

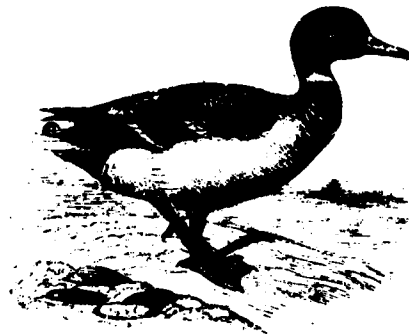
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ANNUAL DINNER

South Shore Audubon Society's Annual Dinner is set for Tuesday, June 11 at the Oceanside Country Club (see page 3 for reservation). The dinner program is:

CORNELL LABORATORY OF ORNITHOLOGY
SEATUCK RESEARCH PROGRAM:
A NEW LOOK AT THE SUBURBAN WILDLIFE LANDSCAPE

Our speaker will be Mr. Tom Litwin, Director of the Seatuck Research Program. A native of Baldwin, Mr. Litwin is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Cornell, specializing in Avian Ecology.

The Seatuck Research Program, located on the Seatuck Refuge in Islip, was established to promote a better understanding of the ecology and management of wildlife in the suburban environment. In a cooperative program between the Laboratory of Ornithology and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, researchers have investigated topics ranging from the nesting of least terns and osprey to songbird use of the neighborhood environment. Through these studies, Seatuck has shown the inter-relation of suburban wildlife and how we can manage our backyards, as well as refuges, for the benefit of people and wildlife alike.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

DDT - Alive and Well

When DDT was banned in 1972, most Americans were under the impression that DDT would no longer be used as a pesticide and the earlier problems that had resulted from its use would begin to disappear. Although levels of DDT in the environment began to decline in the 1970's, that decline has all but ended in several parts of the country. DDT residues continue to turn up on produce, in water supplies, and in the tissue of western peregrine falcons, a species that was threatened by DDT ten years ago.

The fact is that DDT is alive and well in the environment through widespread use of "legal" pesticide products which contain DDT. The most common such pesticide is a product known as DIFOCOL, a pesticide used to kill mites on cotton and citrus crops. After the EPA ban on DDT took effect in 1972, the Rohm and Haas Company of Philadelphia submitted an application for the registration of DIFOCOL with the federal government. The company clearly stated that DIFOCOL contained DDT, but this was apparently overlooked by the short-handed EPA staff. Soon after the application was approved, Rohm and Haas began importing DIFOCOL from Italy where it is manufactured. Other companies followed suit and their applications were "rubber-stamped" because they were similar to that of Rohm and Haas.

Today, DIFOCOL is an ingredient in at

least 50 pesticides on the market, many of which are mentioned below. The National Audubon Society is asking the EPA to honor the 1972 ban on DDT by suspending the registration for DIFOCOL. The case is currently being reviewed to determine if DIFOCOL poses "a risk to non-target wildlife, particularly bird populations."

Whats more, since DDT is considered an impurity in DIFOCOL products, it is not listed as an ingredient on the label of the products and most users do not know that the products contain DDT.

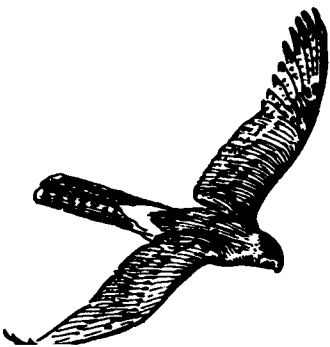
Pesticides That Contain Dicofol

Dicofol 4EC	41.1%	Security Red Spider & Mite Spray	0.4%
Acme Bagworm Spray	3.6%	Security Rose & Flower Dust	1.0%
Acme Kelthane Red Spider & Mite Spray	18.5%	Dicofol 1.6-EC Agricultural Miticide	18.4%
Acme Kelthane All Round Spray	2.0%	Black Leaf Kelthane Mite Killer	18.5%
Clean Crop Dicofol 1.6-EC	18.5%	Black Leaf Systemic Plus	0.9%
Clean Crop Dicofol 4EC	42.0%	Formula GH-21	10.0%
Pratt Mite Spray Containing Kelthane	18.5%	Formula GH-31	12.0%
Pratt Rose & Flower Dust or Spray	1.5%	Florida Citrus Spray	4.0%
Rigo Red Spider Mite Spray	18.5%	Florida Citrus Spray Wettable	6.8%
Kelthane 35	35.0%	Florida Garden Spray	3.2%
Kelthane EC	18.5%	Rose Dust	1.5%
Kelthane 4F Flowable	41.0%	Rose Spray (Garden of South)	3.6%
Kelthane MF	42.0%	Kelthane	18.5%
Science Fruit, Nut & Garden Spray	3.2%	Rose Spray	4.0%
Science Kelthane EC	18.5%	Ortho Isotox Insect Killer	3.0%
Science Rose & Floral Dust	1.5%	Ortho Isotox Insect Spray	2.0%
Science Systemic Spray	0.9%	Ortho Orthenex Insect & Disease Control	3.0%
SA-50 Kelthane EC	18.5%	Ortho Rose & Flora Dust	1.5%
Flora-Fog Kelthane Greenhouse Fogging Miticide	10.0%	Ortho Rose & Flower Jet Duster	1.2%
Kelthane EC Miticide	18.5%	Dexol Kelthane	18.5%
Rose Dust in Squeeze Duster	1.0%	Dexol Red Spider & Mite Spray	18.5%
Tomato & Vegetable Dust in Squeeze Duster	1.5%	Grotone Kelthane EC	18.5%
Superiors Extra Value 2% Kelthane Dust	2.0%	Vigoro Kelthane EC	18.5%
Kelthane Emulsifiable	3.0%	Vigoro Multi-Purpose Insect Spray	2.0%
Unico Fruit Spray	1.5%	All-Purpose Systemic Insecticide	0.9%
Ferti-Lome Citrus Spray	4.1%	Fruit Tree & Vegetable Liquid Insect Spray	0.9%
Ferti-Lome Mite Spray	10.3%	Home & Garden Insect Spray	0.9%
Ferti-Lome Red Spider Mite Spray	10.3%	Fords Endox Insect Spray	0.9%
Hi-Yield Kelthane Spray	10.0%	Helena Dicofol 4E	42.0%
Security Dystox-R Insect Spray	0.9%	Lanco Dicofol 1.6-EC	18.5%
Security Home Fruit Spray or Dust	2.0%	Lanco Dicofol EC	18.5%
Security Kelthane EC Miticide	18.5%	Lanco Dicofol 4EC	42.0%
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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
VOLUNTEERS for WILDLIFE

ANNUAL DINNER



South Shore Audubon's Annual Dinner will take place this year at the Oceanside Country Club on Tuesday, June 11. As usual, the June dinner meeting is held in place of a regular general meeting.

This year's dinner speaker will be Tom Litwin of Seatuck Laboratories.

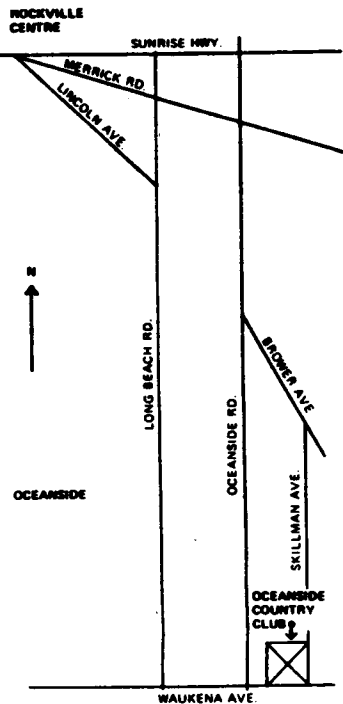
We begin at 7 P.M. with a cocktail hour. Drinks are \$2 apiece at the open bar.

For dinner there is a choice of:

- London Broil
- Roast Chicken
- or
- Broiled Fish

The cost of dinner is \$15.00 per person. To make a reservation, complete the form below and send it, with check payable to the South Shore Audubon Society to:

SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY
 P.O. BOX 31
 FREEPORT, NEW YORK 11520



 Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Amount of Check _____ # of people _____

of each dinner: London Broil _____

Chicken _____

Fish _____



PRESIDENTS PAGE

As this is the last Skimmer of this season, it is time to acknowledge all of those individuals who have volunteered their time and skills to make this organization function, grow, and be recognized as a vital force to protect the environment and natural resources of our community.

Elizabeth Zapp, our illustrious Vice President, who has been supportive in many of our programs; **Len Gordon**, in the unenviable position of Treasurer; **Nora Lourenco**, Secretary and presenter of programs at various schools; **Richard Becker**, who in the position of Publicity Chairman has been unfailing in placing our notices and other information before the public; **Paul Butkoreit** who for many years has run our Bird Seed Sale and aided on our Bird Walks; **Rose Ermidis**, Entertainment Chairman who has made our meeting a gastronomical success if nothing else; **Ruth Grossman**, Corresponding Secretary who has undertaken all details to ensure that everything runs smoothly; **Betsy Gulotta**, who was responsible for the success of our Holiday Party for the Birds and Scholarship programs; **Bill Herzog**, for helping obtain program speakers and selling binoculars and other aids to the Birder; **Elliot Kutner**, our Bird Leader "Emeritus" and great help in many other ways; **Hugh McQuillen**, Conservation Chairman who has kept us up to date on this critical area; **Alice Orens**, Editor of the Skimmer who has served us far beyond the call of duty; **Doris Pirofsky**, Membership Chairman who has endured these many years trying to keep our records in order and has succeeded in that effort; **Porgy Smith**, Education Chairman who has introduced many innovative programs and for work at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.

Special thanks is due to **Evelyn Blume** for arranging our trip to the World of Birds at the Bronx Zoo which was attended by over 70 members. And last but not least, thanks is due to those 42 wondrous individuals who gave their time, shovels, and backs to plant 1000 rose bushes for the protection of the tern colony at Jones Beach on April 13, 1985. If I have overlooked anyone, it was strictly unintentional.

Again I would like to thank all of those who made this year the success that it was. I look forward to meeting you all at our walks, meetings and other occasions.

Jerry Bernstein

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We are pleased to announce that Peter Dermody and James Nuccio have been selected as the recipients of the South Shore Audubon Society Scholarship. This \$500.00 scholarship is awarded to a student(s) graduating from Nassau Community College who is continuing his or her biological or environmental studies at an accredited four year college or university. Because it was difficult for the Selection Committee of the Nassau Community College to choose between these two excellent candidates, it was decided to award each of them \$250.00 to continue their studies. Peter Dermody will be continuing his studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and James Nuccio will be continuing his studies at St. Johns University. We wish both of them the best in their future endeavors.

At the official opening of the Twin Lakes Preserve (formerly the Wantagh Watershed) on April 25, Presiding Supervisor Thomas S. Gulotta proclaimed "Bird Day" in the Town of Hempstead. A copy of the proclamation is on the next page.

Twin Lakes Preserve consists of 56.71 acres of fresh water ponds and wet woodlands. South Shore Audubon, as part of our "Adopt a Refuge Program," and other local civic groups have shown their intention of helping the Town of Hempstead maintain this area. For information, contact Jerry Bernstein at 623-8255.

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD



Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the evolution of the species, birds have brought beauty, joy and song to our world; and

WHEREAS, birds comprise a significant part of nature's ecological life cycle; and

WHEREAS, the study of birds, their habits and characteristics has enabled man to uncover valuable information about the environment and the ecological relationships between plant and animal life; and

WHEREAS, the one individual who brought renown and respect to the practice of bird study and observation was John J. Audubon, America's most acclaimed ornithologist; and


WHEREAS, the spirit of John J. Audubon is perpetuated through the efforts of the Audubon Society, an organization which is dedicated to the protection and preservation of bird life and all aspects of our ecology; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of John J. Audubon's birth and in appreciation of the accomplishments of the organization which proudly bears his name, the Town of Hempstead seeks to accord special tribute to the efforts of our country's contemporary ornithologists and naturalists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Presiding Supervisor Thomas S. Gulotta, do hereby proclaim, today, Thursday, April 25, 1985, as

BIRD DAY

in the Town of Hempstead, in celebration of today's Opening Ceremony at Twin Lakes Preserve and in tribute to all people, past and present, who have dedicated themselves to the preservation of our environment and its inhabitant species.


Thomas S. Gulotta
Thomas S. Gulotta
Presiding Supervisor

Joseph N. Mondello
Joseph N. Mondello
Councilman

NEW MEMBERS

BALDWIN: Ruth O'Neill
BELLMORE: Richard F. Huhn
EAST MEADOW: Janet A. Collins, Jeannine Simeone
EAST ROCKAWAY: John J. McNeill
FARMINGDALE: Gladys Colombo, Mrs. Faith D. Gross, Charles W. Liese,
Mr. & Mrs. M. Slansky
FREEPORT: Mr. Joel Flax, Russell Nahler, Walter J. Peters, D. H. Phillips
GARDEN CITY: Mr. George Buckley, Patricia A. Hyland, Paul E. Sanderlin
HEMPSTEAD: Mr. C. Jordan, Tom Wiczowski
HICKSVILLE: Bohdan D. Horyn
LEVITTOWN: Louis Claps, Rose Davis, Dr. Meyer Kaplan
LYNBROOK: Ann Murphy
MALVERNE: Rosemarie J. Lamb, A. Panzarella, Jr.
MASSAPEQUA: Charles Carroll, Linda Evengelista, Miss M. R. Reed,
Jerry Sachnoff, Mrs. C. Wachsmuth
MASSAPEQUA PARK: John Cohee, Jr., Barbara M. Saxton
MERRICK: Gary Lubrano
OLD BETHPAGE: P. F. Schlemel
PLAINVIEW: Alexander Weis
ROCKVILLE CENTRE: Mr. Bernard Farrell, Mr. David Ginsburg
SEAFORD: Dorothy A. Molphy, Mrs. B. Sohm, E. K. Swain
VALLEY STREAM: Nanette Ecker, Mr. Richard Kiosco
WANTAGH: Mr. John Fagan, Grace Harvey, Mr. Francis W. Mark, Mr. Harvey T. Myers
WEST HEMPSTEAD: Ms Rosemary Chaplin, John M. Sardone
WOODMERE: A. Fine, DDS

Since the listing of new members coming from National has been delayed, some members who have joined recently will not show on our membership until the Skimmer resumes publication in the fall.

DORIS PIRODSKY

Phainopepla, Where Were You ?

When I visited my friends in Cave Creek, Arizona in February, the weather was hot and sunny - just when it was sleeting and snowing in New York! The house is in the desert surrounded by low mountains whose colors change constantly as the day wears on.

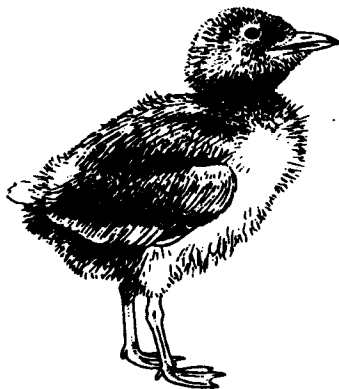
The garden was very green, with palo verde trees, eucalyptus, olive trees and every variety of cactus - cholla, cow's tongue, century plants, prickly pear, ocotillo - most of them with long wicked thorns. I never could understand how the cactus wrens perched comfortably on those spines atop a 20 foot saguaro.

We had a bird feeder crowded with hungry customers; all kinds of sparrows, wren, flickers and many cardinals looking even more red against the blue sky. One day I had a long conversation with a bird in a tree. He said "tweet-tweet" and I answered him six times before he flew away. My friend said he probably liked my New York accent.

Two dogs were part of the household and they knew I was a pushover when I walked in the door. I never could eat a morsel without sharing with them. I couldn't resist their pleading eyes. I took long walks around the community and spent a lot of time examing my shadow. I was reminded of my favorite sun dial motto - "The shadows will fall behind you if you walk toward the sun." It was very true.

The one unusual bird I'd seen in other years did not appear. I never did see a phainopepla.

RUTH GROSSMAN



**Rare Bird Sightings
(212) 832-6523**

PLEASE contact U.S. Representative Lent and urge him to co-sponsor HR 2022. Let Mr. Lent, your representative, and Senators Moynihan and D'Amato know that you support a Superfund Bill that:

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- raises \$11.7 billion
- forces EPA to increase the pace of Superfund clean up
- establishes national, uniform clean up standards
- creates a community right to know
- provides victims with needed medical services
- creates a federal cause of action to enable victims to sue responsible parties.

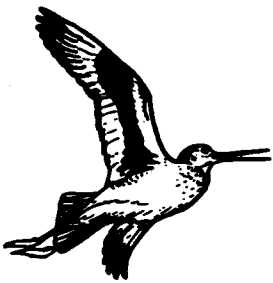
CALL

LENNOX A. GORDON

Volunteers are needed for "Project Ternwatch", an Island-wide project for monitoring tern colonies and preventing disturbance to them during the breeding season. Last year, the Long Island Colonial Waterbird Association initiated a pilot Ternwatch program, patterned after the successful programs which had been conducted by the Huntington and Great South Bay Audubon chapters in past seasons. This year we are trying harder to involve more of the Auduboners and Nature Conservancy members on Long Island at more colony sites.

A Ternwatch volunteer can be anyone interested in protecting tern colonies. All that is required is a commitment to spend a certain amount of time (for example, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays in June) at a beach where there is a tern colony. The breeding season runs roughly from May 15 to July 15. During their hours at the beach, the Ternwatch volunteer monitors the breeding birds, hands out information pamphlets about terns to interested people, explains to people why they should not enter breeding colonies, and documents episodes of human and natural disturbances to the terns. Thus, not only are ternwatchers protecting the birds, but they are also gathering valuable information on the patterns of disturbance at various colonies, information that will help us to better protect these areas and manage them so that the birds can be successful.

Anyone volunteering will get a full set of instructions and data sheets, and a hat identifying them as a Ternwatch volunteer. Hopefully, each Audubon chapter will have its own Ternwatch local coordinator, as will the Nature Conservancy on the South Fork, who will be in charge of scheduling and distributing materials to the volunteers in their area. Several Audubon chapters already have Ternwatch coordinators. Anyone interested who is unsure of who their local Ternwatch coordinator is should contact their chapter president to find out.



Notes from a Birdwatcher's Log



April 12, 1985

Dear Friends in Audubon,

ENVIRONMENT - IT'S ALL ABOUT US!

The way each generation views its problems and the choices it makes to solve them represents that generation's statement to history on its responsibility to itself, its past and its contribution to the future

I submit to you a definition of the word ENVIRONMENT: All of the social, cultural and natural conditions and influences that affect the life and development of an individual or community. (Webster's Dictionary)

Environment is home, workplace and vacation spot. It is our right to the opportunity to secure adequate food, clothing and shelter, proper medical care when we are ill and respectful treatment when we grow old. It is equal protection under law - as victim or criminal.

As nations, the world stands divided and competitive. Until the "family of nations" recognizes the logic and makes a genuine effort to move toward the "family of man," we must have an adequate defense and protection against outside influence through force of arms. We have a right to a breath of fresh air, a glass of clean water and a living, toxin-free land. This is national security in its broadest and noblest dimension.

What has happened to us? We put our elderly and indigent citizens at greater and greater risk. Should these good people be trapped by their circumstances or do we give them those essentials necessary to guarantee a quality of life that reflects our belief in the implicit dignity of every human being? What happened to the promise the last generation made to the future; for that moment of leisure at the close of a lifetime of work? That security should not be sacrificed. Just yesterday they were our nation's wealth and our national security.

I offer you a calendar of events:

March 16-17, 1985

President Reagan goes to Canada and agrees with Prime Minister Mulroney that there should be a joint commission appointed "soon" to look into the acid rain problem.

March 19, 1985

Ann Burford demands taxpayer dollars "promised to her" for her resignation by our new Attorney General, Edwin Meese. This money is to pay her legal expenses in the case against her for mishandling our environmental interests! I remind you that the Attorney General is our representative before the law.

April 3, 1985

Times Beach, Missouri has officially and physically ceased to exist. It is an extinct town, dead of Dioxin poisoning. West Chicago, Illinois is a doomed town. Geiger count readings throughout the town are 1,500 times more than acceptable radiation levels. Thorium has been dumped

indiscriminately for the past 50 years.

What troubles me most, dear friends, is the appearance of worry and compassion for the erosion of domestic industry and jobs, for the elderly, for our lands and property; and the genuine emptiness of the act. If these times dictate a change of direction, it must be tempered by equity in the economic burden.

We know our finest moments when we live up to our constitutional tradition: a society based on the proposition that the state exists for the people. We cannot afford to abandon values that made us a nation 209 years ago. We cannot afford to be alienated from our government because of any one administration. Then truth is not necessarily The Truth. The government is ours so long as we hold our elected officials responsible to us, because they are us! The final choice of direction is ours. Our written instruction will grow into a crescendo of consensus, revealing our generation's wisdom through its exquisite balance between response to immediate need and a search for new goals. Only then will we have fulfilled our responsibility to each other in this place, in our time.

April 17, 1985

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dear Friends in Audubon,

I would have chosen to stay there in the warmth and comfort of his farewell embrace, but the train for camp was about to leave. My tears fell inside me, tightening my chest and throat. They surfaced in a tight little smile and a kiss by rigid lips.

My joy at being home again with my parents was expressed in SOUND. Talk, loud laughter and action were the language; "I love you," were the words.

Every spring of my life, I am filled with doubt and impatience. For days I've gone out to the jetty, standing out as far as I dare, searching the western sky for some sign. It was today! I caught sight of them low on the horizon. In the morning light, I could see two beads of V's rising in my direction. Their real speed increased as they flew into real eye view. The V's are moving extended family communities, busy with incessant questions and answers; constant in their shifting of position. The whole flight is stronger and better than any of its parts.

In that one single moment of watching their flight, joy rises through me and bursts into words carried on the wind: "Hello! Welcome you magnificent creatures. Fly, fly on in safety and good luck!"

Joy remains. As they fade into the rising day, sadness joins us, I stand there with their memory, in joy and sadness. On the wind, my words carry a fervent wish to that which makes sound, time and place for all living things - indivisible. It is there that we are all one.

Sincerely,

Elliott R. Kutner

Post Script to a season;

Our summer pause is at hand. Thank you for sharing the beauty of birds with us. Paul Butkereiit and Tom Torma make our walks more complete. Their knowledge and love of nature are revealed in their every word. Thank you, gentlemen.

Without Richard Becker's quiet diligence as Publicity Chairman, we could not be any kind of a success. He is the catalyst who makes certain you know about us. Thank you, Richard.

Alice Crens keeps my words and thoughts in reasonable readable bounds. We owe her more than that. Alice keeps us all "in touch" by her continued good running of the Skimmer. Congratulations and thank you, Alice.

As his mentor into our Birding Program, I am shamelessly pleased with Jerry Bernstein's adaptation of our "Attracting Birds to Your Garden," and his assistance on our walks.

In October, 1984, as Chairman of our Birding Program, I set a chapter goal. The goal was establishment of "Bird Day" for the Town of Hempstead. Throughout my negotiations with officials of the Town, I knew I could count on Jerry's support and encouragement. On April 25, 1985, "Bird Day" was declared by Presiding Supervisor Tom Gulotta. Our chapter can use "Bird Day" as a point of reference and celebration for our school children and our locality in general. Perhaps we can expand it to a state level and beyond! Those are goals for another day.

Until the fall, dear friends in Audubon, GOOD BIRDING!

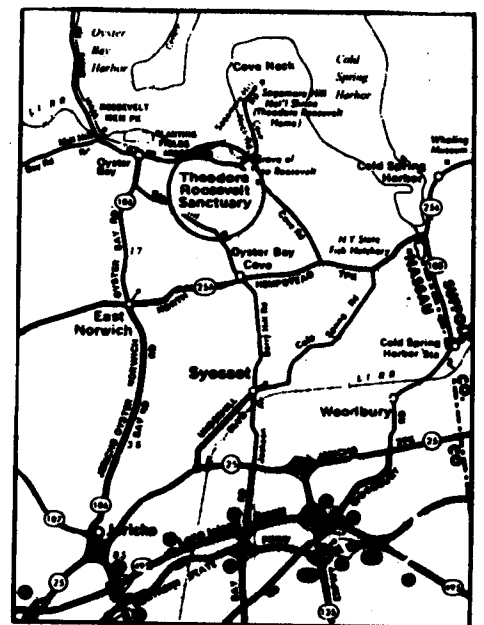
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SUMMER EXPLORER

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary's Summer Explorer Program for children in grades kindergarten through eighth begins on July 1 and continues through August 8. The program includes hands-on outdoor experiences, field trips, arts, crafts, music, drama, a camping trip for older children, and much, much more.

There is also a marine biology workshop for teachers, June 24-28, and an adult workshop studying birds of Long Island, July 15-19. Both workshops include field trips.

For information call or write:
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary
134 Cove Road
Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771
(516) 922-3200
Director: William J. Kolodnicki



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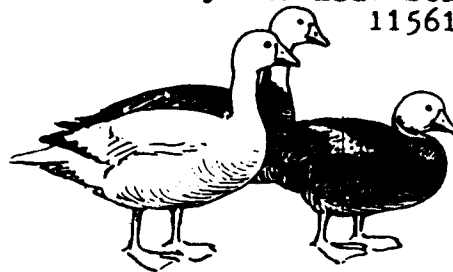
BIRD WALKS

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

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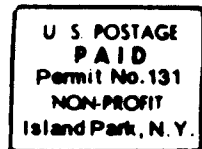
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- June 2 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
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(Peninsula Blvd. Pkg Lot)
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- Aug. 18 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
25 Hempstead Lake State Park
(Peninsula Blvd. Pkg. Lot)
- Sept. 8 West End #2, N.E. Corner
15 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- * Bring a lunch. We'll picnic after the birdwalk.

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