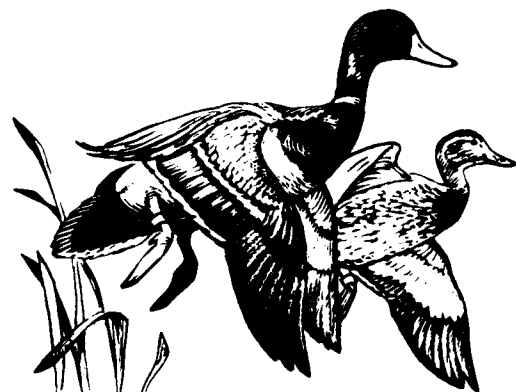


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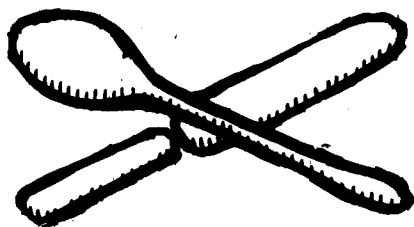
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- NEXT MEETING -

TUESDAY, APRIL 11th - FREEPORT LIBRARY

The subject for our April meeting will be Rocks and Minerals. Robert Warms, a high school teacher whose hobby is mineral collecting, will be our speaker. The topic will be "Mineral Collecting in the Northeast". Mr. Warms will display equipment, discuss locations, display minerals to be collected together with a general discussion of minerals and what to look for. There will be a slide show showing rock formations and mineral types in the Northeast as well as all over the U.S. A question and answer period will follow.

NEED TRANSPORTATION
to meetings?
See back page.



ANNUAL DINNER
IS COMING !

June 12th is the date of our Annual Dinner and Meeting at the delightful Coral House Restaurant in Baldwin. A full-course meal will be served (choice of top sirloin of beef or stuffed shrimp (crab meat)). A meeting and special program will follow.

Tickets are \$7.00, payable in advance, and including all gratuities. Plan to get your tickets at this meeting - e.g. April. You will be selecting your menu in advance. Make checks payable to "South Shore Audubon Society"; or pay cash at the meeting.

If your party consists of 4 or more and you want to be sure you all sit together, give us all of the names in advance, and place cards will be set for your group.

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- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

At a recent hearing on water supply and pollution conducted in Mineola by the Nassau County Environmental Management Council, several interesting points were brought out.

In a recent article Newsday's Environmental Editor (and our recent speaker), Harry Pearson, stated that most of the sewers planned for New York State would be "combined sewers", that is, they could carry rain runoff together with domestic and industrial wastes. This creates a major problem in that a heavy rain will flood out the treatment plants and permit raw sewage to be dumped in the ocean. Fortunately, no combined sewers are planned for Nassau County. Rainwater will continue to be collected in the storm basins for eventual recharge. This will also enable the planned sewer systems to be constructed with smaller pipes, reducing the cost.

Efforts are being made to monitor industrial firms dumping residues, frequently containing highly toxic chemicals, into our waters or the sewage systems. According to the Council, attempts to identify these polluters have been quite successful, and in some instances fines have been imposed. It remains to be seen whether these measures will be strong enough to prevent these companies from further befouling our waters.

Progress toward tertiary sewage treatment and nitrate removal is not quite as clear. County officials are aware of the severe threat to our aquifers that will be posed by the construction of additional sewers and the dumping of the water in the ocean. Many experts estimate that, within a decade, our water supply will fall far short of our needs. And we cannot expect help from outside sources. Suffolk County Executive Klein states that Suffolk water would be given to Nassau only "over my dead body." New York City apparently has none to spare. And, can we reasonably expect others to bail us out of problems created by our lack of foresight?

Regrettably, considerable resistance is being raised by our County officials to recharge on the grounds of cost. Another problem is raised by the multiplicity of jurisdictions governing water and other services. Each water district has its own regulations and charges. Each town has its own garbage disposal. What is needed is a unified, preferably bi-county, command covering sewage, water supply, garbage and land use, at the very least.

In these days of problems of growing urgency, we must be willing to spend some extra money (the cost would NOT be exorbitant) and give up some of our fragmented home rule, to arrive at satisfactory solutions. And it is up to organizations such as ours to keep pressure on our local officials to achieve this. It would be disastrous to simultaneously drown in a sea of garbage and dehydrate for lack of water.

I am very pleased to announce two new volunteers for our Chapter. Linda Schlottenhauser has graciously consented to represent South Shore on the Education Committee and Brian Tepper on the Effective Action Committee at the joint Nassau-Suffolk Audubon Chapters meetings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Easter and/or Passover. May the rites of spring remain with you all year round.

Albert Lemke
President

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Since many environmental bills with new numbers are being continually submitted in the new session of Congress, it might be worthwhile to summarize some of the more important bills in a condensed form. The order of the bills presented below, of course, has necessarily no significance to their importance. You may, therefore, use your discretion and write or call your Congressman concerning all these bills or just those you feel most concerned about. All bills listed are supported in principle by National Audubon. H.R. stands for House of Representatives and S. stands for Senate.

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Subject</u>
S. 502		Federal aid to highways. Support if Muskie's amendment to divert some of the monies to mass transit is included.
H.R. 3	Hays (Ohio)	Strip mining regulation. Prohibit coal strip-mining on slopes steeper than 20 degrees.
H.R. 1000	Hechler (W.Va.)	Phase out strip mining entirely.
S. 268	Jackson (Wash.)	Land use policy and planning assistance.
S. 424	Jackson (Wash.)	Public land protection. Protect much western public lands as natural resource lands and maintain environmental value.
H.R. 1876	Saylor (Penn.)	Repeal general mining law of 1872.
H.R. 38	Dingell (Mich.)	Reorganize predator control programs.
S. 819	Bayh (Indiana)	Predator control bill. Definitely favor in place of another predator control bill -#887.
H.R. 37	Dingell (Mich.)	Strengthen Federal Endangered Species Conservation Act.
H.R. 46	Haley (Florida)	Authorize acquisition of 500,000 acres in south Florida as Big Cypress National Fresh Water Reserve.
S. 316	Jackson (Wash.)	Protection of eastern national forests by inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.
H.R. 1758	Saylor (Penn.)	Very similar to S. 316 but in House of Rep.
H.R. 2420	Saylor (Penn.)	Schedules Wilderness Act studies for 29 eastern areas.
H.R. 567		Makes it a criminal offense to feed migratory game birds during, & for a 2-week period before, hunting season.

To help answer the thousands of daily inquiries made about the status of the 25,000 bills introduced in each Congress, the House has put into operation a computerized system of obtaining information on the status

Legislative Alert - continued

of legislation. If you know the number, author, or subject of a bill, a 'phone call will bring information on its legislative status in a matter of minutes.

Telephone: (202) 225-1772

Michael Smiles
Vice-President, Chairman Legislation

Oyster Bay-Rye Bridge - to repeal authorization for construction, write:

- 1 - Senator Walter Langley, Chairman, Corporations, Authorities and Public Utilities Committee, Capitol Building, Albany, N.Y. #12224 asking his support of S-1 (the Marino bill), and
- 2 - Assemblyman Robert Kelly, Chairman, Authorities and Commissions, Capitol Building, Albany, N.Y. #12224 asking his support of A-167 (the Landes bill).

Editor's note: Since receipt of the above information, it has been announced that the Department of the Interior has ruled that the bridge cannot be built because it goes over a wildlife refuge, the deed to which prohibits this ever. Further, however, Governor Rockefeller and other legislators plan to study ways to circumvent this ruling. Letters may still be in order.

Ex-County Executive of Suffolk County, H. Lee Dennison, has also said publicly on the radio that opposition will delay the bridge, and legislators sometimes have to work hard to overcome these delays, but that, eventually, they will succeed and the bridge will be built because "it is necessary".

State Senator Bernard C. Smith, who was the guest speaker at our September meeting, has just introduced a bill, together with Senator John R. Dunne, to prohibit the State and large localities from awarding public contracts to polluters. Senator Smith said the contract ban drew opposition from business lobbyists during a legislative hearing recently. It would be another step in the right direction for conservationists if this bill becomes law. Write to Senator Bernard C. Smith, Chairman, Conservation Committee, Capitol Building, Albany, N.Y. #12224, expressing your support of S.2768.

The companion bill in the Assembly is #4334. Contact Assemblyman Clarence D. Lane, Chairman, Environmental Conservation Committee, Capitol Building, Albany, N.Y. #12224, urging his support of A. 4334.

Remember: your letters DO COUNT!

Once the above bills are out of committee, letters to your own Assemblymen and Senators would certainly be helpful.

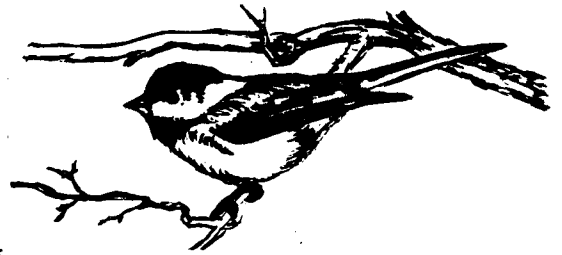
Fritzie Lemke

Complaints about air polluters may be telephoned to the Nassau County Bureau of Air Pollution Control, from 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. Monday through Friday. Telephone no. 535-3232.

FROM THE BIRDING FRONT:

Bird Walks -

*****All walks start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise stated. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is below 25 degrees*****



- April 1 --- John F. Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach) - off Ocean Parkway east of Jones Beach; bay side of parkway
- 8 --- West End Parking Field #2 - Jetty (Jones Beach)
- 15 --- Atlantic Beach - meet 9:30 A.M. on beach side of toll bridge
- 22 --- Easter Sunday - no walk
- 29 --- Jamaica Bay - Cross Bay Blvd., south of Belt Parkway
- May 6 --- Mill Neck (Oyster Bay)
- 13 --- Jamaica Bay - Cross Bay Blvd., south of Belt Parkway
- 20 --- John F. Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach) - off Ocean Parkway east of Jones Beach; bay side of parkway
- 27 --- Boat trip

Elliott Kutner
Chairman, Birding

HELP needed for the Mourning Dove! Pat Santora, who gave us such a vivid picture at our last meeting, of the Adirondack Preserve and the forces which threaten it, also wanted to bring to our attention the fact that legislation is again being introduced this year to put the Mourning Dove on the game bird list. This legislation is revived every year, and the reason put forth for its validity is that there are so many Mourning Doves and they multiply so rapidly. Pat reminded us that the same thing was said about the Passenger Pigeon. And we all know the fate of the Passenger Pigeon. More specifics on this when we get them.

Goose Watching --

According to a dispatch from the Department of Environmental Conservation, the first migrating geese from the Chesapeake Bay wintering area will be arriving in up-State New York momentarily. Their numbers will increase until the peak of over 100,000 in the Cayuga area alone. In another major concentration area - Oak Orchard, Iroquois and Tonawanda complex northwest of Batavia - some 200,000 more will arrive, making a total of more than 300,000 geese in the two areas. All this should occur sometime during the first 10 days of April. The geese will remain for a 3-4 week rest stop waiting for their snowbound nesting grounds near Hudson Bay to become habitable. By the end of April, all will be gone

Spring is the best time to see these geese because they are not pressed by the fall hunting season; and are consequently not as easily disturbed. In the early morning and at dusk, when they feed, they can be a truly impressive sight.

Jack Fisher

DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION



National Audubon Society Trips, Camps, and Field Studies:

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The Audubon Institute of Desert Ecology is conducting two field studies in Desert Ecology in Tucson, Arizona. The spring session will be held 2 consecutive weekends, May 4-6; and May 11-13. A summer session will run from August 4 - 12. Registration fee for each is \$50.00. Accommodations will be at the Tongue Verde Guest Ranch. Meals and lodging for the spring session are \$89.00 for each three-day session, or \$201.50 for ten days. The summer session price is \$168.00. The program includes daily field trips, slides and discussions in the evening.

There are also Audubon camps in Wyoming, Wisconsin, and Maine, each featuring four 12-day sessions at fees ranging from \$195. to \$250. per person. A one-week Ecology Workshop with nine sessions runs from late June through August. The all-inclusive (except transportation) fee is \$100.00.

Anyone interested should contact Audubon Camps, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York #10022; or call 212-832-3200. For the Africa trip, write National Audubon Society, Suite 1201, 20 E. 46th Street, New York, N.Y. #10017, or call 212-986-1500.



OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS

Summer volunteer work in a National Park or Forest is available to interested students over 18. Positions, under the supervision of professional personnel, vary from maintenance and visitor services to research. They are usually filled by the end of March, so write soon to the Student Conservation Association, Olympic View Drive, Route 1, Box #573A, Vashon, Washington #98070. The Association also sponsors High School Wilderness Groups for those between 16 and 18 years of age.

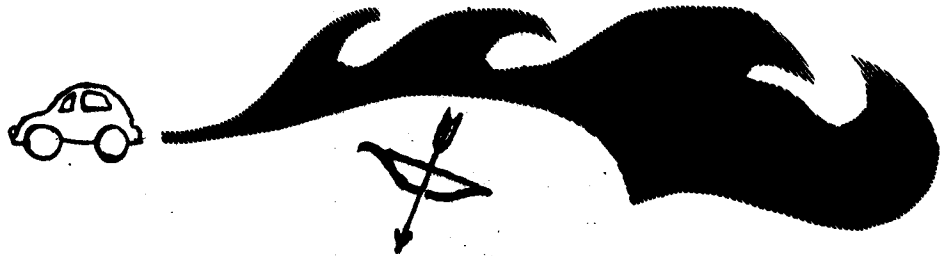
Reminder



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

If you have a change of address, please notify "South Shore" as well as National Audubon, so that we can keep our records up-to-date, and YOU on our Newsletter mailing list.

Pass our Newsletter on to someone else when you have finished with it - they might be interested in joining!



If you need transportation to meetings, call one of the following who lives nearest to you:

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Asa Starkweather	Malverne	LY 9-5824
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Is anyone willing and able to provide transportation? Call or write the Editor and your name will be added to the list.



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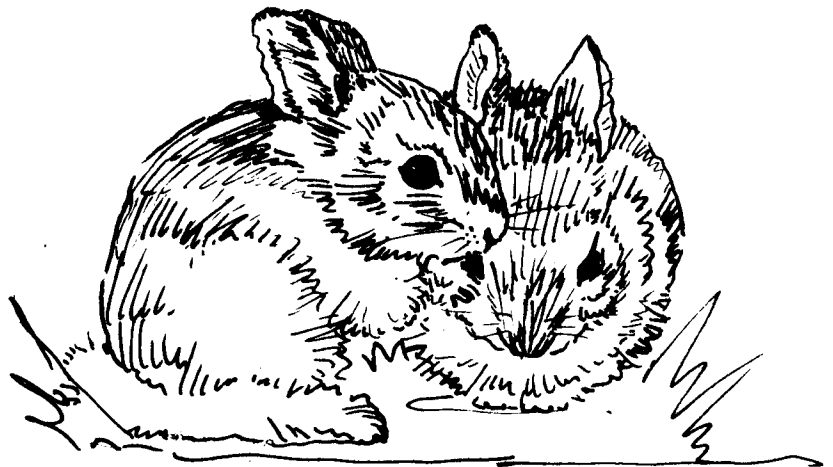
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