

SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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OCTOBER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
FREEPORT LIBRARY
8:15 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Bill Kalodnicki,
Assistant Director and
Naturalist - Theodore
Roosevelt Sanctuary

Mr. Kalodnicki's continuing study of the nesting tern colony at Eaton's Neck will be the subject of our program. Nesting behavior and the effects of environmental habitat, including climate, tides and man's impact, are being closely followed in his research. Another important aspect of this project is the study of birth defects in the colony.

In his position at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, Mr. Kalodnicki brings programs concerning wildlife and conservation to numerous Long Island schools. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Audubon Society.

Please join us for an exciting and informative show.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee will meet each month, one hour before regular meetings (7:15 P.M.), to discuss new ways to bring Audubon programs into all our school systems. Co-chairpersons Elaine Butkereiit and Gloria Cohen invite anyone interested in joining to attend the next meeting on October 9.

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REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR COFFEE CUP
TO THE MEETING!
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BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY NOVEMBER 3

Our first seed sale will be held on Saturday, November 3, 9 A.M. through 3:30 P.M., at the Tackapausha Museum. All profits from the seed sale will be donated to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.

Seed can be pre-ordered (see form on page 5) or purchased at the sale.

Volunteers will be needed on the sale day. If you are interested in assisting us with this event, please call 623-0843 or 593-4554.

The Tackapausha Museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford, just north of Merrick Road and about 1/4 mile south of Sunrise Highway.

Also available at the sale, at discount prices, will be bird feeders, the soft cover edition of Birds of North America, and Bushnell binoculars. The profits from these items will benefit South Shore Audubon programs.

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DANGER - PHRAGMITES!!!!

Birding Chairman Elliot Kutner has reported a very disturbing situation at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. The lower gardens are not being adequately maintained and are being overgrown by phragmites.

Immediate cutting is needed to preserve the ecology of the area!

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OPINION

Sale of Leg Hold Traps

I was shopping recently at the Woolco Department Store in Jericho on Route 107, behind the Milleridge Inn. While looking for camping equipment, I noticed several baskets full of various sized leg hold traps. I questioned the salesman about the rules governing the sale of these traps. His answer was, "I do not know the laws on trapping or how to get a license, but I do know it is legal for us to sell them from the counter." I then asked him if anyone could buy these items. His answer was, "Yes, as long as he is eighteen or over."

I find it hard to believe that, in an area like Long Island, anyone can buy these traps. A person with no training or knowledge can go into a store and buy these dangerous items. There are many places in this area to set these traps that are used by domestic animals and people. These traps could easily catch something besides a wild animal.

Concerning the age requirement for the purchase of traps, I wish to point out that there is a similar law regarding the purchase of alcohol in New York State. This law has stopped few under-aged kids from getting alcohol. If they want it they can get it. They can, undoubtedly, do the same with leg hold traps.

If the traps cannot be banned, we can at least expect to have strict controls placed on their purchase. We should require that only qualified, licensed adults be able to buy these traps. They should be kept out of the hands of some thrill-seeker looking for fun at the expense of an animal and away from the angry individual carrying on a vendetta against a neighbor's pet.

While the Woolco store is acting within the law on these sales, what is its moral responsibility? Doesn't the company have a duty to the community in which it does business? Isn't it at least partly responsible if a child gets hurt? Shouldn't we expect more protection for our children, our pets and ourselves from our state government?

Thomas M. Torma

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM/LECTURE SERIES

In cooperation with the South Shore Audubon Society, the Town of Hempstead will continue its informative Audubon Wildlife Film/Lecture Series. The following programs will be presented this season at the Town Hall Pavillion in Hempstead:

Wednesday, October 3

Charles T. Hotchkiss - "Land of the Rio Grande"

Wednesday, November 7

Walter Berlet - "American Heartlands"

Thursday, February 14

Robert W. Davison - "Adventures of a Wildlife Photographer"

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, specifying date, program and number of tickets desired to:

Audubon Lecture Series
Hempstead Recreation Division
200 North Franklin Street
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550

PHRAGMITES (continued)

If the lower gardens are left to the phragmites, the entire character of the area will change. Existing vegetation will be choked out and the birds that inhabit the area now will leave.

We ask everyone to write to the Superintendent of the Gateway National Recreation Area urging him to ensure the maintenance of the refuge. Please tell him, in your own words (more effective than a form letter), how important it is that the lower gardens be cut regularly. Send letters to:

Mr. Herbert Cables
Supt., Gateway National
Recreation Area
Floyd Bennet Field
Brooklyn, New York

AUDUBON SUMMER WORKSHOP

by Barbara Tancredi

For six delightful days this summer (July 8 to July 14), June Klippel and I attended the Audubon Camp located in Greenwich, Connecticut. I expected a great deal and my expectations were not only met, they were exceeded by leaps and bounds.

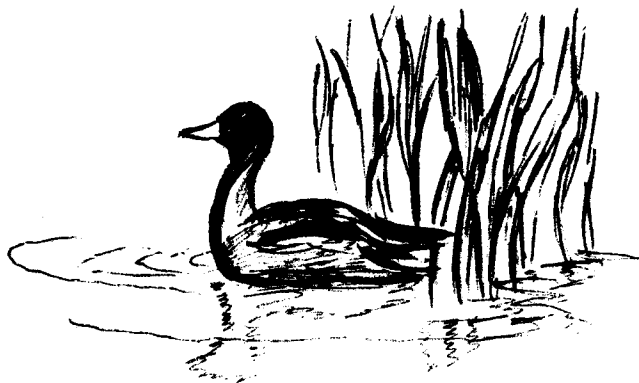
The facility itself is breathtaking. The camp is located on the 485-acre sanctuary of the Audubon Center, eight miles from Greenwich and three miles from Armonk, New York. It is scarcely a one hour drive from central Nassau County. The lodge contains twin-bedded rooms with private baths, a library, a workshop and an auditorium. There is also an Interpretive Building of the Audubon Center, which houses an exhibit area, Teacher Resource Center, classroom, and an Environmental Bookshop with many lovely gift selections. There are ponds, lakes, forests, fields, orchards, miles of trails and the formal Fairchild Gardens. All are either at the facility or within walking distance.

The staff cannot be surpassed. Ted Gilman serves as the director. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Environmental Education from Cornell. He knows such a variety of bird calls that he is literally able to call the birds to him. Each staff member is an expert in several areas: plant life, animal life, astronomy, photography, and so on.

The program is designed for both beginners and the well-informed. The diverse ecosystems of the center are explored each morning and afternoon with field trips to a variety of communities - woods, ponds, streams, roadsides and meadows. A full day is spent at the seashore. There are seminars in weather, geology, aquatic life, birds, ferns, insects, wildflowers and mushrooms. In the evenings there are short programs as well as time for socializing.

The week we attended there were participants from as far away as California. There were teachers, students, housewives, professional photographers, designers, a forestry worker - people from their early twenties to age sixty-seven. Although the program does require one to be in good health, one girl was able to participate while confined to a wheelchair.

If you have ever longed for such an experience, it is waiting for you at the workshop in Greenwich. There are other Audubon Camps in Maine, Wisconsin and Wyoming. I hope to attend another next summer.



CONSERVATION

by Thomas Torma

Local Wetlands

We are often asked to support land conservation efforts in far away places such as Alaska, the Rockies, etc. We now have an opportunity to preserve a valuable piece of real estate in our own backyard.

The land in question, originally part of the Brooklyn Water Works System, is owned by the City of New York. Four separate tracts, located in Massapequa, Wantagh and Freeport, make up the 2200 acres involved.

Earlier this summer, New York planned to auction off 488 acres of the Massapequa wetlands. This area includes Massapequa "State Park," Corroons Lake, and Massapequa Park's recreation area. Congressman Ambro of Northport was successful in getting Mayor Koch to delay the auction until November. The delay gives local officials some time to organize and try to formulate a strategy to save these wetlands.

At present, New York State is negotiating with the city to purchase the property. The plan is for Nassau County to buy the land from the state. If you are interested in saving the wetlands, you can write Nassau County Executive Francis Purcell and urge him to support the purchase of the city-owned property.

Alaska Lands Bill

Last spring the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Alaska Lands Bill HR.39. It is now time for the Senate to enact its version of this bill.

There are presently two versions of the Alaska Lands Bill under consideration by the Senate, S.9 and S.222.

S. 9 is pro-development. It will allow lumbering on Admiralty Island and will make Misty Fjords a special management area, half of which will be open to hunting. The other half, which contains molybdenum deposits, will be open for development.

Worst of all, S. 9 will require development of any oil under the Arctic National Wildlife Range, the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, our nation's largest.

S. 222 is similar to the House version of the bill. It makes Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords wilderness areas. It allows special access to the molybdenum deposits. This version also protects the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

S. 9 is sponsored by Senator Henry Jackson. The fact that Senator Jackson is also chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, the committee presently considering these bills, creates problems for S. 222.

At present no hearings are scheduled, and this bill could easily get tied up in committee. To try to prevent this, I urge you to write our senators and ask them to co-sponsor S. 222. The more co-sponsors this bill has, the better its chances of getting out of committee.

SUNDAY MORNING CARPCOL

If you frequently attend the Sunday morning field trips and would like to carpool with someone from your area, please send name, address and phone number to:

Bill Herzog
82 Rushfield Lane
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581

NEWSLETTER

All members are cordially invited to submit material to the Skimmer. Any news, notices of interesting events, stories of personal experiences, letters, opinions, etc. will be welcome contributions.

It's your newsletter. Let us hear from you!

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NOVEMBER NEWS DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 15
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To pre-order bird seed, fill out form below and forward, with check, to:

Paul T. Butkerei
268 Wallace Street
Freeport, New York 11520

Make check payable to the South Shore Audubon Society.
Please be sure your order reaches Paul no later than
October 22.

Please find my order below. I have enclosed my check for \$ _____

My name is _____

My address is _____

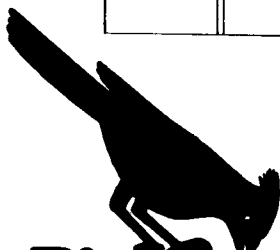
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Member? Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	50 lb. bag SUNFLOWER	13. ⁰⁰	
	25 lb. bag SUNFLOWER	6. ⁷⁵	
	50 lb. bag WILD BIRD FEED	8. ²⁰	
	25 lb. bag WILD BIRD FEED	4. ³⁰	
	40 lb. bag BSSD SPECIAL WILD BIRD FEED*	10. ⁵⁰	
	20 lb. bag BSSD SPECIAL WILD BIRD FEED*	5. ²⁵	
	50 lb. bag CRACKED CORN (blend of medium & Fine)	7. ⁰⁰	
	25 lb. bag CRACKED CORN	3. ⁷⁵	
	10 lb. bag PEANUT BITS AND PIECES	5. ⁹⁰	
	10 lb. bag SUNFLOWER CHIPS	5. ⁹⁰	
	10 lb. bag NIGER SEED (Thistle)	11. ⁰⁰	

*with 1/3 Sunflower seed

TOTAL AMOUNT:



Bird Seed Savings Day®

FIELD TRIPS: Starting time - 9:30 A.M.
No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

OCT. 7 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary -
14 West End #2, N.E. corner
21 Pelham Bay Park (meet at toll
on Throg's Neck Bridge 9 A.M.
28 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

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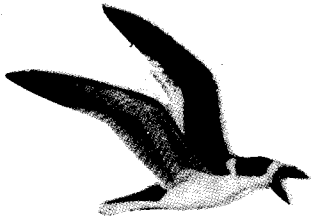
BINOCULAR SAVINGS are available thru Barbara Tancredi evenings 7-9 887-2491
the club. Save 30 to 50% on Bushnell Bill Herzog evenings 7 to 9 791-7886
and Bausch and Lomb binoculars and Asa Starkweather 599-5824
scopes. See us at meetings and Joan Butkerei 593-4554
birdwalks or call the committee members listed.

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