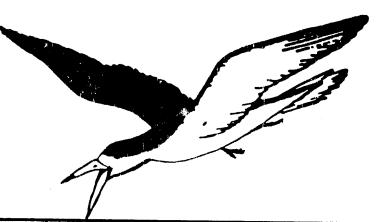
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MARCH - 1990

## President's Message

As we proceed through the remainder of winter and the spring of the year, there is a full calendar of events at South Shore Audubon Society. On April 7, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary has invited all members of South Shore Audubon Society to meet at the Sanctuary at 1:00 P.M., at which time the Sanctuary will honor the memory of Jane Herod, a deceased member of S.S.A.S., and dedicate the new aviary that South Shore Audubon Society financially supported and helped to build.

The calendar for the remainder of the year appears as follows:

March 3 N.Y.State Audobon Council Meeting at Albany, New York

March 10 Twin Lakes Clean-Up

March 24 Bronx Zoo Trip

April 7 T. R. Sanctuary

April 22 Earth Day at Tackapausha Museum

May 5-7 National Audubon Society's Northeast Regional Conference at Lake George, New York

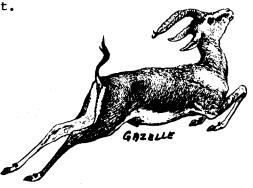
May 12 Birdathon

May 20 Cow Meadow Environmental Festival

June 2 L.I. Council Meeting at Scully

Sanctuary

The above calendar does not include our regularly scheduled meetings, birdwalks, annual dinner, etc. If you have any questions in regard to any event don't hesitate to contact me. Watch the Skimmer for information on our tree planting project.



## Next Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 1990

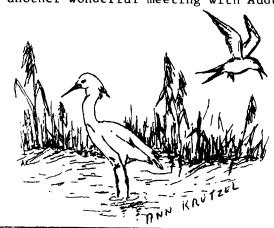
TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

Merrick Road & Ocean Avenue

Freeport, New York

Another very special slide-program is planned. Come out and enjoy another wonderful meeting with Audubon.



# Bird Walks

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains or snows or temperatures are below 25°. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Mar. 3 Hempstead Lake State Park Peninsula Boulevard parking

Mar. 10 Twin Lakes Preserve, Wantagh

Mar. 17 Zachs Bay-Pkg.Fld.#4 northeast corner

Mar. 24 West End #2-northeast corner

Mar. 31 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

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We wish to welcome the following new members to our Chapter. Please join us at our monthly meetings, weekly birdwalks and many special events. Our many committees, covering a wide variety of subject areas, are available to you. We would like you to take advantage of them. Remember, the welcome mat is always out.

Atlantic Beach....Arnold S. Mintz
Baldwin.......Dr. Diane Guerriere
Bellmore......E. Nagle
Bethpage......Anne Esenther, Ms. Beatrice Terry
East Meadow.....Michael Gatz, Robert Thomson, Ken/Audrey Ricken
East Rockaway....Dr. Richard A. Freedman, Charles P. Berwind
Farmingdale.....Peter Bookalam, Stanley Jacoby, Kathleen Scheck

Floral Park......Jonnie L. Floyd

Franklin Square....Helen Kruger, Shirley L. Harman, David P. Milot

Freeport.....Bruce Goldfeder, Joan F. Mallicoat, Beth Mapes

Garden City......Pamela Corteo, Mary A. Goess

Hempstead......Mr.Mrs. George Grella, Jr., Antonette Fisher, Ms. Cindy L. Karyuk

Hicksville......Jim Weaver, Gladys Gonzalez

Lawrence......Mr.Mrs.A. Biamonte Levittown.....Mrs. Leon Bennett

Long Beach......Mr. William J. Sheeron

Malverne......Grace Musumeci, Adam J. Pletz

Massapequa.....A. D. Billings, Kathleen Blake, Evelyn Hertz, Stacey Merola

Massapequa Park....Mr. Richard S. Walker

Oceanside......Maria Shuster, B. Ferguson

Rockville Centre...Nancy Wettstein Syosset.....Meg Greenberg

Valley Stream.....David Spiwak

West Hempstead....Alvin Schneiderman

Wantagh......Stephen P. Hoffman, Mr.Mrs. Paul Irene, Mr. Thomas Lascalzo

Woodmere.........Dolores Combs, David Shapiro

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ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT BY THE U. S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, NEARLY SIXTY PERCENT OF THE NATION'S 452 WILDLIFE REFUGES ARE USED FOR PURPOSES THAT HARM WILDLIFE!!!! THE REPORT DOCUMENTED REFUGE LANDS BEING DRILLED FOR OIL AND GAS, TRACKED BY OFFROAD VEHICLES AND DENUDED BY CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Conservation Magazine October 1989



Nine-Banded Armadillo

## Birding One To One

Someone gave me an article from "Plain Truth Magazine" (3-90). It stated that although the Exxon Valdez spilled 10.8 million gallons of oil, about 37 times that amount of oil is dumped improperly in the United States every year!

U.S. automobiles and industries produce about 1.4 billion gallons of used oil annually. Some is used in other ways but approximately 400 million gallons are poured into our soil, sewers or landfill. Nearly half comes from car owners who change their own oil and dispose of it improperly. I hope you are not guilty of this.... Businesses do not recycle due to complex regulations and inexpensive brand new oil.

National Wildlife Federation reports that North American waterfowl populations, near an all time low, as the 1989 fall migration southward saw a flight of some 64 million ducks, down from 66 million in 1988. During the 1970s the average was 92 million. On their northward migration, before late-spring rains began replenishing drought-ravaged wetlands, the ducks faced a severe shortage of staging and breeding areas. The drought only worsened the situation that was already bad. Wetland destruction by farming and other interests continued in this country at a rate of some 300, 000 acres a year. Despite the vaunted Swampbuster provisions of the 1985 U.S. Farm Act, a study released last year said wetland drainage in 1987 was the highest in 20 years.

In January the E.P.A. announced that it would permit no net loss of wetlands. If there was no alternative to destruction the party responsible would be required to restore a previously existing wetland or create a new one of equal value. President Bush established a task force to implement this policy.

Sincere thanks to the mysterious Auduboner who left that lovely bird figurine on my porch with the nice note. I certainly do collect all animal figurines (not surprised are you?) and this will go beautifully with my growing collection. Without your name, I cannot thank you in person. Much appreciated!

BABY ANIMAL/BIRD SEASON IS ARRIVING! Do I see a show of hands of people wishing to help, this year? You surely could show a real Audubon spirit (and the little critters are so, so, so cute!!) 798-4215 is the number to call if you would like to save some lives. It will be a most memorable experience for you

#### NOMINATIONS FOR 1990 - 1991 S.S.A.S.

President:
Vice President:
Treasurer:
Recording Secretary:
Corresponding Secretary:
Director:
James Remsen
Lennox Gordon
Louise Hillen
Ruth Grossman
Pat Davis

WE URGE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND THE MAY MEETING, AT WHICH TIME THE ELECTIONS TO THESE OFFICES WILL BE HELD. WE WANT YOU TO MEET THE CANDIDATES AND CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BEST SERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Tom Torma

Nominating Committee: Nora Laurenco, William Hollweg and Elliott Kutner.

#### AN ACT OF TRUST

Director:

Ocean drift nets take a grim toll as they stretch for miles across the open ocean, entangling whales and other sea mammals along with their intended catch of fish.

In the midst of this bleak story is a touching chapter set in the Arabian Sea, where a Navy helicopter spotted a female sperm whale hopelessly snarled in a drift net. The helicopter crew radioed for help, and the nearby guided-missile cruiser USS Truxton answered.

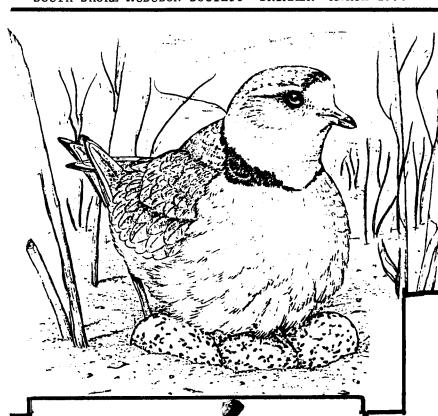


The ship pulled alongside the 60,000-pound whale and to keep the exhausted mammal from drowning, the crew lashed her to the hull.

One at a time several sailors crawled overboard to cut away the knotted ropes. After about an hour the whale was able to free herself. But to the crew's dismay, she pulled away before they had finished removing the net from her head and flukes. The commanding officer sent a small boat in pursuit - despite the fact that the whale could quickly submerge or speed out of reach.

To the astonishment of all, she stopped and waited for the boat's approach. Two Navy divers entered the water, and one actually straddled the whale as he worked to free her. The whale cooperated while the men pulled away the last of the netting. A somewhat misty-eyed crew then watched her slowly swim from view.

Ocean Realm Science Digest-January 1990



An arctic ground squirrel in Alaska emerges from its winter hibernation.

#### SUPERCOOL SQUIRRELS

Here's a thought to make the blood run cold: During the winter months, arctic ground squirrels temporarily chill their bodies to subfreezing temperatures without turning their blood into ice. The process is known as "supercooling," and these squirrels are the only mammals known to do it.

Biologist Brian Barnes of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks recorded the squirrels' core temperatures with implanted radio thermometers. The supercooling conditions lasted for three weeks before a rapid rise in body temperature aroused the squirrels for a short period. Their temperatures then lowered once again. This cycle repeated itself until the squirrels woke up in the spring.

The researchers searched for some sort of biological antifreeze in the squirrels' blood but found none. They have yet to deduce why the cooling occurs—in cycles or how the squirrels manage to stay frozen for weeks at a time with no bodily harm. The answers might extend the time that donor organs could be preserved for transplants.

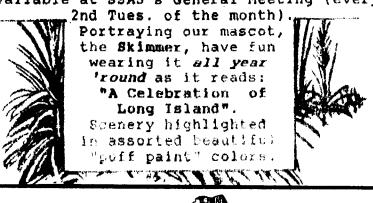
—Science

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE PIPING PLOVER by Brigitte Braff

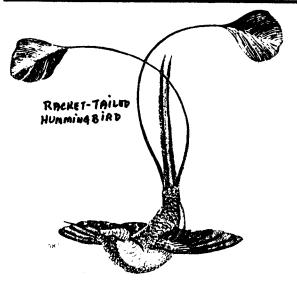
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help prepare
Silverpoint Nesting Site for the arrival
of the Piping Plover, an endangered
species along the Atlantic Coast. Meet
at Silverpoint Beach Club in Atlantic
Beach, Saturday, March 31, 1990 at 10:AM.
Raindate, Saturday, April 7, 1990 at
10:AM. Work involves cleaning nest site
area and surrounding beach area. Dress
warmly (in layers) and bring work gloves.

For information/directions call......... Brigitte Braff at 516-371-4779.









### National Audubon's Society's Birdathon

by Arthur Atas and James Rensen

On May 12, 1990 (RAINDATE MAY 19), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the 1990 National Audubon Birdathon. Once again, the Birdathon promises to be an important fundraiser, not to mention a good time, for Audubon chapters across the country.

Birdathon participants recruit sponsors who agree to pledge a certain amount of money per species seen on Birdathon day. We will be in need of people to be birders, sponsors, or simply "recruiters" who will be willing to obtain sponsors on behalf of other participants. We are also interested in finding people who will approach local businesses for pledges.

More information will be forthcoming. If you have questions or want to participate, see either of your Chairpersons at birdwalks or meetings or call us (evenings): Arthur Atlas (223-2327) or James Remsen, Jr. (764-5168).

### TACKAPAUSHA

Nassau County Department of Recreation & Parks Washington Avenue, Seaford (516-785-2802)

March 3 Natural History Cinema, 11:30 AM,12:30
March 4 "San Diego Zoo" 1:30,2:30,4:00 PM
Tackapausha Presents, 2:00 and 3:30 PM
"The Tale of Tails" - come and learn about the importance of tails in the animal world.

Mar. 7 Mid-Week Movie, 4:00, "Fossil Story"

Mar. 10 Natural History Cinema, 11:30,12:30,

Mar. 11 12:30,1:30,2:30,4:00 PM, "Joey Runs Away"
Tackapaughs Presents -2:00,3:30 PM
"Unusual Home Builders"animal archicts.

Mar. 14 Mid-Week Movie, 4:00 PM, "Fresh Water Pond"

Mar. 17 Natural History Cinema, 11:30, 12:30AM

Mar. 18 "Strange Bird"

Tackapausha Presents, 2:00, 3:30 PM

"The Ferret", come find out how he claims his territory

Mar. 21 Mid-Week Movie, 4:00 PM "How Animals Speak"

Mar. 24 Natural History Cinema, 11:30,12:30

Mar. 25 "Baobob"-portrait of a tree
Tackapausha Presents, 2:00,3:30 PM
"Living Fossils"-what does it mean?

Mar. 28 Mid-Week Movie, 4:00 PM
"How Nature Protects Animals"

Mar. 30 Natural History Cinema, 11:30,12:30

Mar. 31 "Dinosaurs",1:30,2:30,4:00 PM
Tackapausha Presents, 2:00,3:30 PM
"The Raccoon"-This critter of the
night has adapted well to people
encroaching on his territory.

## J. R. Sanctuary

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Nature Programs for Members and the Public. All programs at the Sanctuary except where noted.

Registration required. Please call us in advance, as space is limited. You may call as late as the day of the activity. Admission to programs is \$1.00 for TR Sanctuary and Audubon Society members and \$2.00 for non-members, unless otherwise stated.

Grounds open daily: 9:00AM-5:00PM

Nature Center open: 8:00AM-4:30PM Mon.-Thurs.

8:00AM-2:00PM Friday 1:00PM-4:30PM Weekends

March 4.....BARRED OWL. An informal session Sunday featuring our resident owl. Come 1:30-2:30PM see the owl, take photos and ask questions.

March 10.....DINOSAURS. Review the life and Saturday times of the world's largest 1:30-3:00PM reptiles. Children can make their own costumes.

March 11.....FOREST IN SPRING. Life stirs anew Sunday in our woodland plants and animals 1:30-3:00PM Treat your senses to the sights, sounds, smells and sensations of

Spring.



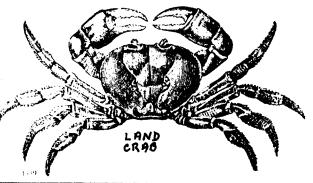
#### BROOKSIDE PRESERVE

#### CLEAN-UP MARCH 23rd

Tiny fern fiddleheads push up out of the ground. Pungent skunk cabbage poke themselves up through the marsh. Fragrant Lily-of-theValley and Canada Mayflower begin to carpet the forest floor. Common Flickers hammer the trees overhead, and brilliant Cardinals call out to their mates.

Spring arrives at the Brookside Preserve. It is time to get our "home" in order. Join us for our Spring Clean-Up at the Preserve on Sunday, March 25, at 1:30 P.M. Location: Brookside Avenue (north of Sunrise Highway) in Freeport. Dress appropriately - wear boots - we are a wetland! For more information, call Betsy Gulotta - 546-8841.







#### LOW FLOW PLUMBING FIXTURES

by Lennox Gordon

Effective January 1, 1991 the maximum flow for sink, lavitory faucets, shower heads and urinals cannot exceed 2.5 gallons per minute. The maximum flow for water closits (toilets) cannot exceed a maximum flow of 1.6 gallons per minute.

The Senate Bill #3581C was introduced by Sen. Owen Johnson, 23-24 Argyle Square, Babylon, N.Y. 11702. The Assembly Bill was introduced by Rep. A. Henchey and others. Addresses not available at this time.

Esisting installations are not effected.

#### WATER ISSUES

New York State Senator Caesar Trunzo has issued a special 4 page report on water issues dated December 1989. This report covers efforts to protect Long Island water, water legislation highlights for 1989, education programs, poster and model contest, education activities, water filters, wetlands, septic systems and Edgewood demolition. Phone: 516-360-6206 for education activities.

#### AUDUBON ACTIVIST - January/February 1990 by Lennox Gordon

Hot Line: (202-547-9017)

For more information on the following, call (516-223-1365)

Immediate action is necessary on:

Tongas National Forest S346 Bottle Bill HR586 Gray Wolf HR2786 Oil Spill HR3394

Proposed Eagle downlisting Ban on elephant ivory trade

Endangered Red Squirrel

Oil field waste ponds

Ancient forests of Pacific North West

Signed Into Law:

North American Wetland Conservation Act Everglades National Park Protection and Conservation Act

Eagle Habitat - 10550 acres in Mongap River Valley acquired for \$15 million, provided by 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act.

Clean Air Act Amendment - S1630 Oppose all weakening amendments.

### Bird Watching in Merrick

Bird-watching has caught on! More and more Americans are joining the ranks of serious birders, becoming followers that watch birds regularly, use a field guide, keep lists and identify species.

in the spring, billions of birds burst into the sky ing father of the South and even a backyard birder is drawn to admire As a field trip leader, he is the beauty of these tiny creatures.

program on Thursday,

that "there is still wild life in Merrick!"

Mr. Kutner is a found-Shore Audubon Society. the inspiration for birdMarch 22, 1990 8:00 P.M. Merrick Library Merrick Avenue

(Between Merrick Rd. & Sunrise)

watchers to get to know their local area, appreciate the wildlife in it and protect it. Professional birder He has lectured in local schools, on a volunteer basis, for many years, educating Elliot Kutner will present a the young to the beauty around them.

A color film and commentary, "Notes from a Bird-Watcher's Log: Merrick," plus March 22 at 8 PM to show a question period are planned. Refreshments will be served.

We now recycle bottles, aluminum, and newspapers to reduce waste, save energy, and protect our environment. In this 20th anniversary year of Earth Day, here's another way we can make a difference: by using recycled paper products.

At the January meeting, we showed samples of paper products from the Atlantic Recycled Paper Co. I think they can compete with any of the leading brands, and most importantly, they also help our environment. Here is a brief price list of the most popular items:

273	2-ply	White	9" x 11"	100	30	\$29.25	24 lbs.
Item #	Type	Color	Sheet Size	Sheets/roll	Rolls/case	Price/case	Shipping Wt.
	P	aper 1	Towels	s: fo	r home	в	

You will agree that this absorbant 2-ply roll of paper towels works as well as any you have used — and you have the satisfaction of knowing that it is 100% recycled. Pack of nine rolls: \$10.95 (+\$3 shipping and handling). For smaller quantities, order the Family Pack (last item in this price sheet).

Item #	Type	Color	Sheet Size	Towels/pkg	Pkos/case	Price/case	Shipping Wt
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264	Hard Roll	Natural	8" x 400'	(1.5" core)	12 rolls	\$35.90	29 lbs.
234	Singlefold	Natural	8" x 10"	250	16	\$24.35	27 lbs.
233	Multifold	Natural	9.5" x 9.25"	250	16	\$28.10	23 lbs.

We have two types of paper towels that are used in dispensers: hard rolls and folded. These are all unbleached, 100% recycled towels, as soft and absorbent as what your office is presently using (or your money back)!

			Na	pkins			
item #	Color	Туре	Open Size	Napkins/pkg	Pkg/case	Price/case	Shipping Wt.
377	White	1 - ply Everyday Use	13" x 13"	375	16	\$55.90	33 lbs.
· 314	White	2 - ply Formal Dinner	15" x 17"	250	12	\$58.95	41 lbs.

#377 napkins are for general use. There are 6000 napkins per case. Half case (8 pkgs): only \$29.90 (+\$5 shipping and handling). #314 napkins are embossed white dinner napkins comparable to the best dinner napkins anywhere – but these are 100% recycled! There are 3000 napkins/case. Half case (6 pkgs): \$32.90 (+\$6 shipping and handling).

You may prefer to order the Family Pack and get only 375 napkins at a time. If you order a case, you can split the order with friends, your church or community association, or give sample packs to restaurants, schools or businesses that aren' "buying recycled" yet. Lunchroom dispenser and cocktail napkins are also available upon request.

474	2-ply	White	8" x 8"	100	30	\$27.50	13 ibs
Item#	Туре	Color	Sheet Size	Tissues/box	Boxes/case	Price/case	Shipping Wt.
•			Facial	Tissu	e		

Soft, comfortable facial tissue made from 100% recycled paper. 16 boxes only \$15.95 (+\$3 shipping and handling).

198	2-ply	White	4.5 x 4.5"	500	96	\$48.95	48 lbs.
item #	Туре	Color	Sheet Size	Sheets/roll	Rolls/case	Price/case	Shipping Wt.
			Toilet	Pape	•		

This paper is soft and comfortable – and the only one that is 100% recycled. We're sure you'll like it. 33 rolls for only \$19.95 (+\$4 shipping and handling).

# Family Pack Item # Price Shipping/Handling 006 \$22.84 \$4.00

The Family Pack contains 8 rolls of toilet paper, 4 rolls of paper towels (item # 273), 375 napkins (item #377), 2 boxes of facial tissue, 50 sheets of 100% Natural Offset, and 50 envelopes.

This is perfect for home use or as a gift.

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Item #	Price	Shipping/ Handling
005	\$5.95	\$2.00

This contains samples of all the items listed in this price sheet: one roll of paper towels, one roll of oilet paper, 10 of each type of napkin, 10 facial tissues, 10 each of the dispenser paper towels, a sample of the hard roll paper towel, several full sheets of each of the office papers listed, and 10

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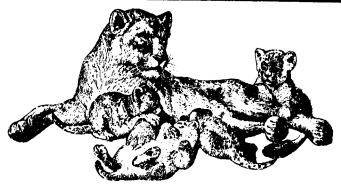
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BRONX ZOO SAFARI - MARCH 24, 1990, SATURDAY
by Evelyn Blume

The bus will leave at 9:00 A.M. at Merrick Golf Course Parking lot and leave Bronx Zoo at 3:00 P.M. We will visit the new Zoo Center where the Elephants, Rhino and Tapir live, and learn why and how endangered they are and what we can do. The Bronx Zoo is the largest urban zoo in North America. We will visit the World of Birds, Aquatic Bird House and Jungle World. Get your hiking shoes ready and plan for an adventerous day at the zoo. The bust cost will be \$12.00 per person. Call Evelyn Blume after 7:00 P.M. at 378-7122 if interested.

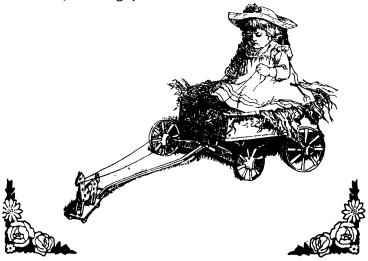
### TOP-RATED SPRING EVENT

BRING BAGS AND STICKS! GET READY FOR A SPRING CLEAN-UP AT TWIN LAKES PRESERVE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10th at 9:30 A.M.

Meet in School Parking Lot. This site is one of the beautiful preserves that South Shore Audubon Society had made a committment to keep clean for our Birdwalking pleasure, and health of our wildlife!

A vigorous way to Welcome Spring! Come on down - because we need you! Refreshments will be served.

(Directions: Sunrise Highway to Old Mill Road north, or Southern State to Exit 278, Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh)



## Scholarship

DEADLINE - MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1990

South Shore Audubon, once again is making possible two scholarships for 1990. One to be awarded to a youth and the other scholarship to an adult.

#### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship II will be awarded to a candidate who is an active member of S.S.A.S. and will serve on one or more Chapter Committees.

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

The adult scholarship will be at the Audubon Camp in Connecticut - Introductory Field Ecology, July 1 - 7 or July 8 - 14. The youth scholarship will be at Audubon Camp in Maine - Youth Ecology, August 16 - 26. Ages 10 - 14. Please submit to Evelyn Blume, 313 Smith Street, Merrick, N.Y. 11566 or call 378-7122 after 7:PM.

#### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

by Betsy Gulotta

In keeping with the goals of Audubon to further education of young people about wildlife protection and conservation of our natural resources, S.S.A.S. offers a \$500 scholarship to a college student who is persueing an academic career in an environmental field.

The scholarship is available to college juniors, seniors and graduate students at Hofstra, Adelphi, and C. W. Post Universities, and to graduating students from Nassau Community College, who plan to further their environmental studies in an institution of higher learning, in areas such as ecology, wildlife management, forestry, mammalogy, orinthology, animal behavior, etc.

Applications are available at the above-mentioned schools (Biology Departments), and through S.S.A.S., Betsy Gulotta, 546-8841. The deadline for applications is April 14, 1990. Recipients will be chosen by the S.S.A.S. scholarship committee.

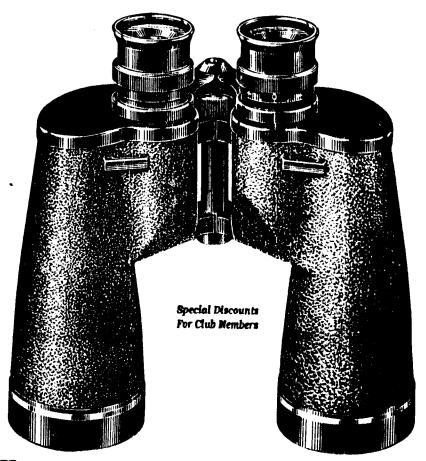
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