

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## Next Meeting

Next Meeting: December 13, 1988  
Speaker: Robert Villani  
Title: Wildlife Along The Eastern Seaboard: Newfoundland to Florida

Robert Villani is both a natural history illustrator and a photographer, whose work appears in the Audubon Pocket Guides and Calendars, and in many other well-known publications.

This presentation will be an exciting new experience for our Chapter.

Next Meeting: January 10, 1989  
Speakers: Member Participation Night  
Title: Member Slides

Our members are invited to bring 5 to 10 of their best nature slides to share with us. Please be sure your name is on each slide and indicate the top of the slide. Join us for this meeting and find out what other Audubon members have been busy photographing.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A COFFEE CUP!

## President's Message

This time of the year is the time of holly and evergreens, icicles, and snowflakes. We borrow them from nature and they become part of the decorations we use to celebrate our holidays. Anyone who has ever walked among the evergreens observing nature, during a light snow, can fully understand why as decorations on our cards and in our homes, they add to the spirit of the season, a spirit of peace and happiness.

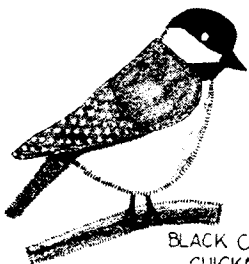
My holiday wish for you is one of peace, and a healthy and quality environment for us humans and those living things we call wild.

National Audubon Society has announced the appointment of David Miller as the new Northeast Regional Vice-President, who will be based in Albany, N.Y. Mr. Miller will reopen the Northeast Regional Office which has been closed for about a year. This appointment can only strengthen the Audubon cause.

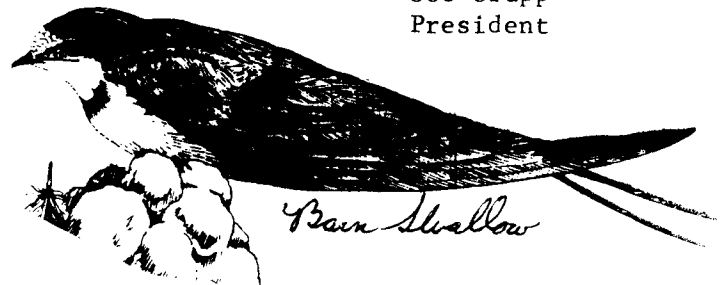
Our chapter has initiated our annual fund raising drive. You will be receiving literature about it in the mail. I urge you to read it carefully and respond accordingly. Your support will ensure the continuation of our chapter's environmental and educational programs. Together we are a strong chapter.

For the holiday season and the remainder of the year - PEACE!

Joe Grupp  
President



BLACK CAPPED  
CHICKADEE



Barn Swallow

# SCHOLARSHIP

EVELYN BLUME

Want to enrich your life? Now is your chance to apply for a Scholarship, being awarded by South Shore Audubon Society.

Scholarship III will be awarded to a candidate who is an active S.S.A.S. member involved in education in the Chapter Community, etc. and or is willing to serve on a Chapter Committee. If no candidate meets those requirements it will be awarded to a candidate who is active.

Scholarship IV is a youth Scholarship and will be awarded to a young person recommended by an active S.S.A.S. member.

Both these Scholarships are at the Audubon Camp in Maine. Scholarship III is for Field Ecology for two weeks. Scholarship IV is at Youth Ecology Camp (ages 10 - 15).

Anyone interested, please submit name to Evelyn Blume, 313 Smith Street, Merrick, New York 11566; or call at 378-7122.



## ACROSS

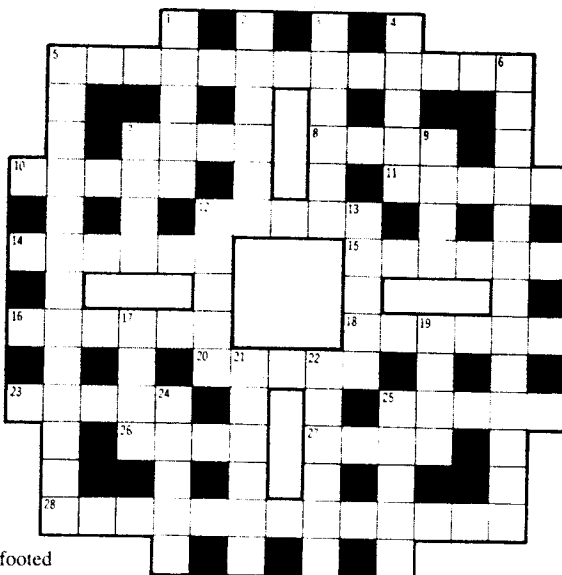
- 1 Hirundinidae of the West Indies, accidental to keys and south Florida (2 words).
- 7 Upper and lower mandible.
- 8 Crow best distinguished from others by its voice.
- 10 Greater white-fronted goose: \_\_\_\_\_ *albifrons*.
- 11 Bitterns and egrets are members of this family.
- 12 Taxonomic division between "phylum" and "order."
- 14 A sea duck.
- 15 Scotsman after whom scientific name for MacGillivray's warbler derived.
- 16 This lark is not a true lark.
- 18 Greater yellowlegs: \_\_\_\_\_ *melanoleuca*.
- 20 What the columella in a bird reacts to.
- 23 A birdathon usually runs 24.
- 25 Western woodpecker that nests/roosts in groups.
- 26 Famous bird watcher (middle name).
- 27 Eurasian coot: *Fulica* \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Black-billed, tail-bobbing flycatcher (2 words).
- 5 Waterfowl accidental on N.E. coast resembling brant.
- 6 Endangered species wintering at Aransas NWR.
- 7 Chief biographer of N.A. birds.
- 9 The pied-billed grebe: \_\_\_\_\_-diver.
- 12 Top of a bird's head.
- 13 One kind of ABA list.
- 17 Used when wet in some nests.
- 19 Southwestern dove.
- 21 Masked duck: \_\_\_\_\_ *dominica*.
- 22 Bay ducks.
- 24 Migration direction.
- 25 Weapon using feathers.

Solution to BWD puzzle may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Some Audubon members have called and told me of the education they are obtaining, due to the crossword puzzles. They are turning to their various 'bird books' for answers. I hope you are all having fun with this segment.

## DOWN

- 1 British word for shorebird.
- 2 This teal's name is that of a Siberian lake.
- 3 Flying cigars.
- 4 *Puffinus carneipes*: \_\_\_\_\_-footed shearwater.



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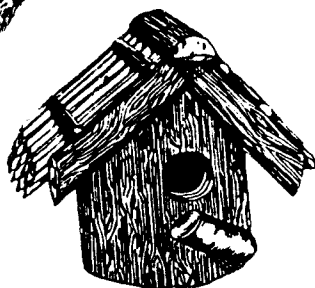
# BIRDING ONE TO ONE

GAYLE WERTZ

DIDJA KNOW.....?

- \* Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
- \* Flamingos can only eat with their heads upside down.
- \* Once it has left the nesting grounds, the Sooty Tern remains aloft for 3 to 4 years before returning to them.
- \* A Pigeon can live for 35 years.
- \* A Swan can fly 54 miles per hour, and a Pine-Tailed Swift at 106 miles per hour.
- \* Over 56,000 Carrier Pigeons were used during World War II. Some were even awarded medals for bravery in action.
- \* Ostriches are the fastest running birds in the world. In South Africa they are raced, carrying jockeys.
- \* A Barn Owl's eyesight is 100 times more efficient at night than a man's.
- \* The Bald Eagle appears hairless at a distance but the top of its head is really covered with slicked-down white feathers.
- \* The Peregrine Falcon has been measured flying at 81.84 miles per hour. When it stoops on its prey, diving to the earth from a great height, it often travels 99.2 m.p.h.
- \* When a young Harpy Eagle is fully grown and leaves the nest it is larger than its parents by as much as one foot in wing span and one pound in weight. As it matures its bones contract and it loses weight with exercise.
- \* Nearly half the world's 8,580 species of birds migrate. They use the sun and stars to plot their positions.
- \* The Wandering Albatross can glide and fly around the world using the westerly drifting winds called the "Roaring Forties."
- \* The Bee Hummingbird builds a nest no bigger than a thimble.
- \* The female King Penguin hatches her one egg during the polar winter when the temperature falls to -40° F. She has to maintain the temperature of the egg at 104° F; 144° F above the outside temperature.

From:  
"Amazing Facts About  
Animals" - Doubleday  
& Company, Inc.



Magazines you may wish to subscribe to:  
To share the knowledge of birds, I believe it is a good idea for Auduboners to give a "gift subscription" of bird magazines to our local libraries. I have done this and the magazine is being utilized quite a bit. Why keep all this enjoyment and information just for ourselves?

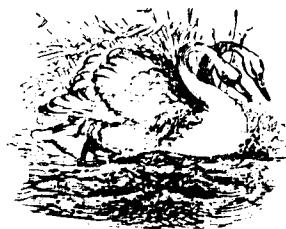
Wild Bird  
Subscription Department  
Post Office Box 483  
Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054-8044

Bird Talk  
Subscription Department  
Post Office Box 6040  
Mission Viejo, California 92690-9983

Pet Health News (birds & animal information)  
Post Office Box 6050  
Mission Viejo, California 92690

If you know of other magazines of interest, please let me know and I will list them here, as well. The more informed we humans are - the better it is for the animals around us!!!!

I am sorry to report that the Canada Goose, I wrote about in a previous issue has died. It seems that even with the magnificent work that Dr. B. Brooke did, when an autopsy was done, it was noted that the throat had been severed by the monofilament line. It is a killer....



For this season of joy and family gatherings, I most sincerely wish you all happiness and peace in the world. Please remember the animals, now and at all times, and do not pass one single creature, if it is in trouble or in pain. The small amount of time you devote to them will give you enormous rewards. Please do not turn away - they need you desperately.

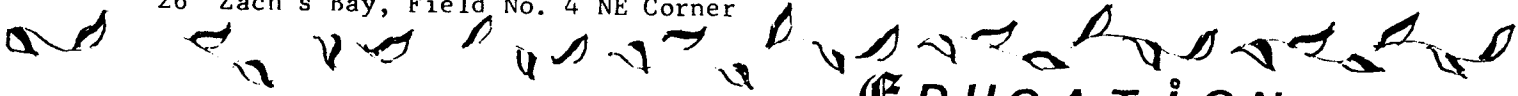
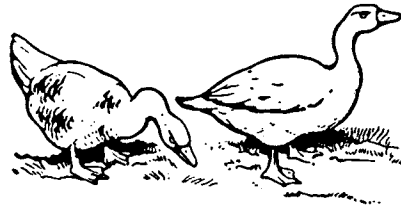
*A huge "thank you" to Ann Seyel  
for getting the Shimizu to press.  
Howe - Antastic Ann!*

# BIRD WALKS

ELLIOT KUTNER

- January 1 No walkies  
 8 West End No. 2, NE 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.)

- February 5 West End No. 2 NE Corner, Jones Beach  
 12 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
 19 West End No. 2 NE Corner  
 26 Zach's Bay, Field No. 4 NE Corner

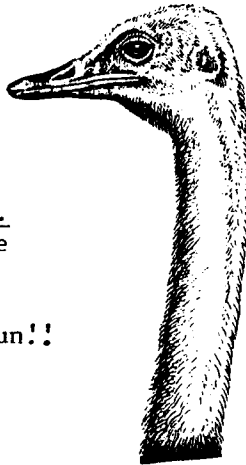


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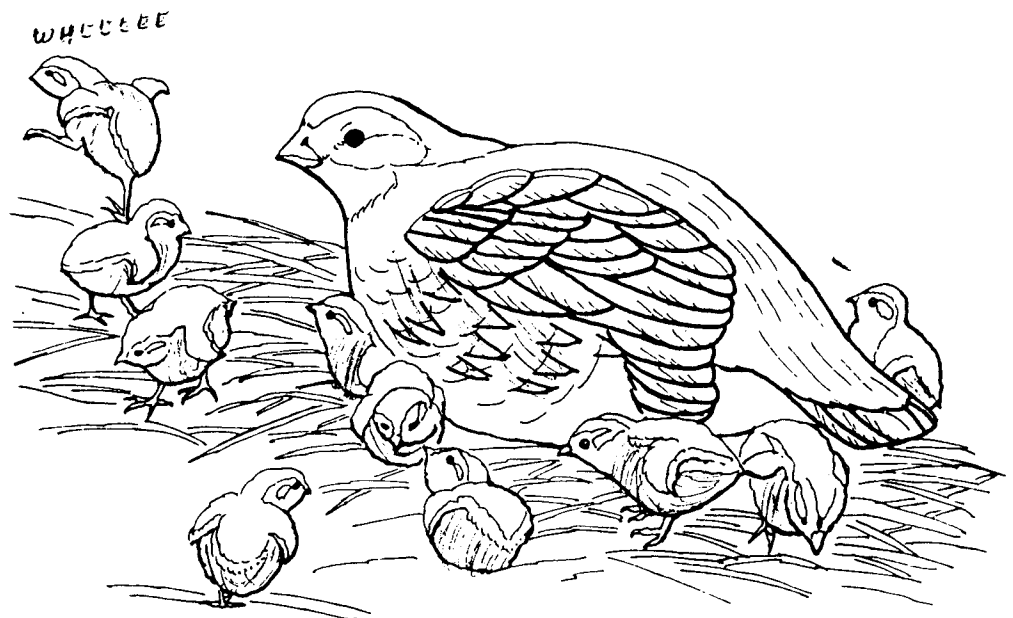
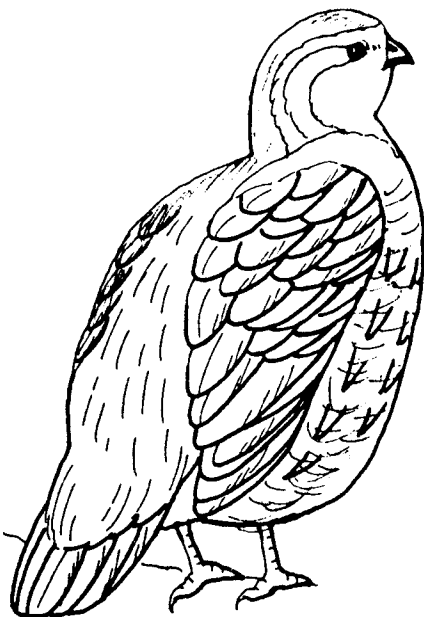
### ROSE ERMDIS

November is the month of Fall foliage. Trees add beauty to our lives before winter sets in, eliminating color. This month South Shore Audubon is sponsoring an Essay Contest titled, "Trees Can Mitigate The Greenhouse Effect." This contest is open to any class which reads 'Audubon Adventures.' Essays should be short to the point and represent the level of academic achievement expected in third through sixth grade. A prize of a lovely tree will be awarded to the school with the best essays.

I am pleased to say that we are now sponsoring sixty five classes with subscriptions to Audubon Adventures. As Thanksgiving approaches we give thanks for what is left of our beautiful trees on Long Island and pray that a solution will be found to preserve them. ~



**CORRECTION.....**  
**THE HOLIDAY PARTY WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1988.**  
 Please make a note of this change of date or you will surely miss the fun!!



**BOBWHITE** (*Colinus virginianus*). Male standing, female with chicks. Found year-round in eastern two-thirds (excluding northernmost states) and northwestern corner of U.S.



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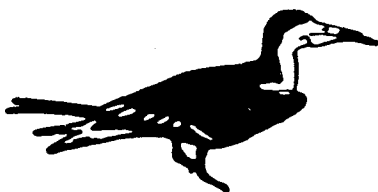
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