseph J. Hickey, noted ornithologist, scientist and author. Dr. Hickey is a life-time conservationist and served on the Board of National Audubon for nine years. In addition, the second program of the Society's new television series "The World of Audubon" will be previewed.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 P.M., followed by dinner at 7:30 P.M. It will be an exciting evening, providing a good opportunity to meet Audubon members, directors and staff from throughout the region.

The cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person. Members in the Northeast will receive a formal invitation in the mail. For more information or to send in your reservation early, contact Anya Sonders at Audubon's New York office, 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 546-9157.

## NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS WHICH MIGRATE TO THE TROPICS

More than a third of our birds are migratory species which winter in the tropics of Central and South America. There many species are threatened by the runaway destruction of tropical forests, which are disappearing at a faster rate than any others on Earth.

This list shows 245 species of North American birds or a significant part of whose populations breed north of the Tropic of Cancer and winter south of that line. The species shown in **bold type** winter almost exclusively south of the United States. You may want to use this list to monitor the southward migrations this fall.

<b>SANDPIPERS</b>	<b>Roseate Tern</b>	<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>	<b>Gray Vireo</b>	<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	<b>Least Bittern</b>
Ruddy Turnstone	<b>Least Tern</b>	<b>Wied's Crested Flycatcher</b>	<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>	<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>	Glossy Ibis
Common Snipe	Royal Tern	<b>Ash-throated Flycatcher</b>	Solitary Vireo	<b>Red-faced Warbler</b>	White-faced Ibis
Long-billed Curlew	<b>Elegant Tern</b>	<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	<b>Hooded Warbler</b>	<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>
Whimbrel	Sandwich Tern	Say's Phoebe	Philadelphia Vireo	<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	White-fronted Goose
<b>Esikma Curlew</b>	Caspian Tern	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	Canada Warbler	Pintail
<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>	<b>Black Tern</b>	Acadian Flycatcher	<b>WARBLERS</b>	<b>American Redstart</b>	Blue-winged Teal
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>	<b>Arctic Tern (pelagic)</b>	Willow Flycatcher	Black-and-white Warbler	<b>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ORIOLES</b>	Cinnamon Teal
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	Black Skimmer	Alder Flycatcher	Prothonotary Warbler	Bobolink	American Widgeon
Greater Yellowlegs	<b>PIGEON</b>	Least Flycatcher	Swinson's Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Northern Shoveler
Lesser Yellowlegs	Band-tailed Pigeon	Hammond's Flycatcher	Worm-eating Warbler	Orchard Oriole	Redhead
Wandering Tattler	<b>CUCKOOS</b>	Dusky Flycatcher	Golden-winged Warbler	Hooded Oriole	Ring-necked Duck
Willet	<b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</b>	Gray Flycatcher	Blue-winged Warbler	Scott's Oriole	Lesser Scaup
Surbird	<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>	Western Flycatcher	Bachman's Warbler	<b>Northern Oriole</b>	Ruddy Duck
Rid Knot	<b>OWLS</b>	Buff-breasted Flycatcher	Tennessee Warbler	<b>TANAGERS</b>	<b>VULTURES &amp; HAWKS</b>
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>	Flammeulined Owl	Western Wood Pewee	Orange-crowned Warbler	Western Tanager	Turkey Vulture
<b>White-rumped Sandpiper</b>	Ell Owl	Eastern Wood Pewee	Nashville Warbler	Scarlet Tanager	Swallow-tailed Kite
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>	<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Virginia Warbler	<b>Hepatic Tanager</b>	Mississippi Kite
Least Sandpiper	Chuck-will's-widow	SWALLOWS	Collins Warbler	Summer Tanager	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Whip-poor-will	Violet-green Swallow	Lucy's Warbler	<b>FINCHES</b>	Cooper's Hawk
Western Sandpiper	Pool-will	Tree Swallow	Parula Warbler	<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>
Sanderling	Common Nighthawk	Bank Swallow	Olive Warbler	<b>Black-headed Grosbeak</b>	Swinson's Hawk
Short-billed Dowitcher	Lesser Nighthawk	Rough-winged Swallow	Yellow Warbler	<b>Blue Grosbeak</b>	Northern Harrier
Long-billed Dowitcher	<b>SWIFTS</b>	Barn Swallow	Cape May Warbler	<b>Indigo Bunting</b>	Osprey
Stilt Sandpiper	Black Swift	Cliff Swallow	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Lazuli Bunting	Prairie Falcon
<b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b>	Chimney Swift	Cave Swallow	Black-throated Gray Warbler	<b>Painted Bunting</b>	Peregrine Falcon
Marbled Godwit	Vaux's Swift	Purple Martin	Townsend's Warbler	Dickcissel	Merlin
Hudsonian Godwit	White-throated Swift	<b>CATBIRD &amp; THRASHER</b>	Black-throated Green Warbler	Green-tailed Towhee	<b>RAIL &amp; GALLINULE</b>
American Avocet	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	Gray Catbird	Golden-cheeked Warbler	Grasshopper Sparrow	Sora
Black-necked Stilt	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Sage Thrasher	Hermit Warbler	Lark Sparrow	Common Gallinule
<b>Red Phalarope (pelagic)</b>	Black-chinned Hummingbird	<b>THRUSHES</b>	Cerulean Warbler	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<b>PLOVERS</b>
<b>Wilson's Phalarope (pelagic)</b>	Costa's Hummingbird	Wood Thrush	Blackburnian Warbler	Botteri's Sparrow	Semipalmated Plover
<b>Northern Phalarope (pelagic)</b>	<b>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</b>	Hermit Thrush	Yellow-throated Warbler	<b>Clay-colored Sparrow</b>	Snowy Plover
<b>Wilson's Phalarope (pelagic)</b>	Rufous Hummingbird	Swinson's Thrush	Grace's Warbler	<b>Black-chinned Sparrow</b>	Wilson's Plover
<b>Parasitic Jaeger (pelagic)</b>	Allen's Hummingbird	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Lincoln's Sparrow	Mountain Plover
<b>Long-tailed Jaeger (pelagic)</b>	<b>KINGFISHER</b>	Veery	Bay-breasted Warbler		<b>American Golden Plover</b>
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>	Belted Kingfisher	<b>GNATCATCHER &amp; KINGLET</b>	Blackpoll Warbler	<b>GREBES</b>	Black-bellied Plover
California Gull	<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Kirtland's Warbler	Eared Grebe	
Ring-billed Gull	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Prairie Warbler	Western Grebe	
Laughing Gull	Williamson's Sapsucker	<b>PIPITS</b>	Palm Warbler	Pied-billed Grebe	
Franklin's Gull	<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>	Water Pipit	Ovenbird	<b>PELICAN</b>	
Bonaparte's Gull	Eastern Kingbird	Sprague's Pipit	Northern Waterthrush	White Pelican	
<b>Sabine's Gull (pelagic)</b>	Gray Kingbird	<b>VIREOS</b>	Louisiana Waterthrush	<b>HERONS AND IBISES</b>	
Gull-billed Tern	<b>Western Kingbird</b>	Black-capped Vireo	Kentucky Warbler	Great Blue Heron	
Forster's Tern	Cassin's Kingbird	White-eyed Vireo	Connecticut Warbler	Green Heron	
Common Tern	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Bell's Vireo	MacGillivray's Warbler	Little Blue Heron	
			Mourning Warbler	Cattle Egret	
				Reddish Egret	
				Great Egret	
				Snowy Egret	
				Yellow-cr. Night Heron	



### THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary had a very busy and productive spring and summer, according to director Bill Kolodnicki. Two robins, one Mallard and one Screech Owl were rehabilitated and released.

The Sanctuary also has a new resident, a tame crow. He will greet visitors and help with the educational programs.

### NATURE FESTIVAL

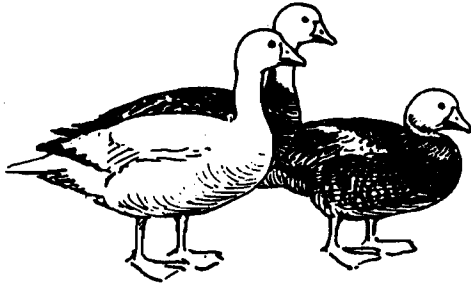
The annual Autumn Nature Festival, sponsored by the Nature Conservancy, Huntington Audubon and the Cooperative Extension, will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Uplands Farm, Lawrence Hill Road in Cold Spring Harbor. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children. For more information call 367-3225.

## BIRD WALKS

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

Starting time - 9:30 A.M.

- Sept. 9 West End #2, N.E. corner  
16 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary  
23 West End #2, N.E. corner  
30 Hempstead Lake State Park  
(Peninsula Blvd. Pkg. Lot)
- Oct. 7 West End #2, N.E. corner  
14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
21 West End #2, N.E. corner  
28 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4 N.E.



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