

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987  
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
8:00 P.M.

A BIRD ON THE HAND - FALCONRY TODAY  
SPEAKER: Peter J. Hart, Falconer

Peter, a member of the Long Island Hawking Club, will explain the history of the sport of falconry, and demonstrate some of the methods and principles used in training the birds, using his own live raptors.

NEXT MONTH  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1987  
ANNUAL JUNE DINNER  
PROGRAM - AN EAST AFRICAN SAFARI



## NOMINATIONS

1987-88

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Doreen Olsen

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at  
the May 12 meeting.

# CONSERVATION

JOAN BUTKEREIT

We have, in New York State, a chance to further protect endangered and threatened species. This protection would take the form of a law called the Essential Habitat Bill. The legislation would offer protection to lands and waters that form the habitat that is essential for the survival of endangered and threatened species.

The groundwork for this legislation has begun through the inventorying of habitats on file in the Endangered Species Unit of the DEC, through the Breeding Bird Atlas and through the Nature Conservancy's Natural Heritage Program. This bill is so important because the major cause of wildlife extinction is the destruction and loss of natural habitat. The DEC estimates that 2/10 of 1%, or 76,000 acres, will be regulated by this law.

If you have an interest in helping to safeguard critical habitat for the survival of endangered and threatened species in New York State, I urge you to write to your State Senator, State Assembly member, Senator Hugh Farley, who is the chairperson of the Environmental Conservation Committee, and Governor Mario Cuomo.

Write to:

Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
L.O.B.  
Albany, N.Y. 12247

Urge the passage of  
Senate Bill #1944  
for the reasons mentioned above.

Assembly member \_\_\_\_\_  
L.O.B.  
Albany, N.Y. 12248

Urge the passage of  
Assembly Bill #2804  
for the same reasons.

Governor Mario Cuomo  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, N.Y. 12224

Write a letter stating your support  
of the Essential Habitat Bill.  
Senate #1944 (Sponsored by Sen. LaValle)  
Assembly #2804 (Sponsored by Assembly  
member Hinchey)

Senator Hugh Farley  
L.O.B.  
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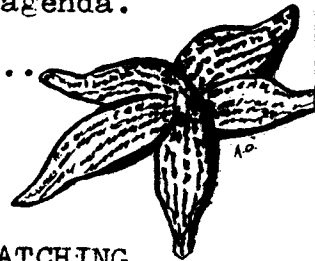
Urge Senator Farley to put this bill  
on the Senate Environmental  
Conservation Committee agenda.

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Spring 1987

## FAMILY NATURE PROGRAM SERIES FOR JONES BEACH STATE PARK

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 A.M. - Noon	A BEACHCOMBER'S BOTANY
Saturday, May 9 10:00 A.M. - Noon	INTRODUCTION TO BIRD WATCHING
Saturday, May 16, 10:00 A.M. - Noon	ART IN NATURE
Saturday, May 16, 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.	BARRIER BEACH ECOLOGY

Programs are sponsored by Jones Beach State Park and the National Audubon Society for the general public. Meet at the interpretive building in Parking Field #2, West End. Admission is \$3.00 per adult, \$2.00 for children under twelve.



# ANNUAL DINNER

We shall be returning to the charm, comfort and good food at the Oceanside Country Club for South Shore Audubon Society's Annual June Dinner. As usual the June Dinner is held in place of a regular general meeting.

This year we are privileged to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Van Gelder, Curator of Mammals at the American Museum of Natural History. He is the one and the same Richard Van Gelder who is leading the South Shore Audubon Society African Safari in July. Dr. Van Gelder will share with us what it is like to be on an African Safari and show us slides of the many beautiful birds and mammals which can be seen.

As space is limited, make your reservations early for this enjoyable and entertaining evening. Complete the attached reservation and send it along with a check payable to South Shore Audubon Society to:

Myrna Brier  
3409 Fairway Rd.  
Oceanside, New York 11572

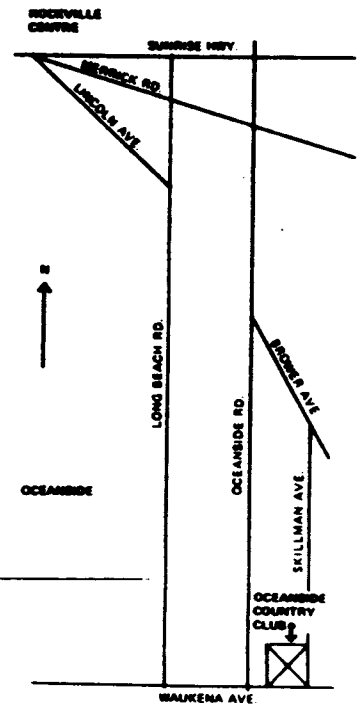
Place: OCEANSIDE COUNTRY CLUB  
WAUKENA AND SKILLMAN AVENUES  
OCEANSIDE, NEW YORK

Date: TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1987

Time: 6:45 P.M. COCKTAILS

7:30 P.M. DINNER

Cost: \$15.00 per person



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People \_\_\_\_\_

Number of each menu choice: London Broil \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Fish \_\_\_\_\_

**WHO'S  
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Joe Grupp is a board member of South Shore Audubon. I don't know if he has the longest lifetime bird list, but he must surely have hiked and bicycled further and climbed higher than most of our other members.

He was born in the Malverne area, married at 21 and has four sons, two daughters and two grandchildren. He was drafted during the Korean War and, under the G.I. Bill of Rights, attended C.W. Post at night. There he took science courses which "expanded his horizons" and stimulated his interest in the outdoors and our environment.

When the children were little, the family often picnicked in Harriman State Park, a semi-wilderness then, with binoculars and bird books in hand. Later, when his sons were older, they climbed two-thirds of the higher peaks in the Catskills

Joe was a Boy Scout Master and twice led his troop down into the Grand Canyon on backpacking trips. They spent a week there.

Joe teaches Physics at Baldwin Senior High School. He also gave an adult education course in Plant Life and Birds on Saturday mornings which was very popular for five years (Paul Butkerei has been teaching the course since Joe left).

Last summer Joe and his daughter took a cross-country bicycle trip from Jones Beach to the water line of the Pacific Ocean - Florence, Oregon. They camped all the way.

So, if you have any questions about backpacking, tent pitching, mountain climbing or birding, Joe is your man!

RUTH GROSSMAN

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## N.A.S. CONVENTION

Beautiful Bellingham, Washington, on Puget Sound, 90 miles north of Seattle and 55 miles south of Vancouver, will be the site of the 1987 National Audubon Society Convention, August 24-29.

The Washington Audubon chapters, hosts for the convention, are planning many diverse and exciting activities, including pelagic trips, birding and wildflower outings to Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker and Mt. St. Helens, an all-day excursion to Vancouver, a trip to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon and a tour of the Olympic Peninsula. Also featured will be a variety of chapter leadership sessions and "how-to" workshops.

The convention will be held on the 180-acre hillside campus of Western Washington University. On-campus meal/lodging packages are available at reasonable rates. For further information, contact the NAS Atlantic Regional Office, 1104 Fernwood Ave., Suite 300, Camp Hill PA 17011, or phone (717) 763-4985.

## EDUCATION

This year my goal was to supply 50 classes with Audubon Adventures. This excellent publication was sent to the children every other month. Their teachers received leaders' guides which enriched their knowledge of the natural world. Next year I will be able to supply 100 classes through a matching grant of \$1,000.

I have arranged for a teaching station at Eisenhower Park on Education-Conservation Day, Jerry Bernstein, Evelyn Blume and Lennox Gordon will man the booth. I have enjoyed fabulous cooperation from our excellent birders who presented programs to school children, libraries and senior centers. Thanks to Jerry Bernstein, Elliott Kutner, Tom Torma, Mal Marum and Lennox Gordon.

I have planned a reception for the teachers and librarians who used Audubon Adventures this year to be held May 20 at 8 P.M. at the Freeport Memorial

Library. You may invite any educator who is interested in learning about

## POISONS

As wildlife rehabilitators, we received a letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation asking that we report all suspected cases of wild bird poisonings. DEC is particularly interested in poisonings resulting from the application of pesticides to lawns, golf courses and the grassy areas of parks.

If you find a dead bird, please immediately package it in a plastic bag and attach to the bag the date and the exact location where found. Freeze the bird immediately and call (518) 439-8017 - Mr. Ward B. Stone, Associate Wildlife Pathologist, NYSDEC Wildlife Resources Center, Delmar, N.Y. 12054-9767. He may send someone to pick up the bird for testing.

Remember that if you or a lawn company spray your property with chemicals such as diazinon, cholinesterase inhibiting pesticides, isofenphor or others, birds are in certain danger. Golf courses occasionally use insecticides also (sometimes on purpose to get rid of geese). Some waterfowl eat grass and garden and song birds eat earthworms and other insects which have absorbed or ingested these poisons. Birds will die from ingesting these "foods" and waterfowl may drown as a result of becoming uncoordinated and unable to hold up their heads while swimming.

For your own protection, if you enter an area that has been sprayed, remember that pesticides can be inhaled or absorbed directly through the skin and some, such as parathion, are highly toxic to humans as well as to wildlife. Your dog or cat may also be in danger.

GAYLE WERTZ

Audubon Adventures. For further information, I can be reached at 785-6028.

It has been a year of service and a year of learning. I look forward to next year.

ROSE ERMLDIS  
EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

again - 5/91

# NEW MEMBERS

Spring has brought us another crop of new members. We hope you will all grow into active participants in our organization.

## WELCOME TO:

- BALDWIN.....Charles Sykora
- BELLMORE.....Mr-Mrs Ron Carol, Mrs Karen P DeJose,  
Gertrude Del Vecchio, Mrs R J Huttleston,  
Mr James S Volk, Mr-Mrs Sam Warantz
- CEDARHURST.....Louise J Kirkwood
- EAST MEADOW.....Mr Edward P Mordini, Irene Z Schwartz
- ELMONT.....Mr David Carrington, Joseph R. Milo, A Pecoraro
- FARMINGDALE.....Mr. Thomas J Gouveia, Suzan Verga
- FLORAL PARK.....Mr Victor R Keller
- FRANKLIN SQUARE....Mr James J Giacomaro, Mr Edgar L Howard,  
Ms Mary Lenti
- FREEPORT.....Charles Berner, Mrs F G Block
- GARDEN CITY.....Mrs Jean Hambleton
- GLEN HEAD.....Gloria Gentile
- HEMPSTEAD.....I Feldman, Mrs J Knopfel, Henry Middleton Jr
- HICKSVILLE.....Mrs Barbara Capisi, Perry Finkelstein,  
Mrs Mary Krinsky, Bodo A Loeffler
- LAWRENCE.....Henry Schacter MD
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Brian Spruyt
- LYNBROOK.....Mr Allen Cederbaum, John Storopoli
- MALVERNE.....Hugo Clark
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- MASSAPEQUA PARK....Mr Hugo Friedlaender, Claire Marcelle
- MERRICK.....William Baaylis, Mr Rodney Pierce
- MINEOLA.....Donna De Naples
- MORIICHES.....Victor Falch
- OCEANSIDE.....Mr Julius A Altman, Mr Ernesto Arador Jr
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Nanette Ecker, Karen J Ender, Miss Linda Farrington  
Ms Elizabeth A Nicosia
- WANTAGH.....Miss Rosalie T Aresco, Mrs Muriel Corrison,  
Maria Meadows, C A Nunziata
- WOODMERE.....Mrs Helen Kaufman, Dr Philip Silverstein

MARION YAVARKOVSKY  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

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For information about Spring and Summer activities at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, call 922-3200.



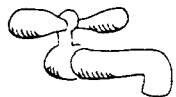
## Purple Martin Colony Registry

The Purple Martin is a bird which has been managed by man longer than any other North American bird species. Even before European man colonized the New World, native American indians were enticing these companionable birds to nest in their villages by attaching hollowed-out gourd "nest boxes" to the support poles of their wigwams. Modern man has continued this gourd-using tradition to attract martins, but he also has taken to using elaborate wooden, plastic, or aluminum multi-compartmented bird condos (i.e. "martin houses") which he mounts on poles and proudly displays on his lawns.

Today however, this man-dependant species is declining within parts of its breeding range. In an attempt to remedy the situation, the Purple Martin Conservation Association has been formed to help coordinate the management efforts of North America's martin landlords. Through its Colony Registry Program it is attempting to locate and register most of the martin colonies in North America in preparation for several worthwhile projects, including a continent-wide nest-record card scheme.

### Your help is needed

If you know of someone who has a martin colony or is trying to attract one, or if you are interested in starting a colony yourself, please write to the P.M.C.A. You can further assist by looking for martin houses or gourds in peoples' yards during your travels. If you locate some, please try to obtain the mailing addresses from either the street & house numbers, rural mailboxes, phone books, or by stopping to inquire. Please send addresses to: **Purple Martin Conservation Association, Institute for Research & Community Services, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA 16444.**

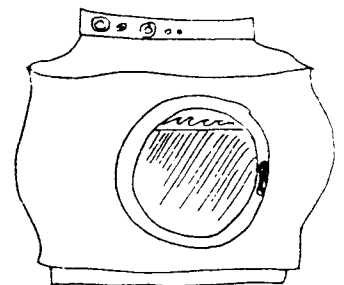
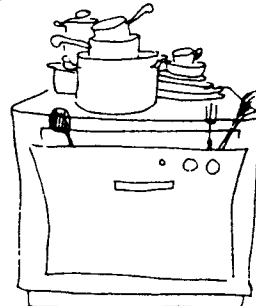


a  
trickle  
a  
day  
loses  
600  
gallons  
in 24  
hours\*

### FIX FAUCET LEAKS:

1. Replace old washers in faucets.
2. Turn off faucets tightly so they don't drip.
3. Don't leave water running while you do something else.
4. Equip kitchen faucets with aerators to reduce volume and increase pressure.

Run the  
dishwasher  
ONLY when  
full.



Use low  
setting in  
clothes washer  
for small loads.  
Remember  
Permanent Press  
Cycle uses more  
water than the  
Regular Cycle.

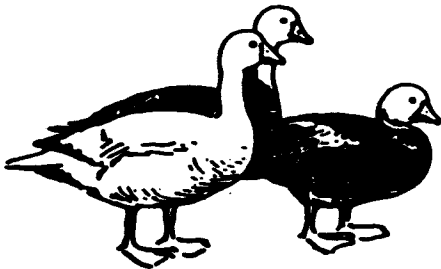
\*Assuming a 1/16th inch leak at  
40 lbs. pressure (a fast drip).



# BIRD WALKS

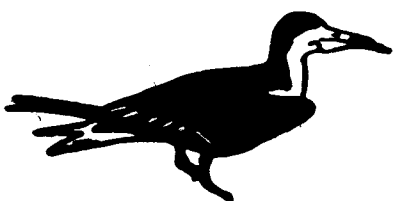
No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below.  
STARTING TIME - 9:30 A.M.

- May 3 Hempstead Lake State Park  
10 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
17 West End #2, N.E. Corner  
24 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
31 Twin Lakes Preserve
- June 7 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



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