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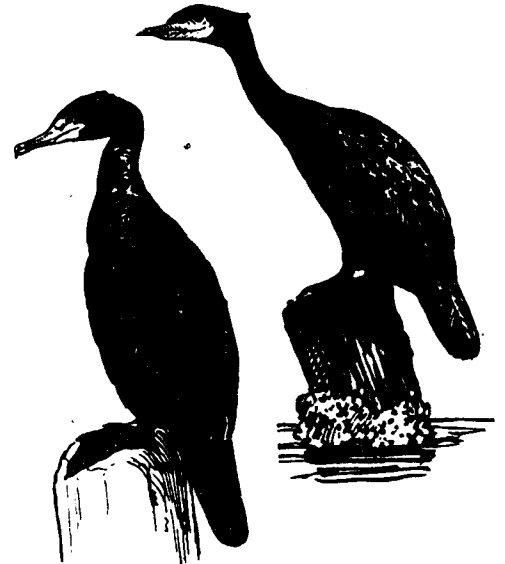
MARCH 1986

## Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1986  
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
Merrick Road and Grove Street, Freeport, N.Y.  
8:15 PM.

Subject: Pelagic Seabird Research in the Southern Oceans Near Africa  
Speaker: Dr. Ronald W. Abrams

Southern Africa is known as a bird-watcher's paradise because of its over 700 species and tremendous diversity of habitat. Few realize that it is also a paradise for seabird enthusiasts, with its low latitude penguin colonies, huge gannet and cormorant populations. But the real thrill is the easy access to the full spectrum of pelagic birds, including 30 or more species of albatross, petrels, terns and skuas. Dr. Abrams has just completed 5 years of research at the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology. He is currently associated with the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation.



## ZOO TRIP MARCH 15

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### BIRD STUDY COURSE

The South Shore Audubon Society is sponsoring a series of four one hour programs entitled "Introduction to the Birds" at the Baldwin Public Library, Grand Avenue and Prospect Street, on Wednesday evenings, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. The course is designed for those who wish to have a better understanding of what differentiates birds from other classes of animals. Both physical characteristics (evolution, morphology, and anatomy) and behavioral characteristics (ability to fly, courtship, feeding behavior, nest construction) as well as aids to identification of the birds will be discussed. There are no charges for this course. Members and non-members are equally welcome to attend. The course will be conducted by Jerry Bernstein. For information call 516-623-8255.

I am pleased to announce that the S. Shore Audubon Society has concluded an agreement with the Town of Hempstead to protect the Freshwater Wetlands in the Town of Hempstead. By this agreement the members of the S. S. Audubon Society will act as observers of the acreage involved and undertake joint cleanup efforts. This agreement is similar to the one protecting the Twin Lakes Nature Preserve in Wantagh. As soon as we obtain maps of the areas, members who live at a close proximity to the waters will be contacted and

asked to voluntarily patrol these areas at certain intervals to ensure that these areas remain forever wild. This is a great opportunity for the Society, because if we show that we can aid the Town in monitoring these areas, more freshwater acreage will be taken over by the Town of Hempstead and protected. Volunteers are not limited to those living close to these areas. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted. The following article appeared in the January 22 issue of Newsday.

## Town Votes to Manage State Lands

By Sid Cassese

Hempstead — The town board yesterday voted to add 110 acres of marshes and swamps to its wetlands preservation program, taking the town one step closer to becoming New York's first municipality to control wetlands now regulated by the state.

The action, which is expected to gain state approval, follows a state Department of Environmental Conservation invitation last year to local governments with the manpower, expertise and finances to manage some of the state's 1 million acres of freshwater wetlands.

Most responses to the invitation have come from Long Island, where there is strong interest in protecting the marsh and swamp areas from development, DEC officials said.

But in Suffolk County, where a dozen towns and villages have expressed interest, nothing has gone beyond the inquiry stage

because the DEC has yet to finish its maps of affected areas.

Yesterday, Hempstead Town Presiding Supervisor Thomas S. Gulotta said that much of the local wetlands has been "lost, despoiled, or impaired by unregulated draining, dredging, filling, excavating, building, pollution or other acts inconsistent with the natural use of such areas."

Under DEC guidelines, the town has adopted new, tough regulations defining the use of the freshwater acreage, and procedures to get variances to build near the area, Gulotta said. Patricia Riexinger, DEC's wetlands program manager in Albany, said state approval of the town's action should take about three weeks.

Gulotta also announced an agreement with the South Shore Audubon Society, in which the organization will watch the town's freshwater acreage and help with cleanup.

It is also with great pleasure to announce that we were able to raise \$3000.00 from our November Bird Seed Sale for the benefit of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. In addition, the South Shore Audubon has contributed \$50.00 to the Peregrine Fund and \$300.00 to allow two third grade classes from Oceanside to participate in an

overnight nature experience. These children, one special education class, tried to raise funds by having a chocolate sale but they could not. This contribution allows many of these children to partake in a nature experience for the first time in their lives. This is Audubon at its best.

Jerry Bernstein

### APRIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 1986  
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
8:15 PM

Mr. Mark Phillips of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will present a program on "Endangered Species."



## ZOO TRIP



Participants in South Shore Audubon's annual safari to the Bronx Zoo will journey through "Jungle World" and the "World of Birds" on Saturday, March 15.

Those driving their own cars should enter the Zoo via Rainey Gate (the Pelham Parkway entrance) and meet at the seal exhibit near the Education Building at 10:15 A.M.

If you are interested in going by bus, call Evelyn Blume after 6 P.M. at 378-7122. Please call by March 9. The bus, which will cost \$4.25 per person, will be leaving from the Merrick Park on Merrick Road. Call Evelyn for further information.

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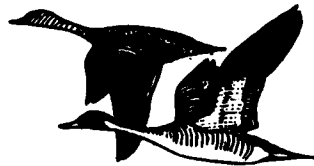
Ever see a blue and white pied creeper? A bluebonnet bird? A blue bill?

Sure you have! The first is a dialect word for a black and white warbler, the second for a blue jay. The blue bill may be a scaup, a ruddy duck, a baldpate, a ring-necked duck or a goldeneye.

If you're interested in bird names, take a look at the Dictionary of American English (Frederic G. Cassidy, Chief Editor, Harvard University Press) Only Vol I, A-C, is out. It's expensive, so try your library.

Plant names there are wonderfully varied and poetic, too. We haven't had so much fun with a book since Hector was a pup.

ANNE & SOL WEINSTOCK



### MARCH EVENTS

- March 4 SSA Bd of Directors Meeting
- March 5 Bird Course, Baldwin Public Library
- March 11 SSA General Meeting, Freeport Library
- March 12 Bird Course, Baldwin Public Library
- March 15 Trip to Bird House, Bronx Zoo
- March 18 Bird Course, Baldwin Public Library
- March 21-23 Fish and Wildlife Expo '86, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany New York.
- March 25 Bird Course, Baldwin Public Library



## NEW MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 1986

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME. WE ARE HOPING TO MEET YOU AT OUR MANY ACTIVITIES.

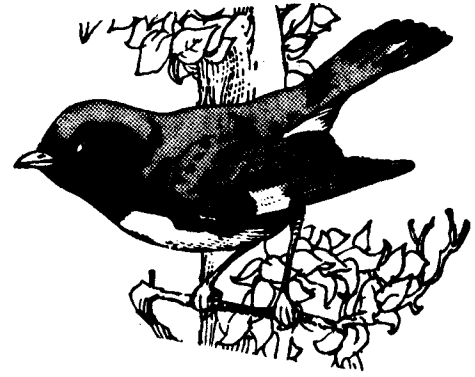
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| WANTAGH            | -GEORGE FERNANDEZ                        |

MARION YAVARKOVSKY

Would you like to greet spring at beautiful Old Westbury Gardens and express your experience through painting, drawing, photography, poetry, etc?

The Herricks Community Center is sponsoring a course, open to anyone at any level of experience, on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 - 12:30, beginning April 1. The series, which runs for eight weeks, offers an opportunity to enjoy nature at the gardens in rare peace and tranquility as it is offered when the grounds are closed to the public. Indoor space is provided during inclement weather.

For further information, call the Center at 741-7800.



Tackapausha Museum in Seaford will hold an "Earth Day" Celebration for children on Monday, March 31.

The event will be similar to the Museum's "Bat Day" Halloween Party and the "Holiday Party for the Birds."

If you would like to help out or need more information, please call Richard Ryder, Curator of Life Sciences, or Geri Jordan at 785-2802.

As part of its service to the community, South Shore Audubon Society is pleased to offer a variety of educational programs to schools and interested groups. Volunteers from SSAS are available to present programs on the following topics: Birds That Hunt and are Hunted; Water--We Can't Live Without It; Birds of the Wetlands; Birds of Woods, Gardens, and Fields; Understanding Predation; and Northeastern Birds of Prey. Programs with live animal demonstrations are also available on a limited basis.

In order for SSAS to expand this program more volunteers are needed. If you have a special program that you would be willing to present or if you are available to take one of our prepared programs to an interested group, we would like to hear from you.

For more information on obtaining these programs for your school or organization, or on becoming a volunteer, write to South Shore Audubon's Education Chairperson Porgy Smith at 91 Franklin Street, East Rockaway, New York 11518.

PORGY SMITH

# ENTER THE WILDLIFE ART CONTEST

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THE HICKSVILLE GREGORY MUSEUM IS SPONSORING A WILDLIFE ART CONTEST TO HONOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S STAMP ART.

## RULES:

1. For children in Grades K-6.
2. Artwork should illustrate America's Wildlife in their natural environment.
3. Artwork should be no smaller than 9" x 12" and no larger than 18" x 20".
4. All entries must be clearly labeled with child's name, address, telephone number, age, grade and school.
5. Oil, watercolor, pastels, crayon or any other medium is optional.
6. It is requested you mount or frame the artwork <sup>For</sup> display.
7. All entries must be at the Hicksville Gregory Museum no later than 4:30, April 4, 1986.

ALL ENTRIES ARE INVITED TO A PARTY APRIL 13, 1986 AT 2:00 P.M. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS. ALSO A LIVE PRESENTATION WILL BE GIVEN BY A NATURALIST FROM THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY.

*This program has been made possible in part by a grant from CITIBANK*

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## STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

President Reagan and environmentalists rarely see eye to eye on anything. However, when it comes to the issue of toxic waste, both camps are complaining about the slow action of Congress.

The Senate and the House of Representatives have passed their respective versions of a Toxic Waste Cleanup Bill and, recently, Congress appointed a conference committee to work out the differences between the two versions. The Senate bill has no cleanup schedule and no standards and provides \$7.5 billion. The House bill provides \$10 billion. In fact, a side-by-side comparison of the differences in the bills fills 750 pages.

Despite all these differences, most congressional observers expect the committee to work out most of the problems, except one -- how to raise the money to implement the bill. The House version would tax the oil and chemical industries. The Senate version provides for an excise tax on manufactures and processed raw materials. The White House supports the tax on the oil and chemical industries. The Senate would set up a national tax on each step of manufacturing, thereby forcing all Americans to pay the penalty for those who have polluted. Legislators from states with heavy oil and chemical industries oppose the House bill.

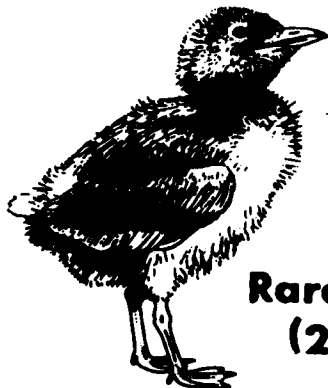
Congress is so tied up with regard to this issue that another year could go by without a bill being passed. In the event that a stalemate should occur, a one year extension of the present law providing \$900 million has been proposed. The old law has not worked, and extending it one more year will only continue to let polluters off the hook.

Congressman Lent is on the conference committee. I urge you to write him. Ask him to support his House bill. We need strict timetables and standards for the cleanups. We do not need an excise tax. The polluters should pay. We can delay no longer. We need a bill now -- a bill that will truly protect all Americans, a bill that will cost those who have profitted from polluting our land.

Write to:

Congressman Norman F. Lent  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

TOM TORMA



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

STARTING TIME - 9:30 A.M.

- Mar. 2 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.
- 9 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 16 Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg. Lot)
- 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 30 West End #2, N.E. Corner

- Apr. 6 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. 4 N.E.
- 13 Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg Lot)
- 20 West End #2, N.E. Corner

47 ~~Hempstead Lake State Park~~

- May 4 Zach's Bay
- 11 Jamaica Bay
- 18 West End #2 N.E. Corner
- 25 ~~Jam. Bay~~ Jam. Bay

**South Shore Audubon Society**  
**P.O. Box 31**  
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- June - 1 Hempstead Lake State Park
- 8 J BWR
- 15 J BWR

- Aug. - 17 J BWR
- 24 J BWR

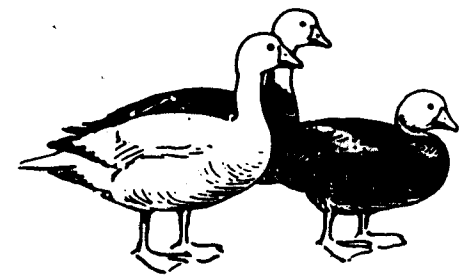


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