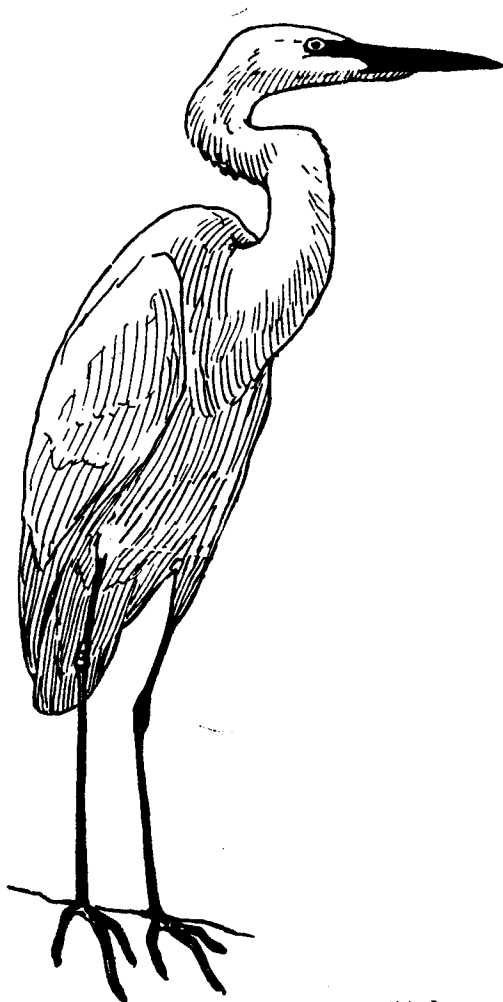


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## Meeting

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1986**  
**FREEMPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Merrick Road and Grove Street, Freeport, N.Y.  
8:15 P.M.

**Subject: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge**  
**Speaker: Mr. Don Riepe**

Mr. Don Riepe, Ranger Naturalist, will present a talk and slide presentation entitled "The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge: A Haven for Wildlife and People." The program includes the flora, fauna, and history of the Preserve.

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 11, 1986**  
**FREEMPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Merrick Road and Grove Street, Freeport, N.Y.  
8:15 P.M.

**SUBJECT: Pelagic (Oceanic) Birds**

## ZOO TRIP MARCH 15

It's a jungle in there! The Bronx Zoo has a real rain forest, mangrove swamp and scrub forest of Asia.

South Shore Audubon will be making its yearly trip to the Bronx Zoo on Saturday, March 15. We will journey through "Jungle World," discovering the wonders of tropical Asia, and then proceed to the "World of Birds."

This trip promises to be stimulating to the mind as well as to the senses, so keep the date open. A visit to "Jungle World" is a one-of-a-kind experience. For further information call 378-7122 after 6 P.M.

EVELYN BLUME

## PRESIDENTS PAGE

At this time, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for all those wonderful members who generously contributed so much of themselves to make our "Holiday Party for the Birds" the success that it was. I would also like to thank the staff of the Tackapausha Preserve for their help in allowing us to use the Museum and for contributing their time and skills. Thanks are also due to the staff of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary for their live animal demonstrations and for supplying Santa Claus. This year we had well over 430 people attending the party. This figure was arrived at by counting the 360 people who paid to enter and by adding an additional 20% for those too young to pay. Plans are already underway for next years party.

I do, at this time, have a serious problem that I feel I should bring to your attention and ask that you take the necessary actions to see that they are discontinued.

Japanese fishermen in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea caught more than a million fish in 1983 that would have returned to Alaskan waters. These fish were worth an estimated \$19.5 million at the "off-the-boat" prices. The International North Pacific Fisheries Commission is considering U.S. objections to the interception of these fish.

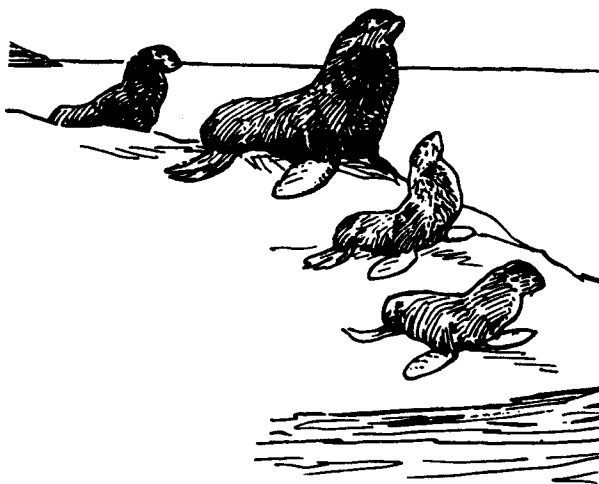
The foreign (mostly Japanese) fishing boats operating in the Bering Sea and North Pacific use the 9-mile long gill nets totaling about 4000 miles of net for the fleet. These nets catch "just about everything in their path." It is interesting to note that the fleet is not allowed in Japanese waters. Of the 200,000 King Salmon caught, half would have gone to Bristol Bay and other western Alaskan spawning grounds, and the others to south central and southeastern Alaska and British Columbia.

The Japanese monofilament gillnets also entangle and drown thousands of marine birds and mammals each year. For example, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that about 225,000 seabirds were killed in 1983 by the Japanese mothership salmon fisheries alone. Shearwaters constituted about 60% of the dead birds, tufted puffins 22%, horned puffins 5%, and murrens 4%. Thousands of additional birds were taken in the Japanese land based salmon fisheries and squid fisheries. Birds of some 16 different species have reportedly been killed. An estimated 50,000 fur seals and 7000 Dall porpoises are also entangled in the nets or net fragments and drowned each year.

I am therefore urging that members of South Shore Audubon Society contact Senators Moynihan and D'Amato as well as their congressmen to urge a thorough investigation and halt to this senseless slaughter of wildlife.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Jerry Bernstein

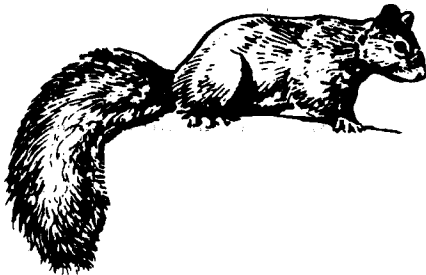


Volunteers for Wildlife, a non-profit organization formed to aid distressed wildlife, is offering two Wildlife Care Workshops in spring 1986.

A Mammal Care Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 15 and will cover the natural history and care of rabbits, squirrels and opossums.

A Bird Care Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 12 and will cover the natural history and care of songbirds, waterbirds and raptors. Workshops will be held at an Environmental Center in Cold Spring Harbor.

Pre-registration for the workshops is a must. For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped legal sized envelope to: VFW-Wildlife Care Workshops, P.O. Box 427, Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724 or call (516) 367-4468 during business hours.



On Tuesday, March 4, Volunteers for Wildlife is sponsoring a special visit to the American Museum of Natural History.

The visit will feature a program with Helen Hayes, Chairman of the Great Gull Island Committee, about her work with terns on Great Gull Island. Also featured will be a behind the scenes look at the Museum's bird department and a guided tour of the New York State and North American Mammal exhibits.

Reservations: \$15 for members of Volunteers for Wildlife and \$20 for non-members (includes round trip bus fare and tours). Bus will leave at 9 A.M. from the parking lot adjacent to the Huntington Post Office on Girard Street in Huntington. Make checks payable to Volunteers for Wildlife and mail to P.O. Box 427, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 11724. For more information, contact VFW at 367-4468.

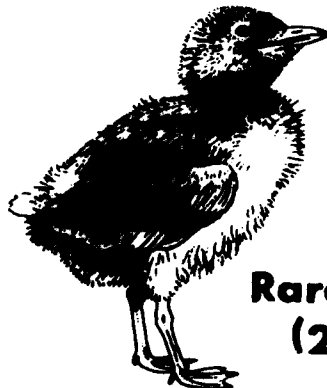


### BIRD STUDY COURSE

The South Shore Audubon Society is sponsoring a series of four one hour programs entitled "Introduction to the Birds" at the Baldwin Public Library, Grand Avenue and Prospect Street, on Wednesday evenings, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. The course is designed for those who wish to have a better understanding of what differentiates birds from other classes of animals. Both physical characteristics (evolution, morphology, and anatomy) and behavioral characteristics (ability to fly, courtship, feeding behavior, nest construction) as well as aids to identification of the birds will be discussed. There are no charges for this course. Members and non-members are equally welcome to attend. The course will be conducted by Jerry Bernstein. For information call 516-623-8255.

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 4 SSA Bd. of Directors, 8:00 P.M.
- Feb. 11 SSA General Meeting, 8:15 P.M.  
Freeport Library
- Feb. 15 Family Nature Series: Hawks of Long Island, 2-4 P.M., T.R. Sanctuary
- Feb. 16 Wood Carving, 2-5 P.M.,  
T.R. Sanctuary
- Feb. 23 Family Nature Series: Maple Syrup Time, 2-4 P.M., T.R. Sanctuary

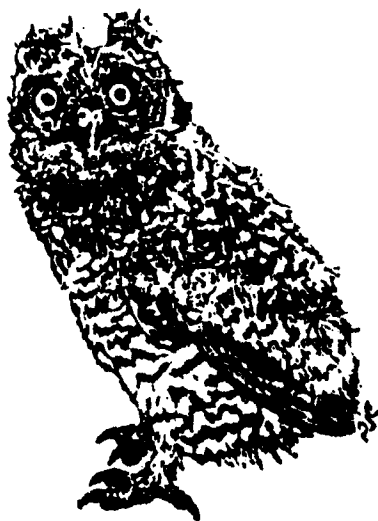


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## NEW MEMBERS

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JEAN CASE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT  
FOR CRITTER CARE

Jean Case, friend to all things wild and personally to many of you, died on Saturday, December 7th in Connecticut after an eleven year battle with cancer. Jean never gave up hope and continued to work for what she loved most - Audubon and wild critters.

National Audubon Society has kindly set up the Jean Case Memorial Endowment, a designated fund to create an internship for continuing the work she cared so much about with wildlife at the Northeast Audubon Center in Sharon, Connecticut.

If you wish, please make your contribution to National Audubon Society and send it to: National Audubon Society, c/o Marshal Case, Route 4, Sharon, Conn. 06069.

One Friend wrote about Jean as follows:

"Jean's spirit lives on and is readily visible in the red-tail's soaring flight, the chickadee at the feeder, in windsong, sunlight, in all things good, natural, and wild."



## FRED THE FURRIER, BAMBI AND OTHER FANTASIES

Fred dances across our television screens with scores of beautiful women, selling his exclusive product. He masterfully creates an illusion of glamour. The truth is, these women are wearing the remains of murdered and tortured animals.

Fur sales are booming, up 50 percent since 1981 and three times since 1974. Fur coats and jackets can be purchased anywhere-- from Spiegel's Catalogue to Filene's Bargain Basement. The price of furs, in fact, has dropped due to a rise in imports. Forty years ago furs were only for the wealthy. Eighty percent of the coats were mink owned by women over 50 who received them as gifts from their husbands. Today's fur coat owner is 30 years old and buys the coat herself. Mink accounts for only 60 percent of fur sales. The fur coat is no longer exclusive.

A person cannot object to the murder of our wildlife without those who profit from the slaughter bringing up the "Bambi Syndrome." Henry Foner, president of the Fur, Leather and Machine Workers Union describes this "syndrome" as a condition "where people think animals talk to you." I know of no one who talks to animals. The truth is that pointing to the "Bambi Syndrome" is simply a method of ridiculing those who are concerned about our wildlife.

The fur industry claims that the animals will die anyway and that they are preventing the waste of wildlife. What they ignore is the fact that nature wastes nothing -- everything is recycled. Something is not necessarily wasted merely because humans do not get to use it.

In the coming months the fur industry is expected to increase their efforts to portray their business as one that exists in harmony with nature. They will focus on trapping as a method of population control. They ignore the fact that nature did this for millions of years without their help.

If you see someone wearing a fur coat, go up to him or her and say, "ENJOY YOUR COAT. ITS REAL OWNER WAS KILLED FOR IT."

TOM TORMA



## BIRD WALKS

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

STARTING TIME - 9:30 A.M.

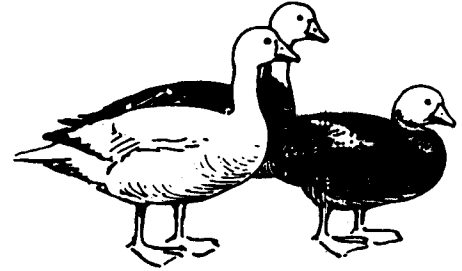
- Feb.    2    West End #2, N.E. Corner  
       9    Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.  
      16    Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
      23    Cedar Beach
- Mar.    2    Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.  
       9    Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary  
      16    Hempstead Lake State Park  
              (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg. Lot)  
      23    Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
      30    West End #2, N.E. Corner
- Apr.    6    Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.  
      13    Hempstead Lake State Park  
              (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg. Lot)  
      20    West End #2, N.E. Corner

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