

 **BIRD WALKS** 
Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- Sept. 24 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 1 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 8 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Oct. 15 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Oct. 22 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 29 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

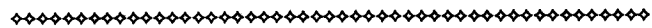
We welcome 115 new members this month. Please join us as we get into gear for a new season of bird watching, ecological involvement, and just plain good times.

[For information on joining the South Shore Audubon Society, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.]

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- Woodmere Alice Carroll



THANKS AGAIN, JERRY & EVELYN

Carole A. Adams

A great big THANK YOU to Jerry and Evelyn Bishop for your continued generosity and support. You are the Great Egrets of South Shore Audubon Society.

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

South Shore Audubon Society's looking for an accountant to continue the pro bono work that has been done for us by Jeffrey Liebowitz for the last few years — tax returns and annual chapter financial reports. For further details, please call Carole Adams at 731-4425.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

134 Cove Road
Oyster Bay, NY 11771
(516) 922-3200

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Sanctuary is owned by the National Audubon Society and operated by the Community and three local Audubon chapters, including South Shore Audubon. The following programs are open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required (except for the wildlife festival). All program fees are required at the time of registration.

Thursday, September 28th (7:30–8:30 P.M., adults) — The Wildlife of Venezuela. Learn about the natural areas of Venezuela — the savannas, rainforest, and mountains of a beautiful country — and our trip there in March. Free.

Sunday, October 15th (8:00–10:00 A.M., family) — Hawk Banding. We meet at the ranger station near the Fire Island Lighthouse, and observe migrating hawks and other live raptors. Visit the banding station and learn of our research. TRS members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

Monday, October 16th (7:00–9:00 P.M., age 12 and over) — Owl Prowl. This is one of our most popular programs. You'll see live owls and learn about their natural history. We will walk through the woods calling for wild owls and are likely to get a good look at one. TRS members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

Saturday, October 21st (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., adults) — Ornithology Workshop. Designed for beginners and intermediates, the fundamentals of avian field marks, natural history, song, and identification techniques will be taught with slides, equipment, banding, and more. TRS members \$20, nonmembers \$25.

Sunday, October 29th (6:00–8:00 P.M., ages 4–6 & 7–9) — Halloween/Nocturnal Animal Party. Every year, children join us in costume to take a night walk, see live nocturnal animals (bats, owls, fox, etc.), play night games, and have a great time. Be sure to reserve space soon; we fill up early. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

Annual Wildlife Festival at Planting Fields Arboretum. On November 4th and 5th, from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., there will be crafts, face painting, nature walks, activities, environmental organizations (including SSAS), vendors, food, and lots of animals live and in the hand. See eagles, big reptiles, fox, opossum, flying hawks, owls, and lots of other fuzzy, furry, and scaly creatures. Admission fees to be announced.

JOIN US AT CONNETQUOT

Our second 1995 tour of 3473-acre Connetquot River State Park Preserve, this time led by Connetquot's Elizabeth Venuti, will take place on Saturday morning, **October 14th**, starting at 9:30 A.M. Once again we will be limiting our group to 40 people; please call Michael Sperling at 541-0805 after 7:30 P.M. to register. We expect to see beautiful fall foliage (which arrives earlier near the cool river), seasonal deer, and migrating birds.

Directions. Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 44 (Sunrise Highway, Route 27) east for about two miles. Make a U-turn at the very first traffic light (↵ at Pond Road) and slowly head back west on Sunrise Highway. There's an unmarked deceleration lane just before the entrance to Connetquot; you'll see a big cleverly hidden sign as you turn into the entrance. Admission to Connetquot is by permit only and costs \$1, so indicate that you're part of South Shore Audubon's group; we'll meet in the parking lot. If the weather is questionable, call Connetquot that morning at 581-1005.

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Each year, SSAS returns the Chapter Financial Report form sent to us by National Audubon Society. Our retiring volunteer accountant, Jeffrey Liebowitz, calculated the following numbers. Because some expenses weren't paid by us until after the fiscal year ended, we're showing a significant profit that's not really there.

Assets

☛ Cash (Checking, Savings, etc.)	\$24,008
☛ Investments (Stocks, CDs, etc.)	49,303
Total Assets as of 6/30/95.....	73,311

Revenues

☛ NAS Chapter Dues Share	10,665
☛ Grants/Contributions	2,073
☛ Educational Events	7,961
☛ Fund-raising Events	185
☛ Interest and Investments	1,896
☛ Sales (Birdseed, Binoculars — Net Profit)	4,560
☛ Other (Dues, Subscriptions, Annual Dinner)	4,134
Total Income	31,474

Expenditures

☛ Administration	1,805
☛ Newsletter/Postage/Mailing	6,203
☛ Education Programs & Events.....	8,904
☛ Grants/Contributions to NAS (Birdathon)	1,668
☛ Scholarships	2,385
☛ Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary	1,060
☛ Annual Dinner	4,252
☛ Conferences	1,639
Total Expenditures	27,916
Net Increase in Operating Funds	3,558

CONSERVATION REPORT

Time for Action

Betty Borowsky

Congress has reconvened. The introduction of anti-environmental initiatives continues at a great rate, and it is possible that you will be reading some of this too late. If the budget has not yet been passed, and/or the following initiatives are still under discussion, I urge you to contact your representatives to tell them you are adamantly opposed to the dilution of environmental regulations.

Where to begin? The environment is on the line again. There are many new legislative initiatives that seek to do away with the protective laws and regulations that have successfully held off additional pollution and destruction of habitat, and have actually reversed environmental damage during the past 25 years. The outstanding initiatives are:

H.R. 1977. This is the Department of the Interior Appropriations Bill passed by the House of Representatives (the Senate passed a less awful Interior bill; the differences are being worked out). It extends a moratorium on the listing of new endangered and threatened species. The Environmental Protection Agency's total funding is reduced by 32%, and amendments attached to the bill would "limit EPA's ability to regulate sewer systems, wetlands, water pollution, refineries, oil and gas manufacturing, radon in water, and pesticides in processed food." [This quote comes not from an environmental group, but from The American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Washington Hotline column in September's *ASME News*.] The implementation and enforcement of Section 404, the wetlands component of the Clean Water Act, would be eliminated. President Clinton has indicated that he is against H.R. 1977, but since this will be part of a larger appropriations bill, unless the President understands the strength of the public's opposition to it, he might let it pass along with the rest of the bill.

S. 851. This is the Senate's Wetlands Regulatory Reform Act of 1995 and is an attempt to eliminate protection of up to 75% of the nation's wetlands.

H.R. 925 / S. 605. This "Takings Law" bill would require taxpayers to pay corporations and other landowners to comply with endangered species, wetlands, and western water laws.

H.R. 1868. The House Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill reduces funding for population programs and related assistance by 40%. All funding for the United Nations Population Fund would be eliminated, and an international gag rule on family planning providers would be implemented. Population pressure continues to be the number one factor in the destruction of the environment.

Opening the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Oil Exploration. The thinking behind this is that the nation will realize \$1.4 billion in income from leasing the land to oil companies. Since this plan is tied to the budget, the President will have to exercise his veto power to prevent opening up this last pristine environment to disruption.

More. Unfortunately, there are other initiatives as well. To learn about these and/or to learn more about the ones mentioned above, and especially to learn where these initiatives are in Congress, you may call National Audubon Society at 202-547-9009 or their weekly Actionline tape at 800-659-2622.

Please write to your legislators. Your correspondence really is taken into account — how are they to know how we feel unless we contact them?

You may also call the Council on Environmental Quality (202-456-6224; fax 202-456-2710), President Clinton (202-456-1111), Senators D'Amato (212-947-7390) and Moynihan (212-661-5150), and your Congressman [probably Peter King (541-4225) or Daniel Frisa (248-3264)]; call me at 764-3596 if you're not sure]. There is now a toll-free 800 number for the U.S. Capitol; dial 800-972-3524 and ask for your Senator or Congressman.



NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN BIRDING EXPEDITIONS

Naturalist Debbie Becker's free birding expeditions at the Bronx's NYBG have been expanded to include Saturdays in September and October. Friday walks start at 1:30; Saturday walks start at 12:00. Admission to the Botanical Gardens is free from 10 to 12 A.M. on Saturdays; call 718-817-8700 for more info. Topics are as follows: September 29 & 30, Hawking the Skies; October 6 & 7, Broad-winged Hawks; October 13 & 14, Migrating Warblers; October 20 & 21, Migration at the Wetlands; and October 27 & 28, Migration at Twin Lakes.

SKIMMER DRIVERS WANTED

Michael Sperling

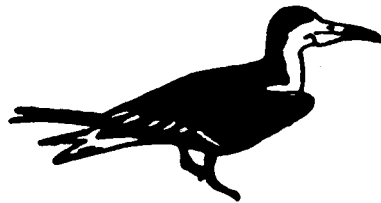
Last month's *Skimmer* reminded me that this all-volunteer chapter can never have too many volunteers, especially in mid-August. Although I hope that my regular printer and post office people (Jenny Krivanek & Sal Navasaitis, respectively) can continue to do 90% of the three monthly *Skimmer* trips forever (or at least until I retire as editor), I'd like to add some more names to the backup list. Our printer's located in Island Park; if you're sometimes available on Monday mornings and/or Friday afternoons to provide *Skimmer* transportation, please give me a ring. About 2000 newsletters are mailed on Mondays (Tuesday if there's a holiday) in Freeport; if you're available and can handle heavy sacks of mail, please call 541-0805 after 7:30 P.M.

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