

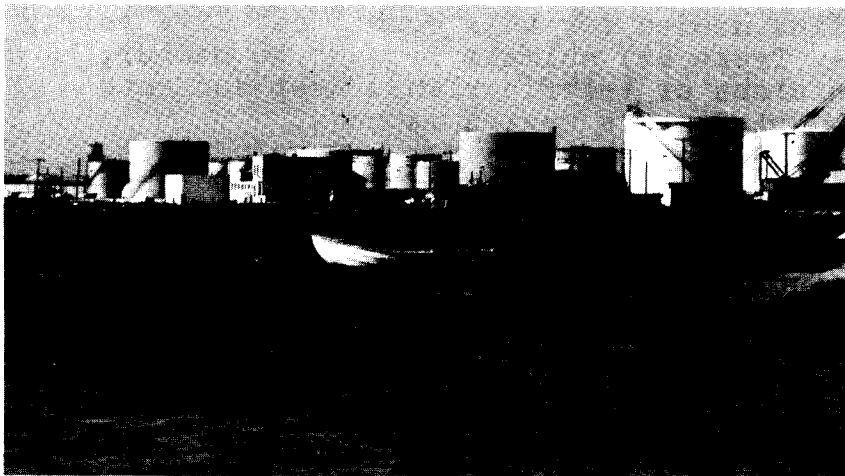
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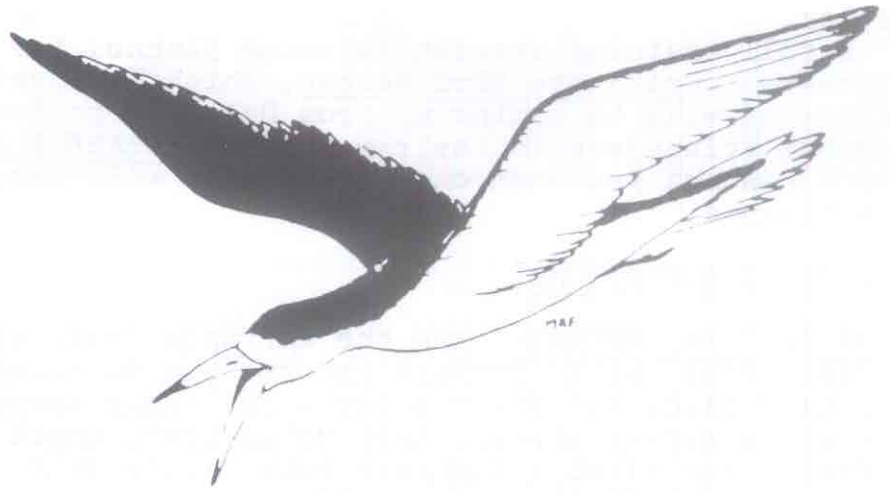
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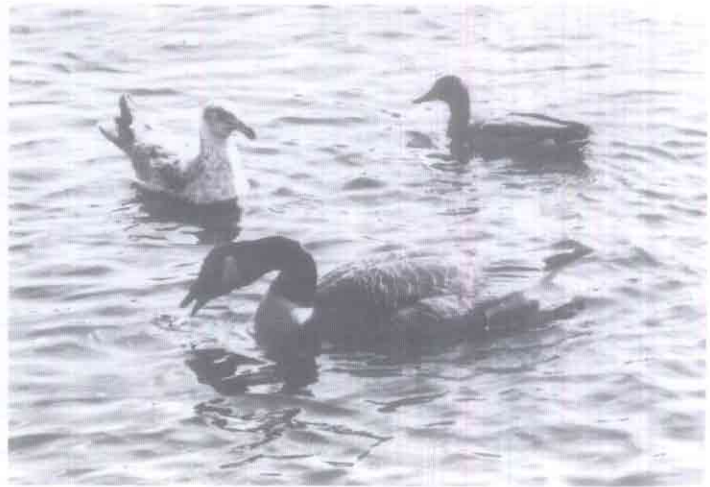
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may be helpful. Also, please note on the form if you have a truck or van that could be used during a spill to move either supplies or birds to a cleaning facility.

A full training session is being planned for Saturday, October 17, for all volunteers. Tri-State Bird Rescue, which has most of the experience on the east coast, will be coming up from Delaware to demonstrate their equipment and train our volunteers in their methods. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND! The site for the session has not yet been chosen since it will depend on the number of volunteers to be trained.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS:

- a. OPERATIONS CONTROL: Man the entrance desk. Admit only trained volunteers. Take phone calls. Forward information on oiled bird sightings. Accept incoming birds and start paper work. Apply temporary leg bands for ID. Do routine safety checks. Keep noise down. Check rest stations for supplies, food. Send tired volunteers home. Allow only controlled access to birds for everyone, including press and our own volunteers!
- b. SUPPLIES: Keep master file of supplies needed and supplies on hand. Each committee will be responsible for assisting Supplies Committee in acquiring donations of equipment. Coordinate supplies available from zoos or other Audubon groups on Long Island and in the city.
- c. MEDICAL: Assist in acquiring supplies needed for this committee. Give yearly training session for new volunteers. Treat all animals brought to center, under direction of Veterinary Technicians or Veterinarians. Keep accurate records. Keep in close contact with Tri-State's newest methods.
- d. CLEANING: Acquire supplies. Yearly training sessions for new volunteers. Wash all oiled birds. Design drying cages. Design water flow plan for hot water to wash area and soiled water to storage tanks. Help acquire a kerosene steam generator.
- e. REHABILITATION: Acquire supplies, including food for birds. Research types of seacoast birds at risk in this area and types of food needed. Also, methods of feeding of each bird (diving, etc). Design and build pens for our special birds' needs. Train volunteers at yearly workshop.

Eileen Hathaway

VOLUNTEER FORM*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

SPECIAL SKILLS _____

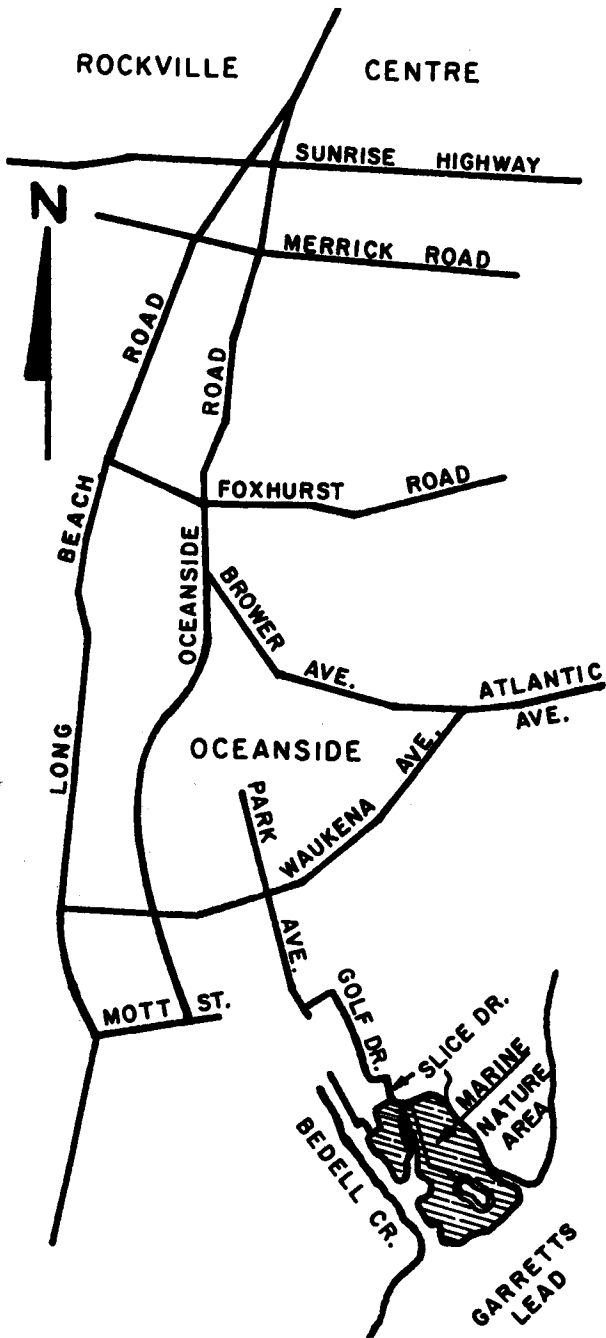
1st Choice Committee _____ 2nd Choice Committee _____

Do you have a truck for supplies transport? _____
Can you put up posters, if provided, where you work or go to school to help recruit volunteers? _____

Mail to: Dr. Eileen Hathaway
A & A Veterinary Hospital
414 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Square, New York 11010

*Volunteers should be at least 18 years old.

Marine Nature Study Area



Have you ever wanted to go birding but didn't have a lot of spare time? Perhaps you are trying to stay fairly close to home in order to conserve gasoline. One place to consider for good bird watching is the Town of Hempstead Nature Study Area in Oceanside.

Last February a Gyrfalcon was seen on the marsh and, in March, a Snowy Owl. In March 44 different species were seen and in April there were 46. The life list of the area is 180. On a recent walk I saw Ibis, Black-crowned Night Heron, Great Blue Heron, Tree Swallows, Snowy Egrets and Clapper Rails. In fact, Clapper Rails are often seen in the area.

The Nature Study Area is 52 acres of salt marsh preserved in a natural state. It is accessible by walking trails. Visual aids depicting plant and animal communities indigenous to the area are set up at various sites along the trails.

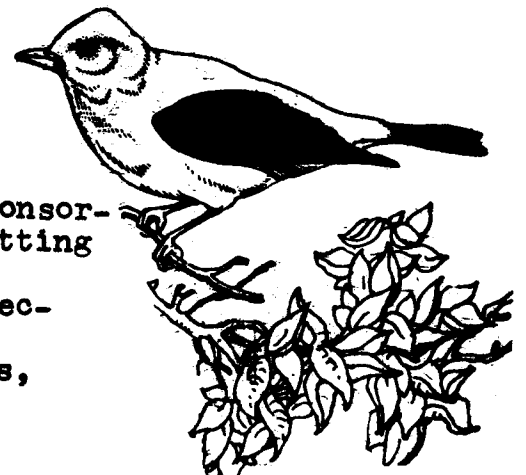
The area is divided into six sections dealing with various aspects of a salt marsh the Salt Marsh Ecosystem, Marine Algae, the Birds of the Study Area, Waterfowl, Bay Community and the Sand Dune Community. An interpretive center building houses exhibits pertaining to the salt marsh ecosystem.

The study area is open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., April 1 through October 31. It is open Tuesday through Saturday during April, May, July and August and Tuesday through Sunday during June, September and October.

Guided tours for groups can be arranged by calling the Marine Nature Study Area at 766-1580.

It takes only about an hour to walk through the area. I urge you to do it soon.

Tom Torma



LONG ISLAND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 27, Great South Bay Audubon is sponsoring the Long Island Wildlife Festival at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Oakdale.

The festival program will include wildlife films, lectures and guided walks.

South Shore Audubon will be represented by Pat Davis, Tom Torma, Asa Starkweather and Eileen Hathaway.

OCEAN DUMPING

I recently received a report from Congressman Norman Lent's office entitled "Sludge Dilemma Resolved With Reasonable Compromise." It says that Nassau County and the Environmental Agency have reached an agreement to allow continued sewage dumping in the Atlantic. Five years ago Congress passed a law banning sewage dumping in the New York Bight by December 31, 1981. They felt American technology could solve the problem. As it turned out, the technology that reached the moon and is expected to make nuclear energy safe could not get rid of our sludge.

They tried to compost it at the Cedar Creek sewage treatment plant in the Seaford-Wantagh area. Local residents protested, claiming fear of groundwater pollution, air pollution and surface water pollution. At a public meeting officials attempted to explain details of the project and to reassure concerned citizens. Unfortunately, they were shouted down without a chance to explain their views.

Congressman Lent wrote, "last November I wrote to the EPA administrator, posing a series of important questions about the wisdom of the composting operation, which had a projected life span of only 13 months and a price tag in the vicinity of \$30 million." He also wrote President Reagan seeking relief from the regulations.

The report went on to say, "County Executive Francis Purcell indicated clearly that he was unenthusiastic about pushing forward with the composting plan and, at his direction, the county sued the EPA in Federal Court to achieve a relaxation in the deadline against ocean dumping."

A court-ordered compromise was worked out. Instead of dumping only 12 miles out, they will dump the sludge 106 miles out. They claim that dumping farther out in the ocean will minimize environmental damage.

Moving our filth farther away from us does not solve our problem. Our ocean is still being polluted by our wastes. While this compromise will help us on a short-term basis, we must continue to work on a permanent solution for our sewage sludge. Work on the composting plan should continue. We can no longer afford to pollute any part of our environment.

Tom Torma

Rare Bird Sightings
(212) 832-6523



This Summer Visit.....

MUTTONTOWN PRESERVE (922-3123)

Nature walks every Saturday, 10-12 A.M. Three hundred and fifty acres of woodlands and fields. Open 7 days, 9:30-4:30. Entrance on Walnut Ave., off Route 106, 1 block south of 25A.

NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM (484-9337)

Richard Meyer's Multi-Media Nature Slide Program. Sunday, June 28 and the first and last Sundays of the month throughout the year. Nature walk follows program. In Roslyn, off Northern Blvd. (25A) 2 blocks west of Glen Cove Road.

TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM AND PRESERVE (785-2802)

Nature walk every Thursday, 10 A.M. Washington Ave., Seaford, between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY (922-3200)

WILDLIFE SEMINAR

The Hawk Hideaway Rehabilitation Center is sponsoring the Third Annual Wildlife Rehabilitation Seminar at Cornell University on August 15 and 16. There will be regular and advanced sessions. For information:

Mary Forness
Hawk Hideaway Rehabilitation
Center
3086 Haskell Road R.D. #2
Cuba, New York 14727
(716) 968-1978

STREAMFLOW WORKSHOP

The fifth public workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at 7:30 P.M. in the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Wantagh.

**HOTLINE FOR MARINE
MAMMAL AND SEA
TURTLE STRANDINGS**
(516) 653-4511

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FIELD TRIPS

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

- JUNE** Starting time 9:00 A.M.
14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- AUG.** 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
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- SEPT.** *13 Starting time 9:30 A.M.
Nassau County Fine Arts
Museum (2 blocks west of Glen
Cove Rd. on Northern Blvd. (25A))
20 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
*27 West End #2, N.E. corner
- OCT.** 4 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
11 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E. corner
18 Fine Arts Museum
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- NOV.** 1 Pelham Bay. Meet 9:00 A.M. Throg's
Neck Bridge Toll Plaza
8 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
15 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E. corner
22 West End #2, N.W. corner

* Picnic after bird walk. Bring your own sandwich and drink.

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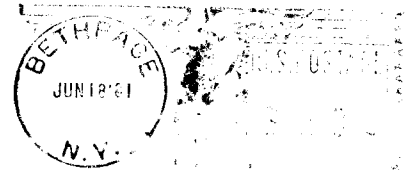
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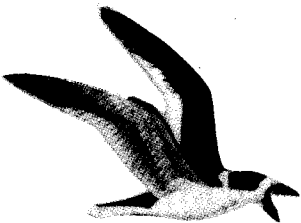
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