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Doris Pirodsky, Membership Chairman
South Shore Audubon Society
225 East Dean Street
Freeport, New York 11520

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SSAS SCHOLARSHIPS

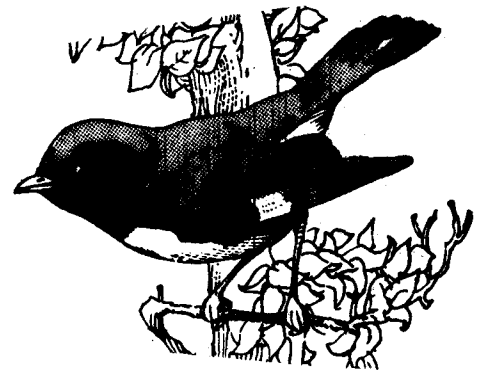
This year South Shore Audubon will again be offering full scholarships to the Audubon Ecology Camps located in Greenwich, Connecticut and at Hog Island, Maine. We will be awarding two scholarships, each for a one week session to the Greenwich Camp (July 12-18 and July 19-25). We will also award one scholarship for two weeks (July 12-24) to the Maine Camp. The values of these awards are \$265.00 and \$495.00 respectively.

If you are interested, please send a letter of application explaining how you will use the camp experience to further the goals of the Audubon Society in your schools or community. Recipients will be expected to report back to the organization. Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, but there is no age limit. If you are not currently a member of South Shore Audubon, we ask that you join our organization if you receive one of our scholarships. Teachers may choose to pay a small additional tuition fee and receive University credits from either Fairfield University or the University of Maine.

Everyone can share in the thrill of exploration and the excitement of discovery at what we are sure will be a wonderful learning experience as well as an enjoyable vacation.

Please send your application to:

Barbara Tancredi
Gotham Avenue School
Elmont, New York 11003



DEADLINE: MAY 31, 1981

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary is planning seven weeks of exciting programs for children and adults this summer. (Full schedule was in March Skimmer.) For information call 922-3200.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR COFFEE CUP!



SSAS members are urged to request permits to use Stillwell Woods in Syosset. Hopefully, if the public shows an interest in this preserve, the county will show an interest in maintaining it. For permits write to Carol Neidich, Tackapausha Museum, Washington Ave., Seaford, 11783.

CONSERVATION

by Thomas Torma

This past winter was 3% colder nationwide than last year, yet demand for heating oil went down 13%. Just a few years ago we were importing 8.4 million barrels of oil a day. Now we import 6 million barrels a day.

De-controlling oil did two things; oil costs more and people use less. Producers are also spending more money to produce more. We have dropped our oil consumption by 1.5 million barrels and increased our production by 600,000 barrels. This means we pay OPEC \$50 million less a day.

These results are impressive. Yet conservation seems to have no place in Reagan's energy program. All he wants to do is unshackle private industry and produce more. While this might seem to help, logic also calls for greater energy efficiency. What we don't use today will be available tomorrow. Conservation will reduce the chances of environmental damage caused by the development of new energy sources.

At present 20 million American homes are under-insulated. Properly insulating these homes could save an additional 700,000 barrels every day. This would reduce our imports by \$8 billion a year. We can maintain the 55 mph speed limit and increase our energy efficiency and save even more.

The National Audubon Society has developed a National Energy Plan. The plan is a product of its newly expanded science department. It is based on facts collected from all available sources including oil companies, government agencies and university research teams. The plan is expensive. It calls for an investment of \$700 billion dollars in energy efficient machines, buildings and technologies over the next 20 years.

Another \$600 billion investment in solar technologies like biomass, collector, windpower and photovoltaics is needed. But the cost of continued reliance on oil and other non-renewable resources is even greater. Last year this nation's total energy bill was \$350 billion, which is five times greater than the yearly cost of the Audubon Plan.

The plan declares that by turning to more energy efficient technologies this country could produce from 50 to 80 percent more goods and services in the year 2000 than it is producing now without an increase in energy consumption. Under the Audubon Plan, use of energy in the United States would be no higher in the year 2000 than it was in 1980. The total would remain 80 quads. (A quad is a quadrillion British thermal units.) However, there would be a wholesale shift away from oil and toward solar (renewable) energy sources. The table below summarizes the shift that would be accomplished under the plan:

ENERGY SUPPLY	PERCENT OF 80 QUAD ENERGY SUPPLY	
	1980	2000
Non-renewables		
Coal	20%	28%
Oil		
Domestic	26	16
Imported	18	4
Natural Gas	25	19
Nuclear	4	8
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Solar Renewables		
Biomass	3	11
Low Temp. Collectors	-	3
Medium Temp. Collectors	-	2
Hydropower	4	5
Windpower	-	3
Photovoltaics	-	1
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

I am concerned about the nuclear and coal aspects of the plan. The plan does call for no new nuclear plant starts. It will not be until the next century that new technologies could start to phase out coal as a major energy source. Meanwhile, strict environmental controls, including the Clean Air Act, will be essential. 4



WILD PATIENTS



Since South Shore Audubon members bring so many injured animals to A & A Veterinary Hospital, I thought an update on the wildlife brought to us this past year might be of interest. Our report to the Fish and Wildlife Service for 1980 listed 295 migratory birds including:

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| 13 Mallards | 6 Black Ducks | 4 Great Blue Herons |
| 2 Swans | 4 Canada Geese | 1 Red-tailed Hawk |
| 1 Peregrine Falcon | 1 Snow Goose | 1 Hawk (Black?) |
| 1 Bittern | 98 Pigeons | 44 Tree Sparrows |
| 1 Sparrow Hawk | 8 Cardinals | 2 Acorn Woodpeckers |
| 27 Mourning Doves | 8 Starlings | 1 Killdeer |
| 22 Robins | 17 Blue Jays | 4 Black Rosy Finches |
| 12 Crows | 3 Red-winged Blackbirds | 1 Woodcock |
| 2 Warblers | 1 Golden Eagle | 1 Raven |
| 2 Mockingbirds | 2 Woodthrush | 1 Brown-headed Nuthatch |
| 1 Brown Thrasher | 1 Shrike | |
| 1 Belted Kingfisher | 1 Black-crowned Night Heron | |

In addition to migratory birds, we had 30 seagulls, 14 squirrels, 8 rabbits, 6 opossums and 3 raccoons.

As much of a zoo as that all sounds, it's the pet population that is really the strangest, including this year a Timber Wolf, a Siberian Tiger, 3 Lions and a Cougar -- yes, all adults!

Eileen Hathaway, V.M.D.

Annual Dinner

South Shore Audubon's Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at the Salisbury Restaurant in Eisenhower Park. Dr. Imre Baumgaertner of the C.W. Post Geology Department will show slides and speak about Mt. St. Helen.

The price of \$12.00 per person includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner of fruit cup and relishes, tossed green salad, choice of roast sirloin of beef or filet of sole, potato, mixed vegetables and dessert. Cocktails are extra at \$1.75 each. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 P.M. Dinner will be served at 8 P.M.

Please complete the form below and mail along with check made payable to South Shore Audubon Society to Roz Stein, 2644 Central Ave., Baldwin, 11510, or bring to Roz no later than the May meeting. For further information call Roz at (516) 223-0608.

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FIELD TRIPS

No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below

MAY Starting time 9:00 A.M.
3 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
10 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
17 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
24 West End #2, N.W. corner
31 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary

JUNE 7 West End #2, N.E. corner
14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

AUG. 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



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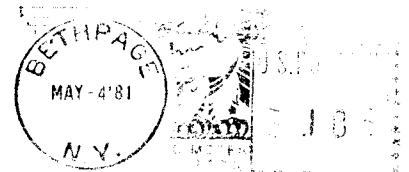
JUNE NEWS DEADLINE
MAY 20

BINOCULAR SAVINGS are available through the club. Save 30% to 50% on Bushnell and Bausch and Lomb binoculars and scopes. See us at meetings and birdwalks or call the committee members listed:

Joan Butkerei 593-4554
Bill Herzog 7 P.M. - 9 P.M. 791-7886
Asa Starkweather 599-5824
Barbara Tancredi 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. 775-1790



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