

SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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Meeting

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
8:00 P.M.**

NOTES FROM A BIRDWATCHER'S LOG
Speaker: ELLIOTT KUTNER



Through the eyes of his motion picture camera Elliott Kutner has captured some of the variety and volume of birds that visit our yards and gardens during the four seasons of a year.

HELP NEEDED

HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE **SKIMMER**
FOR PUBLICATION — no experience necessary

Contact: Joe Grupp — **481-4208**



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FALL TRIP

Saturday, October 8, 1988

Hawk Migration at High Point State Park, N.J.

Trip will include bus transportation and dinner.

For information contact: Alan Bromberg
764 - 7523

AUDUBON CONCERNS

National Audubon Society's "High Priority Campaigns"

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
Clean Air
Old - growth Forests
Platte River
Wetlands Preservation

The Audubon Activist is a bi-monthly newspaper filled with news of environmental issues, background information and tips from Conservationists. \$9.00 for 6 issues. Order from National Audubon Society, 950 Third Ave., N. Y., N.Y. 10022

NOW is the ideal time to inform your legislators about your concerns on waste disposal on land, waterways and in the air. Copies of your letters to the Skimmer will help.

Lennox A. Gordon

BIRD WALKS

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

- Sept. 11 - West End No. 2 N.E. Corner Jones Beach
- 18 - Zach'z Bay Field No. 4 N.E. Corner
- 25 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 2 - West End N.E. Corner Jones Beach
- 9 - Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg.)



B I R D A T H O N

Our thanks and appreciation goes to the following businesses who generously supported SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON'S 1988 Birdathon:

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Betsy Gulotta

B I R D A T H O N R E S U L T S

The first South Shore Audubon Society Birdathon, held on May 14, 1988, was a success. Our four teams spotted 136 species of birds and raised \$3208.65, which will be used partly toward funding the programs of the South Shore Audubon Society, with the remainder going to fund the following national programs: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Scully Audubon Sanctuary in Islip, and Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay.

The numbers of birds seen by each team were as follows:

Arthur Atlas and team	42 species
Paul Butkereiit and team	101 species
Elliott Kutner and team	87 species
James Remsen and team	94 species.

Prizes were awarded at the June dinner, to the following individuals, each receiving an autographed copy of the book *The World of Robert Bateman*:

Largest dollar amount raised	Betsy Gulotta
Largest number of sponsors recruited	Kenneth and Karen Wenzel
Sponsor prize (by random drawing)	Environmental Landscaping and Design, Inc.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team leaders, all those who went birding with us on May 14, and all our sponsors. We could not have had this success without you.

Arthur Atlas
James Remsen
Birdathon Chairpersons

BIRD WALKS 1988 - 1989

Elliot Kutner, Chairperson (516) 486-7667

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.

(NO WALK IF IT RAINS, SNOWS, OR TEMPERATURE IS 25° OR BELOW)

August	21	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	28	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sept	4	No walk
Sept	11	West End No. 2 N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	18	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	25	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Oct	2	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	9	Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg.)
	16	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	23	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	30	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
Nov	6	J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
	13	West End No. 2, N. E. Corner, Jones Beach
	20	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	27	Pelham Bay Park (Meet on Service Road after going through Throg's Neck Bridge Toll Plaza, 9:00 A.M.)
Dec	4	Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Pkg.)
	11	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
	18	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	25	No Walk
Jan	1	No Walk
	8	West End No. 2 N.E. Corner
	15	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	22	Pelham Bay Park (Meet on Service Road after going through Throg's Neck Bridge Toll Plaza, 9:00 A.M.)
	29	Cedar Beach
Feb	5	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	12	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	19	West End No. 2 N.E. Corner
	26	Zach's bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner
March	5	West End No. 2, N.E. Corner, Jones Beach
	12	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	19	J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
	26	Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. Corner

EDUCATION

Rose Ermidis

September is here and a new year of Audubon Adventures is waiting to thrill the children in grades three through six. Last year we sponsored sixty classes. This year we would like to reach as many children as possible. You can help. Do you have a child in school? Do you have a grandchild in school? Well even if you do not have a personal connection with your local school you can visit that school as an interested citizen. I can provide you with a past copy of Audubon Adventures to take to show the principal or teacher. See me at our general meeting or call me at 785-6028.

Topics for the 1988/89 year will be:

The World of Goldenrod and Other Wayside Plants

Falling Fast in Fall - Deciduous Trees

Zoos

Urban/Surburan Wildlife

Snakes

Butterflies/Moths

In April (Oh a surprise) the Audubon Poster will be on Rivers and Wildlife! All issues are accompanied by a Leader's Guide.

Aug. - Sept.

Oct. - Nov.

Dec. - Jan.

Feb. - Mar.

April - May

June - July



South Shore Audubon supports National Audubon's youth program by covering the cost of \$25.00 per subscription. We do ask that a \$5.00 donation be made to South Shore Audubon for each subscription so that we can expand our service to as many classes as possible. Each teacher is able to order up to 29 copies per subscription. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this very worthy environmental project.

NEW MEMBERS

MARION YAVARKOVSKY

It is our pleasure to welcome the following new members to our chapter. We hope you will join us at our weekly bird walks, monthly meetings and special events.

Baldwin ----- Daniel Amelkin
Baldwin ----- Leah V. Frank
Bellmore ----- Mrs. Laurie Apple
Bethpage ----- Ann Mastrella
E. Rockaway -- Mr. Frank Artusa
E. Rockaway -- Donald MacLean
Franklin Sq. - Mr. Richard Schwabe
Franklin Sq. - Susan Weber
Freeport ----- Grace T. Caidin
Freeport ----- Mr. Herbert Kosow
Garden City S- Dr. Janith S. Kice
Garden City S- Joseph Von Frohlich
Garden City S- Jim-Claire Werner
Hempstead ----- Richard Maffucci
Hempstead ----- H. Pulak
Hicksville ---- Ruth - Harry Lambert
Lawrence ----- Mr. Milton Stier
Levittown ----- Karla Franco
Levittown ----- Hilda Hare
Levittown ----- C. Kamps
Long Beach ---- Gower Golding
Long Beach ---- Mr. Alan Mechanic
Long Beach ---- Bobby Miller
Long Beach ---- Robert Moderno

Long Beach --- Vanlawrence Sustain
Long Beach --- Mr - Mrs Raymond Weprek
Lynbrook ----- Richard E. Radike
Massapequa --- Scott Devenish
Massapequa --- Dari Staci Gates
Massapequa --- Mrs. Robert Schulman
Massapequa --- L. T. Steffen
Merrick ----- Neil Maietta
Merrick ----- M. Panuccio
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Oceanside ----- Mr. David Selwyn
Oceanside ----- Arthur F. Bourgeois
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Plainview ----- Eve Frankel
Plainview ----- Renee W. Glazer
Plainview ----- E. Koaiuk
Plainview ----- Mr. Robert E. Nitschke
Pt. Lookout -- Candace Blake
Rockville Ctr- Donald Ferrara
Rockville Ctr- Mr. Gerald I. Steinhaus
Uniondale ----- Harvey Silverman
Valley Stream- Pascale A. Titley
Valley Stream- Mr. R. Woolsey
W. Hempstead - Mr. Eric S. Schaffer
Woodmere ----- Susan - Steven Anolik
Woodmere ----- Seymore Dinner

SUMMER VOYAGE

Dr. Robert S. White has made available the opportunity for South Shore Audubon members and friends to participate in his Alaska Seacomber Excursion. Dr. White is returning 10% of the cruise price to South Shore Audubon's fundraising efforts.

SUMMER '89 - ALASKA SEACOMBER EXCURSION

Joan and Paul Butkereiit

Come, explore the magnificent coastal rainforest, stunning mountain scenery and spectacular wildlife of Southeast Alaska. South Shore Audubon members and their friends are invited to participate in a unique trip aboard the 60 ft luxury yacht "The Seacomber". Dr. Robert S. White and his crew will take 6-8 passengers on an unforgettable voyage of discovery of the calm, inland waters surrounding Chichagof and Admiralty Islands. A choice of activities include hiking, photography, swimming in natural hot springs, birdwatching, fishing for salmon and halibut, and exploring this unique coastline for wildlife and beauty aboard zodiaks. Wildlife includes sea otter, sea lion, harbour seal, humpback whale, killer whale, mink, river otter, bald eagle, hawk owl, pelagic cormorants, rhinoceros auklet, cassin's auklet, marbled murrelet, tufted puffin, common murre, pigeon guillemot, and other feathered friends. The following dates are being held open for Auduboners until Dec. 1, 1988:

June 26 - July 2, 1989 - Hoonah to Sitka

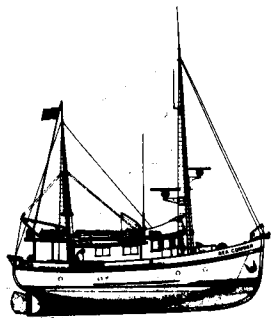
August 5 - August 11, 1989 - Sitka to Hoonah

Cruise fees are \$2,000 per person for regular stateroom, \$2,400 per person for master stateroom. This fee covers everything during the cruise except air fare to and from Alaska.

Individuals can expand their visit to Alaska with one or more of the following optional excursions.

CHOOSE FROM:

1. Anchorage to Denali National Park by rail aboard the Midnight Sun Express or private 12 passenger van. This option includes an overnight in Denali National Park, or several nights at a wilderness lodge deep within the park.
2. Glacier Bay National Park/Haines & Skagway. Watch glaciers "calve" icebergs into the sea. Explore the historic towns of Skagway and Haines. Stay in a bed and breakfast in Gustavus, outside Glacier Bay, and in Skagway.
3. "Land of Katmai Tour" - The tour package includes round trip air transportation between Anchorage and the famous Brooks Lodge, two nights lodging and a bus tour of the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes".



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Interested parties may call Dr. Robert White at 1-800-732-2662; please mention you are a South Shore Audubon friend.

We (Joan and Paul) have joined Dr. White on three Alaskan cruises and plan to attend one of the above. We highly recommend them.



Ocean-dumped Sewage Sludge Haunts Fishermen off Atlantic Coast

Sick Lobsters Found with 'Burned' Shells

SINCE 1987, NEW YORK City has been loading its sewage sludge on barges and heaving it overboard at the edge of the Outer Continental Shelf. Several New Jersey towns dump their sludge in the same place, about 100 miles southeast of the metropolitan area's coast.

The waste—9 million tons of it a year—is laden with PCBs and poisonous metals like mercury and lead because it comes from industrial as well as residential sources. New York City shares with Boston and Los Angeles the dubious honor of being the only cities that still jettison their sewage at sea; though required by federal law to stop dumping by 1981, New York continues under an exemption. The city began using the deep-ocean site after the EPA ordered it to abandon its previous dumpsite nearer shore because years of dumping had killed off most marine life in that area. Now, fishermen are reporting an epidemic of a shellfish-killing disease in undersea canyons 70 miles northwest of the dumpsite.

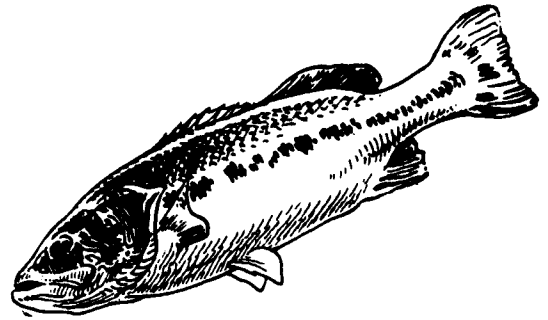
The disease, generally a problem only in sewage-contaminated waters, "burns" holes into crustaceans' shells, letting in mud and silt that clogs their gills. Shellfish harvests are down 70 percent, lobstermen say, since New York started using the deep-water site. Catches of fish in the area have also plummeted. The EPA,

though skeptical that there is a connection between the shellfish disease and the sludge dumping, is doing a study this summer.

New England commercial and sport fishermen have joined with environmentalists in the Coalition to Cease Ocean Dumping and are mobilizing to put an end to the ocean dumping. "The same things we saw close to shore are happening here," said George Whidden, a Rhode Island lobsterman and coalition leader. "They thought no one would notice it in the deep ocean, but we live here—this is our universe."

Legislation to end the dumping, though opposed by New York's congressmen and New York City Mayor Koch, is moving forward in Congress. In early June, the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee approved a bill (HR 4338) that requires a phase-out of dumping by the end of 1992. Its counterpart in the Senate, which would end the dumping by 1991, was scheduled for markup in committee at press time.

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Suggested action: Write to your senators and representative—especially if you live in New York—and ask them to support legislation that would end ocean dumping. For more information on the legislation, contact Sally Lentz, Oceanic Society, P.O. Box 6032, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 328-0098. AMS



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202-547-9017

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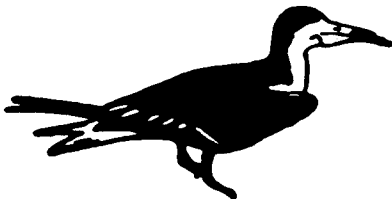
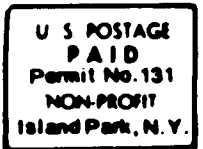
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From the July/August 1988 Audubon Activist

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