

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## *President's Message*

.....Joseph Grupp

### Our Deepest Sympathy

It is with great sadness that I report the death of George Appoldt. George was a former Director of the Chapter whose term expired last Spring, an ardent birder, caring environmentalist, and active member of our Chapter. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, who frequently accompanied him to our meetings and on our bird-walks, and to his family.

### Regional Conference

As reported previously National Audubon Society's Northeast Regional Conference takes place May 4-6, 1990, at the Silver Bay Association of YMCA Conference Center on Lake George, Silver Bay, New York. I hope many of you are able to attend this gathering of environmentally concerned citizens.

### Bird-A-Thon

South Shore Audubon Society will participate in National Audubon Society's Annual Bird-A-Thon, on May 12, 1990. I sincerely urge you to be a participant by joining a team in the field or soliciting sponsors and being a sponsor yourself. Proceeds of this event are shared evenly by the Chapter and National. Bird-A-Thon day is a memorable day for all participants, a day in the field shared with other birders and the feeling of satisfaction that comes from participating in a worthy cause. Join us - it's fun.

### Cow Meadow Preserve

Our annual Family Nature Festival takes place at Cow Meadow Park, Sunday, May 20, 1990, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Volunteer to help if you can. If you can't, plan on attending this informative enjoyable, outdoor event. Bring your family and friends, children and grandchildren; there is something for everyone at this fun filled festival. See you there!!

### Listen to the Sound Campaign

On June 21, 1990, at Garvies Point Museum, the Lyman Langdon Chapter and South Shore Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Long Island Sound hearing as part of a regional effort to address the pollution and development problems of Long Island Sound. Look for detailed information in this issue of the Skimmer.

Remember the quality of the environment will only be as good as we make it.

## *Next Meeting*

.....Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 1990  
TIME: 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library  
Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue  
Freeport, New York  
SPEAKER: Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.  
TOPIC: Poetry and Birds

A very special program!!

How can we express the excitement of the hawk migration at Jones Beach, the joy of seeing a warbler, the wonder of the salt marsh at Cow Meadow? Through the combination of words that is poetry!

# Get involved!

# Bird Walks

..... Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains or snows or temperatures are below 25°. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

May 6 Jamaica Bay  
 May 13 Jempstead Lake State Park  
 May 20 COW MEADOW FESTIVAL  
 May 27 West End 2, N/E Corner  
 June 3 Jamaica Bay  
 June 10 Jamaica Bay

## AUDUBON TOTE BAGS

John Staropoli/Youth Representative

I would like to announce to all members, the availability of our new Audubon canvas tote bags at \$10.00 apiece. The S.S.A.S. motif, from which I designed an enlarged version, appears proudly and undauntedly on each of them, addressing to the public the worthiness of our society's efforts. They are sturdy, wide-bottomed bags suitable for the carriage of birding paraphernalia, beach items, etc. Profits will be forwarded to the Brookside Preserve Committee and subsequently to any of our efforts in need of financial aid. An indication of our monthly profits will be displayed at the general meetings.



# Scholarship

..... Evelyn Blume

## WINNERS CHOSEN!!!!!!

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Jim Remsen, Lois Schlegel and Evelyn Blume is proud to announce the winners of this years' Scholarships:

The Youth Scholarship Goes To: Elena Lourenco

The Adult Scholarship Goes To: Barbara Levine

These people will be presented to the members at our May meeting. It was an extremely difficult decision and we wish to thank those of you who did apply. Please try again next year and do not be disappointed - you were all wonderful.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR 1990 - 1991 S.S.A.S.

President:	Joan Butkereiit
Vice President:	James Remsen
Treasurer:	Lennox Gordon
Recording Secretary:	Louise Hillen
Corresponding Secretary:	Ruth Grossman
Director:	Pat Davis
Director:	Tom Torma

WE URGE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND THE MAY MEETING, AT WHICH TIME THE ELECTIONS TO THESE OFFICES WILL BE HELD. WE WANT YOU TO MEET THE CANDIDATES AND CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BEST SERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Nominating Committee: Nora Laurenco,  
 William Hollweg and Elliott Kutner.

## LISTEN TO THE SOUND CAMPAIGN

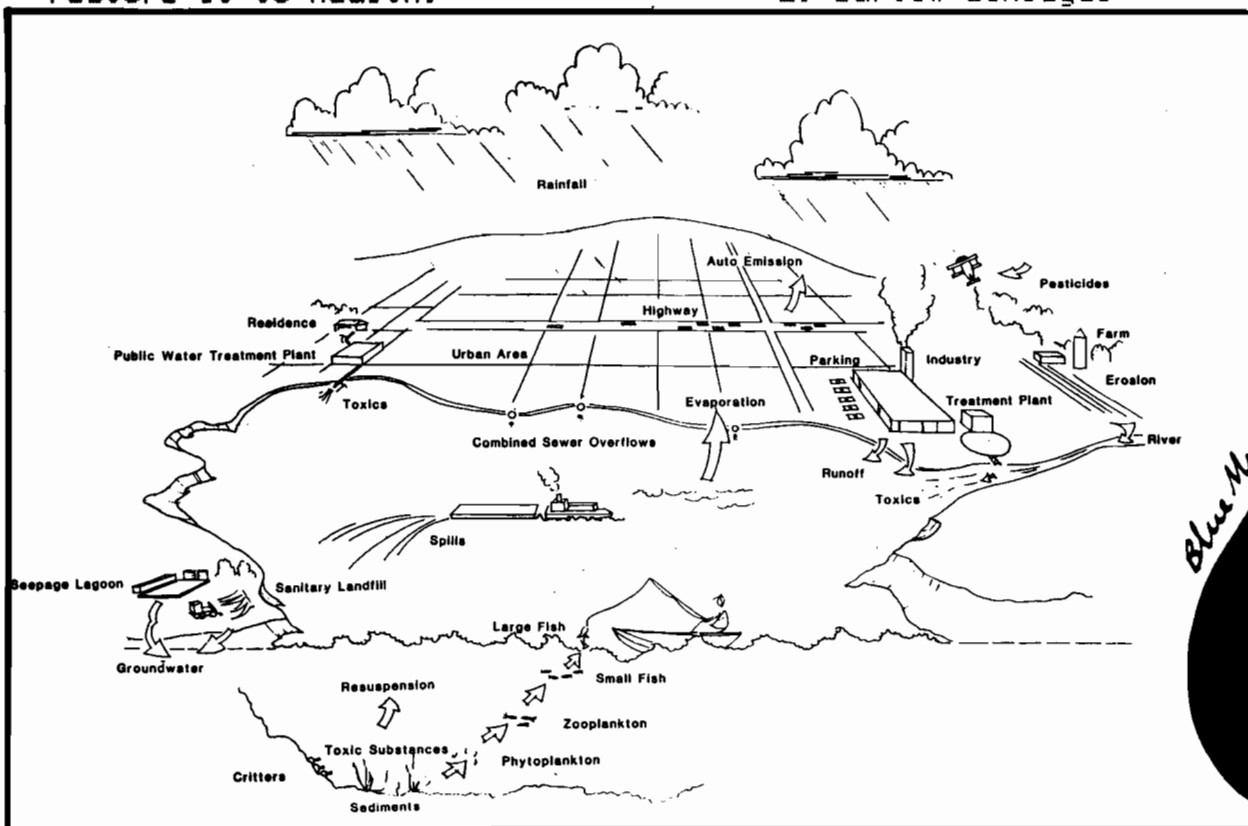
The citizen's hearing for this campaign will be on Thurs., June 21st, 7:30- 10:00 PM at Garvies Point Preserve in Glen Cove. "Listen to the Sound" is the theme of the Audubon Long Island Sound Committee's program to help clean up and restore the Sound. David Miller, V.P. of National Audubon's Northeast Division, is head of this project, with South Shore Audubon being one of 20 regional Audubon chapters on this committee.

This hearing is one of 14 throughout the spring that will be held on a tour around Long Island Sound. Each hearing location will have the active involvement of 1 or 2 Audubon chapters, and ours will be sponsored by South Shore and Lyman Langdon Audubons. Chris Schlamp from our chapter has been setting up our June 21st hearing with Kathy Natale from Lyman Langdon.

At the end of the Listen to the Sound Campaign tour, all statements, materials and tapings of open discussion will be collected, and compiled during the fall by National Audubon staff, to create a report. The findings of this report will be reviewed by Audubon staff and Audubon chapters at a summit in mid-November, and a long-term structure will be developed for organizations around the Sound to work in a unified effort to implement cleanup programs. The summit will provide the foundation for sustainable citizen involvement and mobilization for the years to come.

During the daytime of these hearings, citizen leaders will tour problem areas with local officials. We hope you all will come to this citizen's hearing: individuals, schools groups, families, church groups, fishermen, etc. The Long Island Sound belongs to all of us, and it is on the brink of destruction from Toxic Contamination, Wetland Development and Hypoxia to name a few, all threatening our marine life. Come listen to speakers, make a statement if you wish, and learn about our Sound and what we can do to restore it to health.

L. Bartow Schlegel



Toxic contaminant cycle in the marine environment.

LI Sound Study

Welcomes  
New Members

....., Marion Yavarkovsky

- Bellmore.....Mr. Michael Friedman, Carl Cichosz, Ms. Renate Engelhardt, M. Petrochilos M. Jones
Bethpage.....Mrs. A. Finger, Ms. Diane Lombardy
East Meadow.....Mr. Henry M. Kruse, Mr.-Mrs. Stephen Bigman, George Ninesling
Elmont.....Mrs. M. M. Betz, Mrs. Helen Takis, Guillermo Chang, Hugo A. Guevara, Audrey Szasz, Donald Nelson
Farmingdale.....William F. Cerveney, Mr. Shepard, J. Sutherland, Francine Valvano, G. Walsh
Floral Park.....John G. Daniels
Franklin Square.....Peter Enders, George A. Yzquierdo
Garden City.....Ms. Sue Sedlacek
Hempstead.....Susan P. Dion, Mark Kaminsky
Hewlett.....Ms. Judith Goodkind
Hicksville.....Mrs. J. Podrasky, Susan Aronson, D. J. Lasurdo
Island Park.....Edwin Curtis
Levittown.....Mrs. J. D. Cullen, J. Russo, Mr.-Mrs. Marton Myles
Long Beach.....Mr. Joseph Ciozza, Sharyn F. Shin, Milton Karasik, Damon Lenox, Remy Villada
Massapequa.....Mr. Eric Friedlander, Amanda J. Neet, Jill Lehmann, Dianne McDermott, Mary Kaye Merwin
Merrick.....Ed Thompson, Mr. William Carman, Dave Padpow
Plainview.....Peter Voce
Rockville Centre.....Gleiberman, Ms. Frances M. Roth, Bari Slatas, John K. Heikkila, Mr. Martin Shulman, Ms. Anne Wall, Alvin Wollin
Seaford.....Margaret O'Sullivan
Valley Stream.....Mr. Robert E. Butcher, Ms. Brian P. Lomot, Mr. Charles J. Rich
West Hempstead.....A. Severson
Wantagh.....Wesley Chisholm, Mr.-Mrs. Schneider, Jeanne Hoose, Miss Lynda A. Machosky

A SOUTH SHORE CELEBRATION

This year, we are going back to POMPEI RESTAURANT for our annual dinner and our TWENTIETH anniversary birthday party!! We hope to have all of our past presidents at this gala, plus a surprise or two. It should be an evening to remember.

-----EARLY RESERVATIONS HELP-----

Complete the attached reservation and send it, along with your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society to: Shirley Kutner, 461 Dunster Court, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552

PLACE: Pompei Restaurant Amount of check \$ \_\_\_\_\_
401 Hempstead Ave. Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_
West Hempstead, N.Y. Number of each menu choice:
DATE: Tuesday - June 12, 1990 Filet of Sole Dijon \_\_\_\_\_
TIME: 6:30 PM = Cocktail Hour Eggplant Rollatini \_\_\_\_\_
7:30 PM = Dinner Chicken Parmigan \_\_\_\_\_
COST: \$17.50 per person Broiled Chicken or Sole \_\_\_\_\_

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR S.S.A.S. MEMBERS

Joan Butkerei is very nice. At Audubon meetings, to say "Hello", I sneak up from behind and give her braid a yank - and she has never said "Don't do that."

When Joan was little, she and her mother lived for a time in a row house (all drab and all the same), in Philadelphia. A few blocks away there was a beautiful field filled with wild flowers, trees and bird nests. One day a bulldozer came and left not a single tree. Joan remembers being very sad at the destruction of all that beauty - to put up more new houses.

Later, Joan moved to Freeport and became a Girl Scout and visited Tackapausha which she loved. In high school she met Paul and later, with Paul's family at their upstate summer home they all planted thousands of trees as part of the N.Y.S. Reforestation Program.

She went to Hofstra University where she majored in Art and Education. She is now completing her Masters in Education and will receive a certificate in the Teaching of Writing.

She and Paul were married in 1973. There was a S.S.A.S. meeting in Freeport Library and Marge Fischer called to invite them to go. Paul was on a ladder, painting the house. He came right down. They went to the meeting and Paul never got on the ladder again to finish the job!

Paul and Joan have traveled to many areas in the wilderness to increase their knowledge of the environment. They've taken trips to Alaska, Mexico, Tobago, Rockies, the Gaspé, which they have enjoyed. Joan says she wants to save all the beautiful things in the world which are fast being destroyed. Audubon is her special interest because she appreciates the environment and wants to do everything in her power to participate in its nurture and care.

Submitted by: Ruth Grossman

ENVIRONMENT: How to Survive the Ecology Decade

Environmental consciousness-raising has been in high gear for months and reached a peak on April 22, the 20th anniversary of Earth Day. The 1990s are shaping up to be the decade of the environment, with everyday decisions by ecology-minded consumers playing a larger-than-ever role in corporate profits. The immediate problem? How to avoid environmental burnout but still feel you can make a difference.

"50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth" is short on gloom and long on solutions, many of which can easily be incorporated into your daily routine. Sample suggestions: Don't chose paper or plastic bags at the supermarket checkout. The jury is still out on whether the new plastic bags really do disintegrate completely; and the book claims, those brown bags are made from virgin paper because heavy loads require the long fibers of virgin pulp. (It takes one 15-to 20-year-old tree to make only 700 grocery bags.) The book recommends using string bags (remember those?) and tells where to buy them. While you're at the supermarket, try to buy goods packaged in either recycled paper or recyclable material (e.g., glass) rather than plastic. And avoid polystyrene products completely; rumor has it they'll still be around in 500 years.

The book is dedicated "to the not-yet-born" - that's your grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. - so decide on a few simple actions you can live with and stick to them. "50 Simple Things..." is available in paperback for \$4.95 from stores or directly from Earthworks Press, Box 25, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley California 94709; add \$1.00 for ship./handling.

"How to Make the World a Better Place" ups the ante with 'over 120 quick-and-easy actions' aimed at reducing everything from hunger and homelessness to violence on television. It's by Jeffrey Hollender, chairman and CEO of Seventh Generation, a direct-mail supplier of environmentally safe consumer products located in South Burlington, Vermont. "How to..." (William Morrow) is available in paperback for \$9.95 from bookstores.

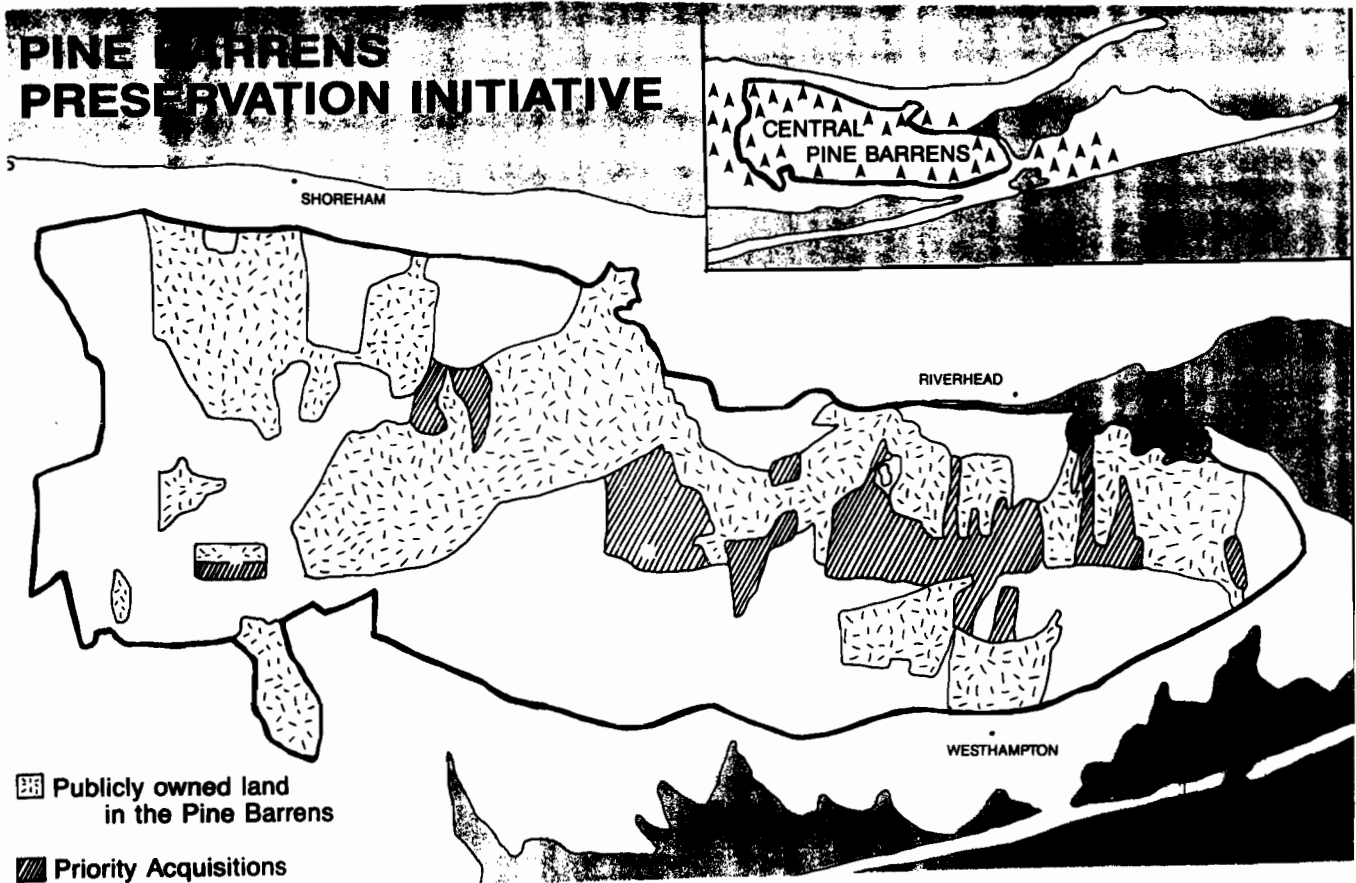
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## Attention

COW MEADOW PRESERVE CLEAN-UP

MAY 5, 1990 - 9:00 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the clean-up of Cow Meadow Park on Saturday, May 5, 1990 at 9:00 A.M. Come and help get the preserve in shape for our annual Family Festival at Cow Meadow Park, located at South Main Street, Freeport. Refreshments will be available. For more information - call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841.



LONG ISLAND PINE BARRENS SYMPOSIUM  
Gayle Wertz

I attended a symposium at Hofstra Law School on April 5 and one of the speakers was Mr. Richard Amper, Executive Director of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society. Long Island is 127 miles long and consists of 1,000,000 acres of land. We get all our drinking water from underground reservoirs called aquifers.

100,000 acres in Suffolk are a crucial pine barrens area. This underground water is pristine. 50% of our Nassau's shallowest wells show contamination. Much of this must be treated to make it drinkable. It is imperative that no construction be allowed within the pine barrens, yet certain builders have purchased a portion of the land and plan to construct homes and commercial buildings there. The largest environmental lawsuit in the history of New York is pending, concerning this situation.

A question that comes to mind is, that with so many homes for sale (some for over two years) and an abundance of vacant stores and schools, that could well be utilized, why the need for further construction? Especially at this particular site. Haven't we done enough damage already.

For additional information please write: Mr. Richard Amper, Executive Director, Long Island Pine Barrens Society, Post Office Box 429, Manorville, New York 11949-9801.

### **Pesticides in Groundwater**

*FACT: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found traces of 46 pesticides in the groundwater of 26 states. At least eighteen of those detected chemicals are on the EPA's list of pesticides that could be carcinogenic. (Source: The National Journal)*

### **Eroding Soil**

*FACT: Wind and water erosion on cropland totals 2.6 billion tons each year. This erosion can reduce the land's productivity by as much as 60 percent and can cause damage to growing crops. Sediment eroded from agricultural lands causes between \$3 billion and \$13 billion worth of damage to lakes and streams each year. (Source: The U.S. Department of Agriculture)*

### **Vanishing Wetlands**

*FACT: Although less than half of the nation's original 200 million wetland acres remain, an average of 45 to 57 acres disappears every hour of every day; the majority, 87 percent, is converted for agriculture. (Source: The U.S. Department of Agriculture)*

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*Executive Director*  
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Please call us at 922-3200 to register for the programs. Space is limited. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Admission fees are \$3/members or \$5/non-members unless otherwise specified.

May 13th.....WARBLER WALK: Join us for a walk Sunday in the preserve to look for migrating warblers and other birds. 8:AM-11:AM Families Fee \$4/members, \$6.75/non-members

May 26th.....STONE TOOLS: The ancient craft of Saturday Flintknapping. Techniques will be 1:PM-3:PM demonstrated, and each participant Age 12-adlt. will make a flint cutting implement. \$4/members, \$6.75/non-memb.

May 27th.....TRACKING AND STALKING: The secret Sunday dramas of animals' lives are 1:PM-3:PM visible in the marks they leave Families behind. \$4/members, \$6.75/non-mem.

Birthday Parties for TRS Family Members

The Sanctuary will happily arrange a special Nature Program and party for your child's birthday celebration. Please call us at the number above for details and arrangements.

**TACKAPAUSA**

Tackapausha Museum and Preserve

Nassau County Dept. of Recreation and Parks

Washington Avenue

Seaford, New York 11783

EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Natural History Cinema: Saturdays and Sundays  
11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM

May 5, 6 = Chicken  
12, 13 = The Shrinking of Treehorn  
19, 20 = Dorothy and the Ostrich  
26, 27 = Happy Owls

Mid-Week Movie: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

May 2 = Life in the Woodlot  
9 = Living Soil  
16 = Plant and Animal Communities  
23 = Red-Winged Blackbird  
30 = Seashore Life

Tackapausha Presents: Saturdays and Sundays  
2:00 PM and 3:30 PM

May 5, 6 = "Sea Robin"-Come see and listen to a fish story  
12, 13 = "Seed Dispersal"-Different methods of seed distribution will be discussed  
19, 20 = "Spiders"-Common and uncommon species  
26, 27 = "The Red-Tailed Hawk"-Where does he live? What does he eat?

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT AUDUBON CAMPS****STUDENT ASSISTANTS**

Since 1936, the National Audubon Society has been offering summer work/team opportunities to young people who have a strong interest in the environment. The Student Assistant position provides a combination of hard work, meeting interesting people and through attendance in the Audubon Ecology Workshop & Camps program, a chance to study the many life forms and physical aspects of Forests, Fields, Ponds, Streams and Seashore environments. As part of the program, each student assistant carries out a Field Study Project. Past projects have included photography of seashore organisms, surveys of ferns, a study of frog vocalizations, breeding bird surveys, studies of bird nesting behavior and many more. The entire summer is filled with learning opportunities, from stimulating informal field classes, to individual inquiry and consultation with a project advisor, to interaction with strongly qualified instructional staff and interesting participants in this adult education program.

College-age students interested in a summer filled with learning opportunities and great comraderie in beautiful surroundings should consider joining the staff at the Camp in Maine, Camp in the West, located near Dubois, Wyoming or the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Connecticut.

Students assist in the kitchen or as maintenance assistants in making the program work. In return they are provided with an opportunity to participate in the program throughout the summer, room and board, and a salary of \$600 to \$1,170, depending on the position and camp season.

Interested persons send their resume to: Philip P. Schaeffer, Exec. Dir., National Environmental Education Center, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Rd., Greenwich, Ct. 06831. Qualified persons who are selected for consideration will receive a detailed job description and application form.

1990 SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BIRDATHON **LAST CHANCE!**

On May 12, 1990 (Raindate May 19), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the world's largest competitive birdwatching event, the 1990 Audubon Birdathon, organized by the National Audubon Society. South Shore Auduboners will use their birding skills to reach a nationwide goal of one million dollars for Audubon's local programs here in Nassau as well as national environmental research, education and action programs by getting sponsors who will pledge a certain amount for each species they see on Birdathon day.

South Shore Birdathons will be held on May 12, starting at the following locations:

● Team 1, Leader: Elliott Kutner (486-7667) Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Start time 8:00AM.

● Team 2, Leader: Paul Butkerei (623-0843) Participants may join this group at either of two times: 6:00AM at the Massapequa Preserve pond at Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue or at 9:00AM at the parking lot near the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station.

● Team 3, Leaders: James Remsen (764-5168) and Joe Grupp (481-4208). Participants may join this group at either of two times: at sunrise (5:45AM) at Mill Pond, Wantagh, or later at Muttontown Preserve (time to be announced; probably approximately 8:00AM).

People wishing to participate should notify either the leader of their chosen team or the Birdathon chairpersons in advance of the event. The teams will move, at their discretion from location to location throughout the day. Participants may leave at will. Members unable to attend on Birdathon day should feel free to seek pledges and count whatever birds they see, wherever they happen to be that day and forward their pledges and bird lists to the Birdathon chairpersons.

We would like each member to be an active Birdathoner, a sponsor in his/her own right, and a recruiter of additional sponsors from both within and without the S.S.A.S. **YOU NEED-NOT BE A SKILLED BIRDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIRDATHON. BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

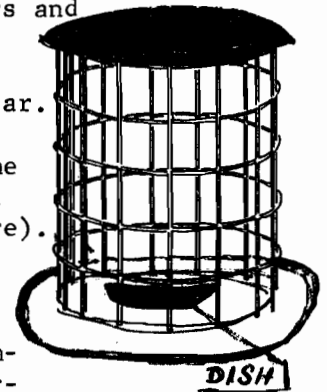
Sponsors will be expected to pledge the amount of their choice (suggestions 25¢, \$1, etc.) per species identified by the Birdathoner and his/her team. A pre-selected sum, pledged regardless of number of species seen, is also acceptable.

Birdathoners will be responsible for notifying sponsors after the Birdathon, collecting their checks (payable to S.S.A.S.) and forwarding them with sponsor pledge form(s) to the Birdathon Chairperson by May 31, 1990.

Additional forms/information will be available at meetings/birdwalks or call: Arthur Atlas (223-2327) Even. only or James Remsen Jr. (764-5166) Evenings only. **THIS IS IT! CALL!**

*Birding One To One*  
.....Gayle Wertz

Spring has returned and flowers and trees have renewed themselves after a winter of rest. Baby animals are being born and hatched and the world is bright and beautiful. If you are an ardent bird-feeding-household, you know the problems involved at your feeders. Pigeons and Squirrels invade the feeders and the smaller birds sit helplessly on the sidelines, watching their meal disappear.



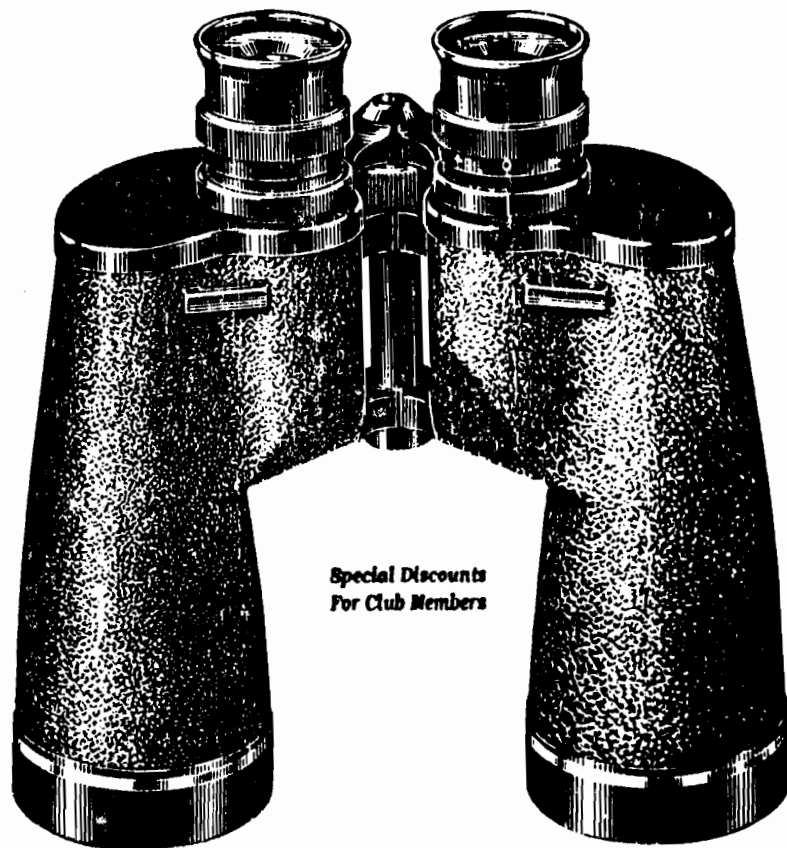
You can alleviate this situation by purchasing some 1"X2" wire and 'rolling' it into a wide tube (shown here). Make the diameter as large as necessary depending on the amount of birds you feed. We use about 18" diameter. Attach it to a water-proof base, with wing nuts or some other device (even bent nails will suffice). Attach a roof and put a feeding dish inside. Drill small holes in the dish (plastic is best) so water will not accumulate and rot the seeds. The smaller birds can fly in and out of the openings but pigeons and squirrels will not be able to get the seed. You may have to place a heavy brick on top so the squirrels cannot tip it over. To refill the dish, just adjust the nails/etc. so you can remove the wire, empty the husks and refill. You will actually see the small birds inside the feeder, making faces as the pigeons and squirrels

Again, Raccoons may have young in your chimney. Don't panic. If you have patience the mom will leave with the young in about two months. **DO NOT LIGHT YOUR FIREPLACE!** She will never be able to get them out in time!! If you want them out sooner, sit outdoors at dusk and wait to see her leave with her youngsters. They are nocturnal and feed at night. Get up on the roof, after they are gone and snap-in a chimney cap. They are inexpensive and easily installed. **CERTAIN** she has her young with her when she leaves!! Squirrels are day-dwellers so first find their entry point. When mom leaves with her young, during the morning, replace your damaged roof tiles, shingles, etc. and she will have to set up residence somewhere else. Have compassion for the animals and a little patience. They are orly trying to survive, as are we.

Didja know that if you remove perches from your birdhouses, the large predator-birds cannot land and thus cannot pull-out the baby birds and kill them? The parent-birds can land on the entry opening just as well.....



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