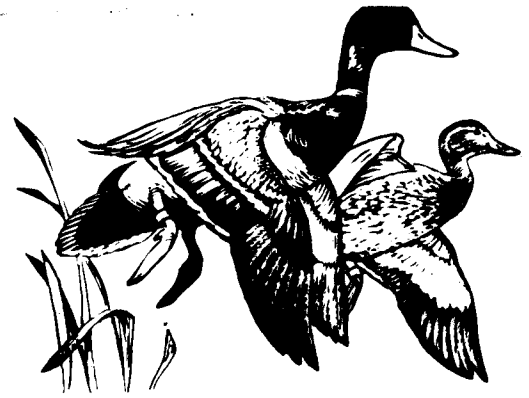


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING -- OCTOBER 9th

In October our program will go back to birds and Elliott Kutner will show his brand new moving pictures, entitled:

"My Most Exciting Moments - Notes from a Birdwatcher's Log".

This film program will include a hatching sequence of Glossy Ibis, a new family of Snowy Egret and Black-Crowned Night Heron, a feeding Scarlet Tanager, a fishing Pelican and twilight scenes of Pectoral Sandpipers, Snow Geese, and Snowy Owl.

It will be well worth seeing.

Our apologies to Mr. Gilbert Raynor whom we mistakenly announced as President of Moraine Audubon Chapter. He is President of Moriches Bay Audubon Chapter. And for those who missed that meeting, may we add that his extensive slide collection of mushrooms and fungi had really to be seen to be appreciated.



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

Alvin Friedman	- Oceanside	- RO 4-9069
Frank Bear	- Baldwin	- 223-2246
Asa Starkweather	- Malverne	- Ly.9-5824
Jack Fisher	- Oceanside	- RO 4-6529
Ray Ward	- Levittown	- PY 6-0115

If you are willing and able to provide transportation, call or write the Editor and your name will be added to the list.

DON'T FORGET THE FILM SERIES - STARTS OCT. 17th -see page #4

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A charge frequently leveled against environmentalists is that their attitude is primarily negative. They are supposedly always opposed to something, such as off-shore oil drilling, the Alaska pipeline, the Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge, etc., but seldom for anything. While this is a gross exaggeration - we have always supported sound planning and legislation - there is a considerable element of truth in this criticism.

National Audubon, recognizing this fact, has now come up with a plan for positive action to counteract the negative image. They call it "Awards for Industry", and it works as follows. Individual chapters periodically select some firm, business or industry which has done an exceptional job of protecting or enhancing the environment within the chapter's area. This firm would then be selected for an award. The awards will be prepared by National, at no cost to the chapter, but the presentation would be made by the chapter.

Every effort would be made to obtain as much publicity as possible for the award presentation, thus benefitting the business, the chapter, National Audubon and the cause of conservation in general.

Another advantage of the plan is that it would encourage industry to expend additional efforts to not only cut pollution but actually to improve their area. Too often a thoughtful, and often expensive, effort by a local businessman goes apparently unnoticed, discouraging further attempts in the future. A little recognition is thus not only deserved but may result in further improvement.

The plan has not yet been officially adopted. Each chapter was requested to state its reaction, and your Board of Directors has expressed unanimous approval. If the plan is finally put into action, it will be indicated in later newsletters. But it will require the cooperation of our entire membership to make it work. Anyone observing a deserving candidate should bring it to the attention of one of the officers or board members of South Shore Audubon for investigation and further action. A pat on the back is worth a thousand raps.

As Audubon members we are frequently asked about the care of young or injured birds. I myself received innumerable calls this summer from people who were attempting to save injured birds or fledglings who had apparently fallen from their nests. We now have two contacts who can give expert help. The A. and A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square, tel. GE: 7-7222, will provide free care for any wild bird. And Mrs. Arlene Thomas, author of "Bird Ambulance", will give advice - tel. (212) HO: 8-2330.

Al Lemke
President.

FILM SERIES COMING UP - October 17th

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-- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT --

Schedule of bird walks for the fall:

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

- OCTOBER
- 7 - Cedar Beach. South side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach and Gilgo.
 - 14 - J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach. Parking Field is north side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach.
 - 21 - West End Parking Field #2, Jones Beach. Meet northwest corner of field.
 - 28 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Off Cross Bay Blvd., west side, south of Belt Parkway.

- NOVEMBER
- 4 - Cedar Beach. Ocean Parkway east to parking field on ocean side of parkway.
 - 11 - Zachs Bay. Parking Field #4, Southeast corner.
 - 18 - Jones Beach, West End Parking Field #2, Southwest corner.
 - 25 - J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach. Parking field north side of Ocean Parkway, east of Jones Beach.

- DECEMBER
- 2 - Cedar Beach. Ocean Parkway east to parking field on ocean side of parkway.
 - 9 - Pelham Bay - Meet Throggs Neck Bridge Plaza after going through the toll booth, on extreme right hand lane. Meet 9:00 A.M.
 - 16 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. West side Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.

Elliott Kutner, Chairman

Comments on a vacation in Aruba - The island of Aruba is one of the few places I know that lives up to its press notices. It has deep soft beaches, magnificent coral reefs, quiet aqua waters for bathing and Aruba has birds! While vacationing there, I found ten birds native to the island and four migrants.

Aruba lies just fifteen miles off the Coast of South America. On September 8th I found a mixed flock of Ruddy Turnstones, Sanderling and Least Sandpiper feeding on the beach. Right offshore, feeding on schools of fish, I found a few of the locals - Pelicans hovering and diving and feeding, the ever-present Frigate Bird and Laughing Gull constantly intimidating the Pelican trying to force him to give up his catch. The palms along the beach are home to Mockingbird, Honeycreeper, Finch and Ground Doves. The Mocker does not have a repertoire quite as varied or sophisticated as our Northern bird. He has more of a song to sing. Honeycreepers, Finch and Ground Doves abound. They are everywhere, daring enough to feed on crumbs at our feet. -- Most of the birding has to be done in early morning. It is just too hot to do anything but sun and swim for the bulk of the day. -- On a trip to the reef we found Brown Boobies with Pelican fishing in the clean waters. On shore at the reef, Snowy Egret raced along fishing while overhead Least Tern and Common Tern patrolled in search of a meal. On our last morning, I had my most exciting moments. In amongst a flock of Honeycreepers, I saw a Louisiana Waterthrush!

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DON'T FORGET THE FILM SERIES - first program October 17th - see page #4



NATIONAL AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES

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- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973 - "Design For Survival"
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- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1973 - "Mule Deer Country"
presented by Lyle K. Moss.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1974 - "Scandinavian Saga"
presented by John D. Bulger.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1974 - "The Living Jungle"
presented by Greg McMillan.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1974 - "Downstream"
presented by Howard P. Boyd.

--at--

Bayview Avenue School
Bayview Avenue and Merrick Road
Freeport, New York.

Tickets - \$6.00 for the series of five films. Send check or money order payable to South Shore Audubon Society, Inc., to:

Alvin Friedman
3275 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, N.Y. #11572
Telephone: RO 4-9069

We have limited seating. If you have not purchased your tickets, please do so NOW. There are adequate parking facilities in the rear of the school.

PLEASE NOTE: In spite of announcement to contrary at our last meeting, the Freeport Schools have re-confirmed their committment to us and film series will be held at the Bayview Ave. School as originally stated.

ALSO: Nosingle tickets will be sold at the door - series tickets only.

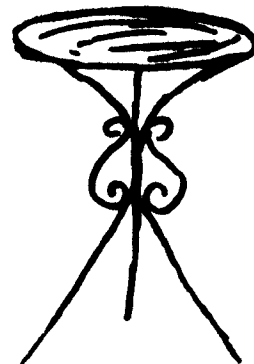
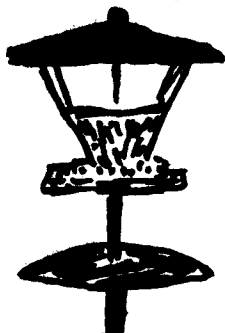
Comments on a vacation in Aruba - cont. from page #3.

We know about the miracle of time and distance and direction that is migration; but it isn't until we are thousands of miles from home, along that very path, that we really begin to understand the true dimensions of that miracle expressed in the life of our neighbors and friends - the birds!

Elliott Kutner

That time is here again - bird feeding time.

October is already time to think about winter feeding of birds. Whether you start your program early or late, it is not too early to take stock of your equipment. When fall comes, can winter be far behind? And don't forget the water. Equally as important as food and harder to come by in freezing weather. And one reminder - once you start on a feeding program, you must continue faithfully until spring. Once the birds discover you as a provider, they depend on it all winter.



CONTRIBUTIONS from our MEMBERS:

"World of Birds" - Bronx Park and Zoo: Ruth Grossman recently visited the relatively new exhibit of birds at Bronx Park; and came away with enough enthusiasm to want to share her experience with the rest of us. Her only reservation-visit on a weekday, if possible. There are fewer people.

Entitled Lila Acheson Wallace "World of Birds", this fascinating place is housed in all-new buildings, modern in design and arranged with lovely surroundings and ease of movement so that the visitor goes gradually and unawares from one exhibit to another. The visitor can learn many facts about breeding, feeding, habits, nests, etc. - or, just look and enjoy. The birds are from this country and all parts of the world, many flying free with no glass barriers. The colors of the birds, as Ruth puts it, are unbelievable, ranging the gamut of emerald green, royal blue, yellow, orange and flamingo scarlet. The tropical jungle of South America towers above you as you walk through a ramp and see, high above your head, a small bird nestling in a yellow flower by a towering waterfall; while, way down below is a sluggish stream with more birds half hidden in the lush foliage. At 2:00 P.M. each day there is a thunderstorm!

PEREGRINE FALCONS - And Marge Fisaker sends us this newspaper account of success in breeding in captivity the endangered Peregrine Falcon. Dr. Tom J. Cade, Professor of Ornithology in the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences of Cornell, has finally succeeded in breeding falcons in captivity. This means only, explains Dr. Cade, that falcons will breed in captivity, and that it is practical to do so. However, the task of how to re-introduce these birds into the wilderness still remains and much research will be needed in this area. This research is expected to start in the spring, but Dr. Cade estimates that it may take up to 10 years before we can hopefully consider that these birds can successfully restored to their original numbers.

In an item sent in by Marge Fischer we are told of 25 Golden Eagles which are being cared for on a vacated horse ranch in the San Fernando Valley in California. These birds have all been stolen from their nests as babies by would-be falconers or pet-seekers; and later abandoned. If returned to the wild at this point, all would starve. They don't know how to hunt and some have never even flown, both skills which take the parent bird 9 months to teach.

Bird lovers, conservationists and the State Fish and Game authorities have converted the ranch into a "bird of prey rehabilitation Clinic", an attempt, financed by donations, to return predatory birds safely to the wilds. The game warden supervising the project said that they were getting so many birds, something had to be done. The zoos just could not take any more.

It's not all a success story. 22 of these birds have unsuccessfully been returned to the wild and each has its sad story.

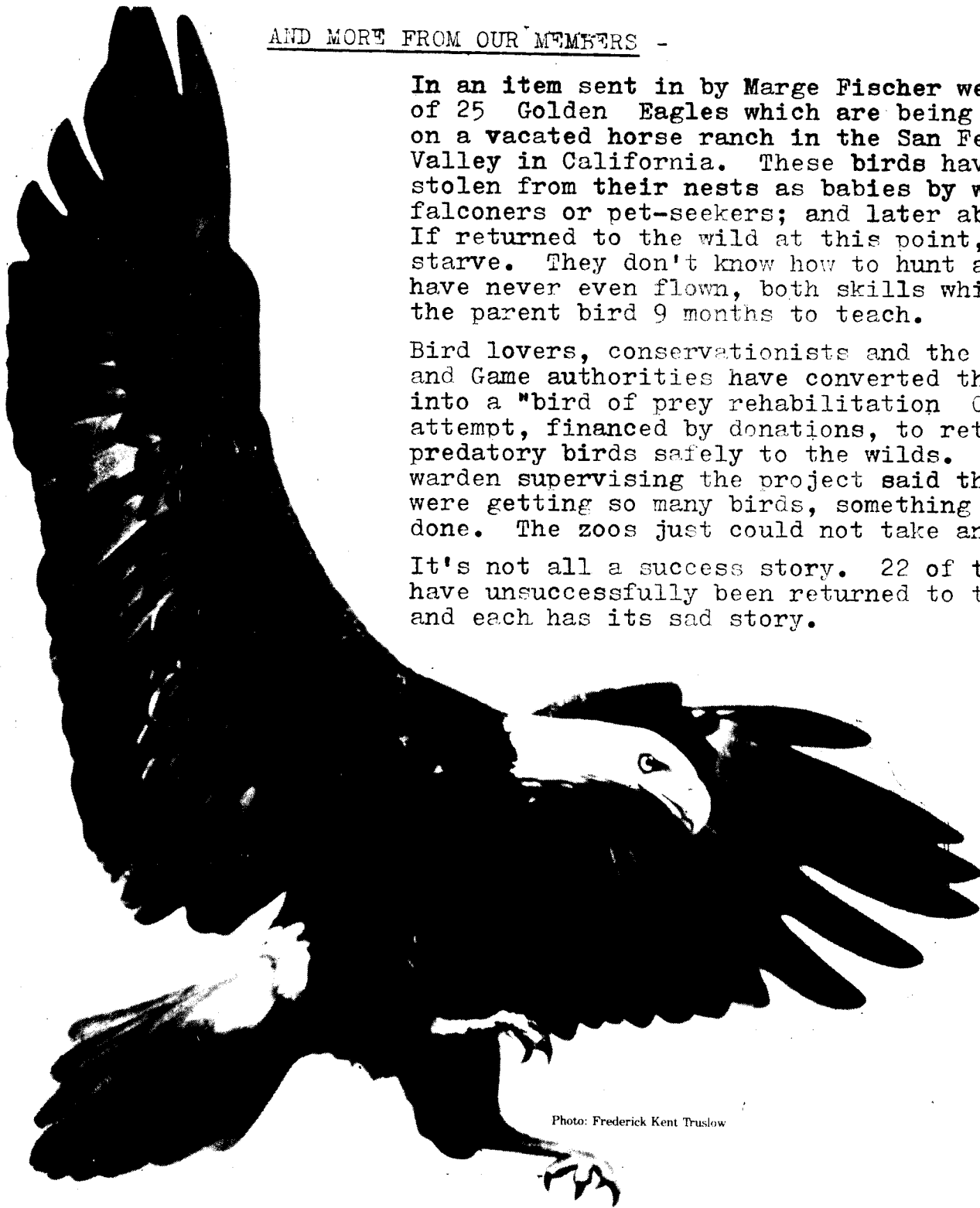


Photo: Frederick Kent Truslow

One Red-tailed Hawk even chased a man down the Pacific Coast Highway and tried to perch on his arm, apparently thinking he was his former master, the only source of food he knew.

The ranch is staffed by two young volunteers, Steve Hoddy, 22, and Donald Trimmer, 18, both of Los Angeles who are currently sleeping in a tiny camper while they are renovating the broken down ranch house. By a graduated series of techniques, these two devoted young men are attempting to be parent substitutes and teach each bird the art of living in the wild before releasing it.

Perhaps there are increasing numbers of people who care!



--- HELP WANTED - PAINTERS ---

- ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY -

Now that we are part of the Directorship of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, we also share the responsibilities. One of the first things to be done is to paint the house. This is an old house of the Revolutionary era. It is located at #3 Cove Road, Oyster Bay. Paint and equipment is all supplied. All needed is the manpower.

Dates: Starting October 20th and every Saturday thereafter which is fair until the job is completed.

Directions: Go to Main St., Oyster Bay. Right on Main St. (east) and continue to Cove Road which is quite a distance out of town. Look for a parking lot saying "Theodore Roosevelt grave". The sanctuary is right next door.

This can be fun; a chance to meet members of other chapters sharing our job; and an opportunity to see the sanctuary and it's condition. If you wish further details, call Asa Starkweather, Ly.9-5824.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS -

--The fall issue of WETLANDS has an article by Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., Conservation Chairman, Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., entitled "Days on Paumanok" which gives a vivid account of the movement of various hawks and even osprey. The article is accompanied by a full page drawing of a Marsh Hawk by Laura Ann Zaines, a Farmingdale High School student.

Max Wheat is, of course, well known to South Shore as one of our own members.

--A second article in WETLANDS is an in-depth interview on the whys and wherefors of nature study, with Barbara Conolly and Shirley Mellum, 2 North Shore Long Island birders and ecology teachers at Planting Fields.

--WETLANDS, a new quarterly publication, can be secured by sending a \$2.00 check to WETLANDS, Box #252, West Islip, N.Y. #11795, for a year's subscription.--

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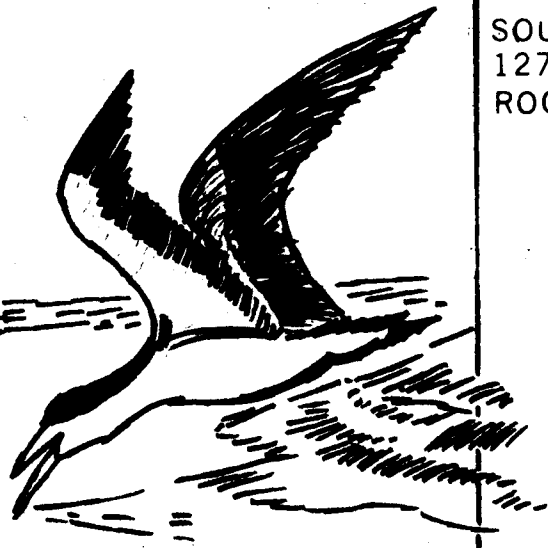
NEWS DEADLINE --- OCTOBER 10th - And what about comments, suggestions, or articles? We can't always promise to use them, but we would like items to consider for the current or succeeding issues.

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--OCTOBER MEETING--
Tuesday, October 9th
Freeport Library
8:15 P.M.



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