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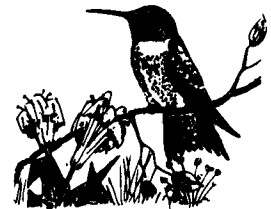


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1975
TIME: 8:15 P.M.
PLACE: Freeport Library
PROGRAM: Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary



Mr. Alan Ruppert, Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay will present a slide show on the history and activities of the T.R. Sanctuary. There will also be audience participation activities to further demonstrate the work being done at the Sanctuary. Our chapter is one of the cooperating L.I. chapters helping to "manage" the Sanctuary. Come out and see what you are helping to support.

Board Meeting will be held on October 7th.

SPECIAL EVENT AT T.R. SANCTUARY

On Sunday, October 12, at 1:30 p.m. an Autumn Woods Walk will be conducted by local naturalists at the T.R. Sanctuary. This is just one of the many interesting and enjoyable activities planned for the coming year. Why not come out and enjoy the beautiful scenery and crisp autumn air?

AUDUBON WORKSHOP

The Board of Directors of South Shore Audubon is offering its second annual scholarship to the Audubon Workshop in Maine. If anyone would like to be considered for this scholarship, please write explaining how this experience could help you further spread the ecological theme. Anyone 18 years and older as of June 1976 is eligible. Write to:

Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 31
Freeport, New York 11520



One of our members, Marge Fisher, is giving a workshop on making apple dolls at the Oceanside Library, Oct. 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is free and anyone interested is cordially invited. For more info. call RO 4-6529.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Many people still ask me if letters to Congress really do any good or is it really an exercise in futility? I have said before and would like to say again --- letters, telephone calls, and telegrams to members of Congress and other governmental agencies DO have an effect. This cannot be overemphasized.

Sometimes, a relatively small number of letters on an issue can have a strong impact. Your letters help shape any future stand our government representatives may take on an issue. These people often need to know that their position is justified by the sentiment of constituents. Very often, they may want to do what is right environmentally, but do not hear from environmentally concerned constituents. Thus, they cannot justify their stand as representing public attitude.

Some people have said they do not know what to write and, therefore, are afraid to write. Actually, writing to Congress or any governmental agency is plain common sense. Below is a checklist that might be helpful in making sure your letters are heeded in Washington, Albany or in your own district.

1. Identify the subject clearly, including the bill number, if known.
2. State what you want him to do about it and why you want him to do it.
3. State who you are and why you are concerned.
4. Be brief. One side of a typewritten page should be absolute maximum.
5. If possible, suggest an alternative to any course you may oppose.
6. An occasional follow-up letter of thanks or mild displeasure will establish you as a careful Congress watcher in their offices.
7. Individually signed letters have a far greater impact than a multitude of signatures on a petition.
8. Never threaten. A Congressman is not impressed by outright threats that you will not vote for him.
9. When time is short before a vote, telegrams are often necessary. Western Union offers public opinion telegrams to elected officials at \$2 for 15 words. The toll free number for this service in the L.I. area is 800-257-2211.

Please do not stop writing letters. One of the primary functions of any conservation organization like ours is to let government officials know how we feel on issues that affect our lives. If this is not done, we are losing a valuable structure of our organization. We must depend on you to fulfill this duty. National Audubon is now establishing a Letterwriting Hotline among its members. If you did not volunteer for this at the last meeting and would promise to write letters when National calls about an important issue, you may send me your name, address, and telephone number and I will forward them to National.

On the following page is a list of congressmen and senators representing us in Washington.



Mike Smiles, President

WRITE TO:

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

SENATE (6 years, \$42,500)

Senator Jacob Javits (R) (212) 867-7777
Senator James L. Buckley (C) (212) 697-3000

ADDRESS:

Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (2 years, \$42,500)

3rd C.D. Jerome A. Ambro, Jr. (D) (516) 364-2177
4th C.D. Norman F. Lent (R) (516) 223-1616
5th C.D. John W. Wydler (R) (516) 248-7676

ADDRESS:

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

BIRD WALKS 1975-76



FIELD TRIPS: The starting time for all bird walks is 9:30 A.M.
There is no walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.

- OCT. 5 - West End, Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
- 12 - Tobay - J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 19 - Short Beach - West End, Parking Field #2, N.E. corner.
- 26 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- NOV. 2 - Zach's Bay - Parking Field #4, N.E. corner.
- 9 - West End, Parking Field #2, N.E. corner.
- 16 - Tobay - J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 23 - West End, Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
- 30 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- DEC. 7 - Pelham Bay - Meet at Throg's Neck Toll Plaza at 9:00 A.M.
- 14 - West End Parking Field #2, N.E. corner.
- 21 - Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner.
- 28 - Tobay - J.F.K. Sanctuary
- JAN. 4 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 11 - West End #2, N.W. corner.
- 18 - Parking Field #4, N.E. corner.
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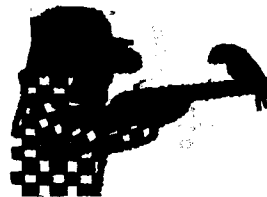


If you are interested in knowing more about the plants which grow at Jones Beach, join me on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jones Beach Parking Lot #4, Northeast corner. The plants in this area are varied and numerous so mark OCT. 11 on your calendar. See you then!



Linda Schlotterhausen
Education Chairman

CONSERVATION NEWS



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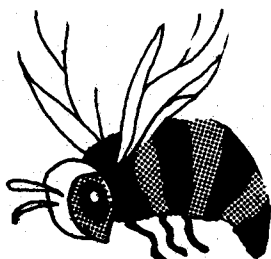
Somewhere in our upper atmosphere, some 6 to 30 miles above the earth's surface, ultraviolet light from the sun comes into contact with plant produced oxygen molecules O_2 . Energy from the ultraviolet light splits the O_2 molecule into two separate oxygen atoms which are unstable and combine rapidly with surrounding O_2 molecules to form ozone O_3 . Of course it doesn't happen quite that easily or we would all be breathing ozone instead of oxygen. Yet under the proper conditions this is the basic chain of events in ozone production. Ozone in turn has the unique ability to absorb large quantities of ultraviolet light, thus preventing the majority of these harmful rays from reaching the earth's surface, or for that matter, from ever producing more ozone. So life on earth is protected by an ozone layer some 20 miles in width laying 10 to 30 miles off the earth's surface. The term, layer, should be taken loosely because, at its most dense point, ozone is never found in quantities greater than 5 parts per million. If all the ozone in that 20 mile area were compressed into a solid blanket, it would only measure some 2 to 3 centimeters across.

The small amount of ozone in the atmosphere is far out of proportion to its effect on life as we know it. Ultraviolet rays, which are responsible for sun tans and burns, are in large quantities highly biologically destructive. The rays are capable of causing mutations through their ability to cause gene damage and mixup. They are also capable of forming peroxides as they pass through cellular cytoplasm and these peroxides have long been known for their carcinogenic nature. It has recently been estimated that a 10% reduction in ozone would lead to decreased crop yields and a 20% increase in skin cancer. Through its absorption of ultraviolet light, ozone keeps the upper atmosphere at a high temperature, thus controlling weather conditions on the earth's surface. A loss of O_3 could bring about major climatic changes and all the problems that go with it. More on ozone and its problems and solutions next month.

PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT OF 1972

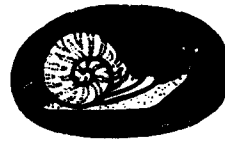
The Environmental Protection Agency is asking Audubon to help in defeating and warding off amendments to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (Also known as the Pesticide Control Act of 1972). The amendments are being offered by the House Committee on Agriculture and can undermine the act to a point of virtual uselessness. It was under this act that EPA was successful in banning such agents as DDT, Aldrin and Dieldrin.

Most of these amendments will, in the next few weeks, pass through committee to the floor of the House. It is important that we let our congressmen as well as agriculture committee members know our feelings on the issues. Below are the names of local congressmen serving on the House Agriculture Committee.



Frederick Richmond (Brooklyn) 1533 Longworth Bldg.
Matthew McHugh (Ithica) 1204 Longworth Bldg.
Peter A. Peyser (Irvington) 1133 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Paul Butkerei, Conservation



AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BY-LAWS

The South Shore Audubon Society is now in its sixth season. Our membership has grown greatly and we now have a substantial core of people who regularly attend meetings. However, our Board of Directors is still by and large composed of the original cadre.

It is essential to get more people involved in management, and the frequent infusion of new talent prevents the stagnation that inevitably results from the continuation in office, for an indefinite period, of the same people, regardless of how competent they may be.

The staggered expiration of directors' terms would assure continuity and an orderly progression of leadership.

It is therefore suggested that the by-laws be amended in the following manner:

"No director shall serve more than one (1) consecutive term. An officer, on the expiration of his (her) regular term, shall be eligible to serve one (1) term as a director, and a director, at the expiration of his (her) regular term, shall be eligible to serve as an officer. However, no person who has served, in succession, a term as an officer and a term as a director, shall be eligible to serve as either an officer or a director for a period of two (2) years from the expiration of his (her) last term of office, except that the vice president, regardless of prior service, shall be eligible to serve two (2) years as president, and any other officer, regardless of prior service, shall be eligible to serve two (2) years as vice president.

Anyone serving in any capacity at the adoption of this section shall be eligible to complete his (her) term of office."

Director's terms are three years - officer's two.

This amendment was adopted by your Board at the September 2 meeting. Our by-laws require approval of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting; a vote will be taken at the October 14 meeting.

Al Lemke



Marge Fisher

FUNNY FOOTNOTES

We have squirrels, as who doesn't, and their amusing antics outweigh their deprecations. They have taken over our 16 apt. Martin house and proceeded to raise a family. For some reason all her own, mother squirrel decided to move, and we watched her make repeated trips down the tree trunk, tight-rope along the fence, and disappear into the trees, each time with a kit in her mouth. About a week later, I was awakened by a racket outside my window. She was back and trying to move in again. But since she had moved out, the kits had grown and couldn't fit through the hole while held cross-wise in her mouth. Well, she pushed, and the kit squealed, and the harder she pushed, the louder he squealed. She circled the house, hanging Tarzan-like by her back legs, swinging from hole to hole with the kit in her mouth. At each of the 16 holes she tried to push her kit in and he squawked and squealed and wouldn't go. Finally she gave up and departed into the trees.

--NEXT MEETING--
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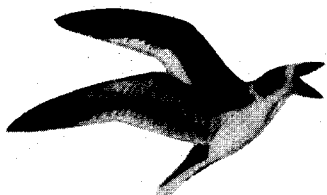


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