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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1985
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Merrick Road and Grove Street, Freeport, N. Y.
8:15 P.M.**

**Subject: Long Island Tern Warden Program: 1985
Speaker: Mr. Richard F. Miller**

Mr. Richard Miller will present a slide and talk show on "The Long Island Tern Warden Program; 1985." There will be slides of terns pertaining to selected aspects of their biology with a major portion concerned with the Tern Warden Program. In addition, the state of Tern, Piping Plover and Black Skimmer populations on Long Island and a management prospectus for the future.

**HOLIDAY
PARTY
DECEMBER 14**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1986
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8:15 P.M.**

Subject: Membership Participation Night

Members of the South Shore Audubon Society are invited to bring five to ten of their favorite nature slides. Please come and share your slides with us. Members are also invited to show any other item that may be of interest to the members. This is always a very popular program.

**BIRD SEED
SAVINGS DAY
FEBRUARY 2**



On Saturday, December 14, preceding the Children's Holiday Party for the Birds at Tackapausha, there will be a showing of the film "We Care About Eagles" at 11 A.M. The children's party is scheduled for 1 P.M.-4 P.M. At 1:30 and at 3:00 the South Shore Audubon Society and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary will present a program on "Birds of Prey." Staff members of the sanctuary will be there with live birds.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the party, call Betsy (546-8841) or Jerry (623-8255).

STILLWELL WOODS IN DANGER

The unique habitat of Stillwell Woods in Syosset is being threatened by requests to expand the playing areas and to allow other exploitive uses of the preserve. Vocal local groups are petitioning Nassau County to destroy more of this open habitat. Unfortunately, there has been very little pressure from environmentalists to protect the area as a nature preserve. The permits issued to applicants for use of the area reflect the public's interest. So far this year, only a few permits have been requested by birdwatchers. If we hope to maintain this property as a preserve for use by nature lovers, we must show more of an interest by applying for permits. Write to:

Carole Naidich-Ryder, Greenspace Director
c/o Tackapausha Museum
Seaford, N.Y. 11783

Be sure to indicate that you wish to have this permit to go birdwatching. To get to Stillwell Woods in Syosset, take Route 25A east one traffic light past Route 106. Turn right on Split Rock Road, turn left at Friendly's Restaurant onto Cold Spring Road. Turn right on South Woods and park in Nassau Center on the left.

JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL WOLDLIFE SANCTUARY

All individuals and groups wishing to visit the JFK Wildlife Sanctuary (Tobay) must obtain permits. Although visitors to the sanctuary have not been asked to show permits in the past, we can't predict how long this situation will continue. Also, a request for a permit is a statement of interest in the sanctuary. Write, indicating your interest in birdwatching, to:

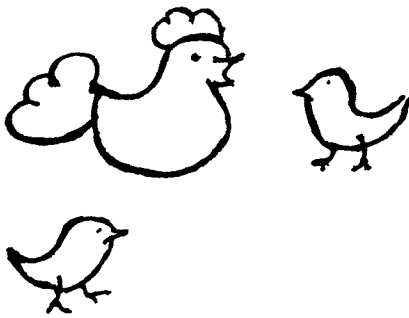
Joseph Rogoff, Commissioner of Parks
977 Hicksville Road
Massapequa, N.Y. 11758

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR THE BIRDS

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

Saturday, Dec 14
1:00 - 4:00
Tackapausha Museum
Washington Ave.
Seaford, New York

Movie Games
Live Animal Program
Make Gifts for the
Animals
Trim the Tree
Refreshments



Sponsored by:
South Shore Audubon Society
Tackapausha Museum
for information call 546-8841

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our chapter. We hope you will participate in our many activities.

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| BALDWIN | - WILLIAM J. LEVY, ANNE M. MOTT |
| BAYFORT | - MICHAEL STEIN |
| BELLMORE | - MS LORRAINE DEVENS, MS R. SIMON, MS JOHANNA SOURIS,
KAREN E. SUGIHARA |
| EAST MEADOW | - KARL E. SODERSTROM |
| EAST ROCKAWAY | - EDWARD P. FITZPATRICK |
| FLORAL PARK | - MRS BARBARA DOOLEY, JOSEPH ENGARGEAU, LYNN ZELTMAN |
| FREEPORT | - MR & MRS HAROLD J. FELDMAN, MRS DORIS GRIMSTED,
J. NEWMANN, M. PARUCCIO |
| GARDEN CITY | - MISS SANDRA L. ZIMULIS |
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MRS A. MERELANDER |
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| HICKSVILLE | - MRS A. ZAINO |
| ISLAND PARK | - J. JABLON, TOM STROMMER |
| LEVITTOWN | - S. OTTO |
| LONG BEACH | - G. GRIMLEY, ERICKA LENGVARY, ANGEL MALDONADO,
ANDREW SAHARA, H. SIMMS |
| LYNBROOK | - MISS ANN HIMMELMAN, WILLIAM MAHNKE, MISS MARION MILLER,
GEORGE D. SCHNAARS |
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| OCEANSIDE | - MR & MRS B. LEBOWITZ, MRS ANN R. SEGAL, EVELYN SILVERGLIT |
| OLD BETHPAGE | - MR JAMES C. WATERS |
| RICHMOND HILL | - MRS BARBARA GEHRKEN |
| ROCKVILLE CENTRE | - MRS BETTY BOROWSKY, JOAN CARTER, JAMES T. LYNCH,
MR & MRS SANFORD POLLACK, CARLO RAINONE |
| SEAFORD | - HAROLD FAY |
| UNIONDALE | - ANN M. OSTROSKY |
| VALLEY STREAM | - MRS LOUISE Z. HOLBROOK, R. MARTIGNONI |
| WANTAGH | - D. E. WARES |

MARION YAVARKOVSKY
MEMBERSHIP

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Many Thanks

This summer I had the opportunity to work with a great group of volunteers. They were the dedicated people who spent many hours watching the tern and skimmer colonies at West End 1 and West End 2. Since this month Rich Miller will be speaking about the Long Island Tern Warden Project, I thought this would be a perfect time to thank all those involved. A big "thank you" goes to Richard Becker, Vivian and Leo Gale, Len Gordon, Helene Kappelmann, Lorraine Kogler, Philip Lackey, Hughie McQuillan, Mr. C. Matthes and Bertha and Bill Menche.

I know all these people would like to join me in thanking the person who worked long hours to get the Return a Gift to Wildlife funding for this project which was administered by the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Thanks, Bill Kolodnicki! We all appreciate your hard work.

Porgy Smith

BLUEBIRDS

THE BLUEBIRDS ARE COMING !!!

Bluebirds are a colorful thought in the dull days of winter. The thought of our state bird returning to its northern breeding grounds may seem far off, but some bluebirds are already beginning their journey northward! While some bluebirds overwinter in New York, most migrate south for the colder months. Male bluebirds return to this area as early as late February in search of suitable nesting sites.

Bluebirds are cavity-nesting birds. Upon their arrival, males seek nest sites in dead trees and fence posts. Nest boxes are used when available and nest sites are claimed by mid-March.

Long Island's bluebird population has long suffered the effects of loss of habitat and competition with more aggressive and exotic bird species such as the House sparrow and the starling. You can help to re-establish a bluebird population on Long Island by erecting bluebird nest boxes.

The Right Habitat

Before you erect a bluebird nest box, be sure you have the right kind of habitat for bluebirds. Open areas with scattered trees are preferred. Large areas that are maintained by mowing, such as parks, golf courses, large lawns, pastures, and cemeteries are prime bluebird habitat. Bluebird nest boxes should be mounted at about eye-level (4 - 5') on a pole or tree trunk in an area that is safe from vandalism. Boxes should be faced toward a tree or shrub so that when the young fledge, they can fly to protective cover.

Paying attention to where nest boxes are placed is critically important. Nest boxes erected in areas other than described above may attract birds, but not bluebirds.

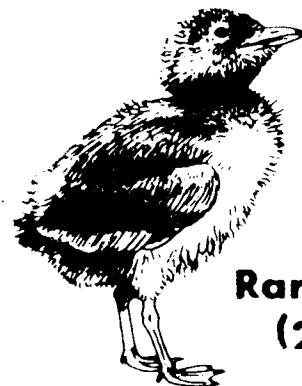
The Bluebird Nest Box Network

Everything you ever wanted to know about bluebirds is published in the GUIDE TO BLUEBIRD CONSERVATION. This guide can be obtained by writing to the New York Bluebird Nest Box Network, P.O. Box 127, Delmar, New York 12054-0127. The guide contains information about the natural history of bluebirds and how to build or send away for bluebird nest boxes. Write now to get the information in time to put up your nest box by mid-March.

Nest Boxes Available

The South Shore Audubon Society has a limited number of bluebird nest boxes available courtesy of Bill Menche. If you have suitable bluebird habitat and would like to erect a nest box, write to the New York Bluebird Nest Box Network and contact Gina Nichol at 887-3896 between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m.

Gina Nichol



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

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY

Sunday, February 2, 1985

Tackapausha Museum
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The museum is located on Washington Ave. in Seaford, and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway just north of Merrick Rd. Pre-ordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed, an order form is enclosed for your use. All pre-orders must be recieved by January 18. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkerei, 268 Wallace Street, Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

All proceeds from the seed sale go to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Volunteers will be needed on the sale day to take orders and help unload seed. If you want to Help please call 623-0843 and ask for Paul.

Please find my order below. I have enclosed my check for \$_____

My name is _____

My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Member? Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	25 LB BLENDED SUNFLOWER	\$8.00	
	40 LB BLENDED SUNFLOWER	12.55	
	25 LB REGULAR WILD BIRD SEED	6.00	
	50 LB REGULAR WILD BIRD SEED	11.50	
	20 LB SPECIAL SEED (NO CORN + 1/3 SUN)	5.25	
	40 LB SPECIAL SEED "	10.00	
	25 LB CRACKED CORN	5.00	
	50 LB ECONOMY WILD BIRD SEED	10.00	
	10 LB SUNFLOWER HEARTS	5.75	
	10 LB PEANUT BITS	5.00	
	10 LB SAFFLOWER SEED	5.00	
	10 LB THISTLE (NIGER) SEED	10.00	
	28 oz MAINE MANNA SUET CAKES	3.50	

All blends and mixes are based on current research

TOTAL AMOUNT:



Bird Seed Savings Day®

BIRD WALKS

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

STARTING TIME - 9:30 A.M.

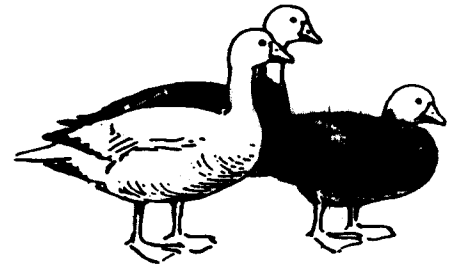
- Dec.** 1 Pelham Bay (Meet at Throg's
 8 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.
 15 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 22 West End #2, N.W. Corner
- Jan.** 5 Hempstead Lake State Park
 12 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.
 19 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 26 Pelham Bay (Meet at Throg's
 Neck Bridge Toll Plaza, 9 A.M.)
- Feb.** 2 West End #2, N.E. Corner
 9 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.

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