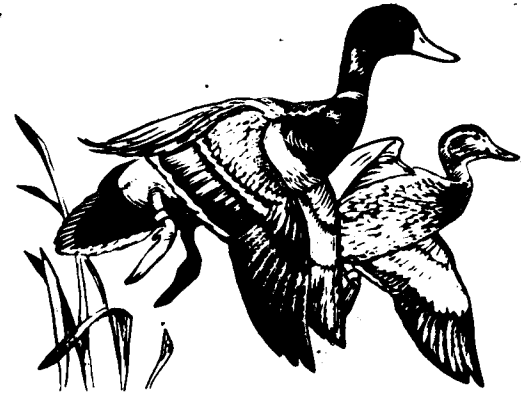


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING -- MARCH 12th

This month our meeting date goes back to its usual second Tuesday - March 12th. James Morriss, a teacher in the Levittown Public Schools, will talk on "The Mystery of Migration".

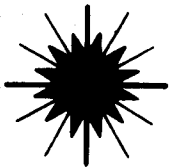
Board meeting will be on March 5th, a week before meeting night, as usual.

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Our next wildlife film will be March 19th - "The Living Jungle" by Greg McMillan. That is a Tuesday night and this is the next to the last film. Don't miss it.

Nobody needs to be reminded of the hapless cancellation of our last film, Scandinavian Saga, because of the snow and sleet storm. At this writing, it is not known whether or not an effort will be or can be made to arrange a "rain check".

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ART AND CRAFT SHOW: Good News! We can now say definitely that we will have the show. It will be on May 19th, from 12 to 5 at the Calvary Temple, 625 Joy Blvd., Baldwin. We want to thank Wendy Zeh whose efforts have secured this hall for us. Now that we have secured the hall and date, we look forward to our members coming forward and calling us to arrange to enter exhibits. There will be no charge for display; and no admission fee. So - let's make it a success!

For those individuals who might want to offer their displays for sale, arrangements will be made whereby a small donation to South Shore Audubon will be accepted.

So - once again - please get in touch with us as soon as possible. Exhibit space is limited.

Marge and Jack Fischer,
Chairmen - RO.4-6529

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 11, 1974

The following is copied from the article written for "The Killdeer", the newsletter of Huntington Audubon Society, by their highly effective conservation editor, Jack Combes:

"Approval of construction of the Alaska Pipeline is taken by some as a further indication that no improvement can be noted in the usual careless, gluttonous consumption of our resources. However, this may not be entirely correct. A close examination of the construction, operation and maintenance procedures of the project, as they affect the environment, shows we are beginning to take our medicine to effect a cure of our environmental problems and I would say the environmentalists have been the doctors.

"I've obtained from the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the constructors and operators of the line a complete project description of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. It provides complete information on the precautions being taken to minimize and prevent, where possible, the environmental damage resulting from such a project. Every environmental precaution I could think of or have heard of, short of not constructing the line, is being taken. In the past any of these would have been purely coincidental results of the primary considerations of economy, efficiency and engineering design based upon those factors plus the desire to minimize the loss of valuable oil. The next step is to make sure the oil is used economically, effectively, and not wastefully within the United States and not exported.

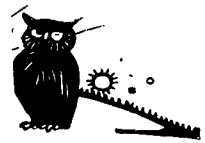
"Another indication of improvement, obviously caused by the energy crisis, is Congress' apparent willingness to provide funds to expand Amtrak, plus the public's willingness to use the trains. The discouraging part is that this willingness was forced by the energy crisis, and did not come about by voluntary means - which might have averted the crisis."

There is further evidence that we environmentalists have accomplished a good deal and can accomplish even more. Keep the pressure on and those letters flowing and victory will be ours, perhaps even with the help of the energy crisis.

On February 11th the Environmental Protection Agency conducted hearings in New York City on whether to permit New York to continue dumping sludge in the harbor. I wrote requesting a halt in the practice, at least until it can definitely be established that our beaches are not threatened thereby. Although the hearing is over, letters to Administrator Russell Train, E.P.A., Washington, D.C. #20460, will still help.

I also telegraphed and wrote Interior Secretary Morton urging him to stand fast on the predator poison ban. What is really needed, though, is a law banning #1080, cyanide guns and other poisons, so as to remove it from the changeable whims of changing presidents and interior secretaries. Write Senators Javits and Buckley (Senate Office Building, Washing, D.C. #20510) and your representative (House Office Building, Washington, D.C. #20515) expressing your desire for a strong bill outlawing these various poisons.

Al Lemke, President



Twenty-one western senators have met with Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton trying to pressure him to amend or rescind the executive order banning predator poisons on public lands. All Audubon members are urged to write or wire Secretary Morton, Washington, C.D. #20240, expressing your support for continuation of the predator poison ban; also, send a copy to Russell F. Train, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (D.C. #20460). The EPA's initial proposal to permit the "experimental" use of cyanide on private land in the Western States could lead to disaster. The plan has no real provisions for monitoring and appears to be simply an operational program dressed up as an experiment. Audubon has made strenuous objections, and EPA is now supposed to be re-writing the program. Meanwhile, the wool growers still are not satisfied, and are insisting they must have poisons on public lands, too. Your individual help is needed!

A year ago, the House appointed a Select Committee on Committees to study how Congress could perform more efficiently. One point in the Committee's draft proposal has caused dismay to conservationists. It is proposed that jurisdiction for parks, wilderness, public lands, wildlife and fisheries be transferred to the Committee on Agriculture which in the past has been unsympathetic if not hostile to environmental concerns. This is the committee that, among other things, is pushing for an overturn of the ban on use of DDT. Audubon strongly questions this change in jurisdiction over such a vast array of subjects which often conflict with agricultural interests. You are urged to write the chairman of the Committee on Committees expressing this viewpoint. The chairman is Rep. Richard Bolling, Washington, D. C. #20515.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare is debating whether to merge the Environmental Education Act into the general Elementary and Secondary Education Act, where environmentalists fear it could get lost in the shuffle. Meanwhile, separate legislation to extend the EEA, #S. 1647, deserves your support. Let Senators Buckley, and Javitts know this.

Mike Smiles,
Chairman, Legislation, Conservation

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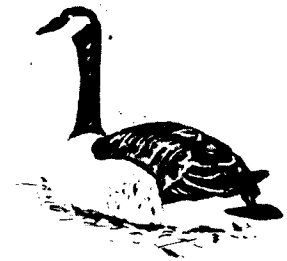
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary:

The last regularly scheduled winter walk will be held on the sanctuary grounds on Sunday, March 3, at 1:30 P.M.

As many of you may know, our chapter is one of four cooperating chapters involved in the management of the T. Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay. As the good weather fast approaches, we will be getting into high gear in the development of the sanctuary. To do this, we will be needing volunteers for various duties involving sanctuary activities. This volunteer work is needed for a variety of functions ranging from clerical duty to physical labor, to committee work. If anyone is willing to volunteer for any type of work, would he or she please contact Mike Smiles (293-7225). Your name will be placed on a list and you will be contacted when needed. Immediate help is needed in clerical and filing duties.

Mike Smiles, Chairman

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-- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT --

Bird Walk Schedules -

-- All walks start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.
For further information, call the birding chairman, Elliott Kutner - IV 6-7667. --

- March -- 3rd - Short Beach, Jones Beach. Park near the Coast Guard Station.
- 10th - J.F.K. Sanctuary (Tobay Beach), Jones Beach.
- 17th - Jones Beach, West End Parking Field #2
- 24th - Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, No. East corner.
- 31st - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach), Jones Beach.

- April -- 7th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.
- 14th - Short Beach, Jones Beach. Park near Coast Guard Station.
- 21st - West End, Jones Beach. Parking Field #2.
- 28th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.

- May -- 5th - J.F.K.Sanctuary (Tobay Beach), Jones Beach.
- 12th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.
- 19th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.
- 26th - West End, Jones Beach. Parking Field #2.

Elliott Kutner,
Chairman, Birding

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Birds Profit From High Grain Price: Not everyone is losing out from today's high price of grain. Wild birds, including game species like pheasants and crows, may have more to eat than ever. DEC reports that during the past year many fields in New York State that had lain fallow for as long as 20 years were plowed and used to raise grain. The waste grain, especially corn left standing in the fields during the winter, will provide a valuable source of wildlife food.

From The N.Y.S. Conservationist



BACKYARD BIRDING:-

Notes from members

In response to the suggestion in last months newsletter, several members have 'phones to report what they have seen in their backyards; and in other experiences.

Mrs. John Schuldes, Baldwin



- Snowy Owl on her TV antenna - the most exciting. And it waited around for Alvin Friedman to take its picture!
- Monk Parakeet - 2 daily at her feeder. In spite of efforts to control them, there are still some around.

Mrs. A. C. Jensen, Bellmore

- Short-eared owls, Sparrow Hawks, Red-winged Blackbirds, and others. The Jensen's have their yard fenced in and planted for birds, so they do attract a variety, especially during migration.

And Ruth Grossman writes about her recent visit to Arizona where she saw a Phainopepla. She writes that she "recently visited for two weeks in Cave Creek, Arizona. This is near Phoenix in the foothills of the desert with an elevation of 2,000 ft. Surrounded by mountain ranges, cactus of many varieties, each with piercing thorns that draw blood (I could never figure out how Cactus Wrens could sit so comfortably on top of a huge saguaro!) I took long walks every day and saw a most "uncommon" bird. Silhouetted against the brilliant blue sky on a high branch of an ironwood tree, was a lovely black bird with a crest, and a long tail. I watched it for a few minutes without binoculars, and upon returning home, looked in my "Birds of North America" and discovered it was a male Phainopepla. It was described as "uncommon" except in arid scrub in Arizona. After that we saw him twice again and once through binoculars. The crest is feathery, gleaming like satin in the sun. Its Greek name, most appropriately, means "shining robe".



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This is the Clyde E. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary situated atop the bluffs of the Kentucky River in northwest Woodford County. It is comprised of 285 acres of wooded hill country and open fields. It abounds in native plants and wildlife and is intended to preserve the natural environment and serve as a center for nature study. There is ample opportunity to watch birds feed in the natural surroundings at the Marion E. Lindsey Birdwatching House. This is an all-weather, glass-enclosed observation building.

There is a collection of prints by such naturalist and wildlife artists as Ray Harm, Coheleach, Eckelberry and Ruthven.

Contributed by Marge Fischer -
from a newspaper clipping -



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HAWK MIGRATION CONFERENCE: National Audubon is sponsoring a Hawk Migration Conference, in Syracuse, New York, the week-end of April 18-21. An impressive list of speakers, and workshops is scheduled, together with field trips, of course.

This conference is co-sponsored with the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association; and the host group is the Onondage Audubon Society. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, north of Syracuse, just off the New York State Thruway and Interstate #81. Accommodations will cost \$15.00, single, and \$23.00, double occupancy, per night; with meals costing from \$3.00 to \$7.00. Also, a list is being compiled by the host chapter of camping-out, sleeping-bag possibilities in the area. Registration fee is \$3.00 per person.

We have a flier (limited) and reservation form (which Al Lemke has) or, the host committee is: North American Hawk Migration Conference, Dorothy W. Crumb, Chairman, 3983 Gates Road North, Jamesville, New York #13078.

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"NO TRESPASSING

by motorcycles and snowmobiles will be allowed on private lands in Massachusetts under a new law just about to go into effect. How about New York State?"

Adapted from Scarsdale AS via
The Killdeer



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FOR SALE: By the State Department of Environmental Conservation

The State Department of Environmental Conservation is again offering low-priced seedling trees and shrubs for spring planting. Purchasers of these trees and shrubs must have at least one acre of land; and the trees and shrubs cannot be used for ornamental purposes. They are for use as windbreaks, prevention or control of soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat, produce future forest crops like Christmas trees, or to improve scenic beauty.

However, for homeowners with less than one acre of land, the Department is offering the wildlife habitat improvement packet. This consists of 100 shrub and tree seedlings, and are available in either inland or shore varieties. Price is \$6.00 plus shipping.

For information and order blanks, write: D.W.Weller, Associate Forester, Department of Environmental Conservation, R.D. #2, Route #44, Millbrook, N.Y. #12545. A self-addressed stamped envelope will speed a reply.

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-- USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS --

HELP..... HELP..... HELP..... and/or advice for injured birds:

A. & A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square -
Tel. GE.7-2222. Free care for any wild bird.

Mrs. Arlene Thomas, author of "Bird Ambulance", at 212-HO.8-2330.

BIRD ALERT - 212-832-6523 for an up-to-the-minute taped message.

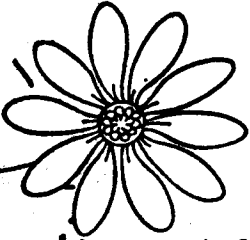
AIR POLLUTION? To report complaints, call 535-3232, Mondays through
Fridays, 9:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. - Nassau County Bureau of Air Pollution.

CONGRESSMEN?

Representatives: Norman Lent; Anthony Roncallo; J. Grover; John Wydler;
and L. Wolff.
Address: Honorable _____
House Office Buildings, Washington, D.C.#20515

Senators: Jacob Javits, James Buckley
Address: Senator _____
Senate Office Buildings, Washington, D.C.#20510

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And, as of March, we have a new Membership Chairman. Dorothy
Lovering has agreed to take over.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

--MARCH MEETING--
Tuesday, March 12th
Freeport Library - 8:15 PM

