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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole A. Adams

The winter seasonal changes never cease to amaze me. Leaves changed color and drifted to the ground. Birds flew south in large numbers. Wild animals took on thick winter coats. Thoughts of winter owling drift in and out of my fantasies. This is such an energizing time of the year. But change is not limited to our natural environment and wild-life. National Audubon Society is making some of its own changes through the adoption and implementation of a well thought out Strategic Plan. Briefly, it is a refocusing of the mission and direction of the National Audubon Society, which includes a renewed recognition of the grassroots chapters that make up the National Audubon Society.

As we all know, without the local chapters, there is no National Audubon Society. Every single one of the chapters, small or large, passive or active, collectively, are its strength.

South Shore Audubon Society is one of those larger and more active chapters. To maintain that strength, we need to continue our membership growth, expand the Armchair Activist program, increase educational outreach to the community, and increase Audubon Adventures enrollment.

Another part of our chapter strength is dependent upon your officers, directors, and committee chairpersons. Most recently, they have been working on a mission statement for your chapter. To get things moving, many of us met for an evening of brainstorming, writing, rewriting, more discussion, and more rewriting. Finally, at the November board meeting a mission statement was finalized and adopted. Commit this to your memory bank: "The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education, and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife."

Having said all that, I look forward to the continued success of South Shore Audubon Society, and to seeing you at the meetings and on our bird walks. Have a great December and Happy New Year.

NEXT MEETINGS

Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 1995

TIME: 8:00 P.M. ② (Letter of the Month at 7:30)

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

Merrick Rd. & S. Ocean Ave.

SPEAKER: James Remsen, Jr. TOPIC: Once Paumanok

"Paumanok" is an old name for Long Island, probably of Indian origin. Long Island has changed a great deal since it was inhabited exclusively by Native Americans, but some of its old beauty lingers on. In this unique slide program, we will explore the natural beauty of the "old" Long Island, from Queens to Montauk, in all four seasons.

Jim is the newest past president of SSAS and has served on various committees over the years. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in Biology from Hofstra University and is now pursuing his Ph.D. at New York University and the American Museum of Natural History. He is co-chairperson of the Birdathon Committee and is a member of the Duck Survey team and the Brookside Preserve Committee. Jim co-wrote our Brookside trail guide and is not only the eyes, but also the ears, on our Sunday morning bird walks.

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 1996

TIME: 8:00 P.M. ② (Letter of the Month at 7:30)

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

Merrick Rd. & S. Ocean Ave.

TOPIC: Member Participation Night

Our annual members' night is your chance to find out where your fellow members have been and what they've seen. Please bring up to ten of your slides and share them with us. Last January, we were treated to 180 slides of scenery, birds, insects, spiders, mushrooms, wildflowers, sunrises, sunsets, star trails, and SSAS Birdathoners, from Virginia's Assateague Island, Aruba, the Adirondacks, Canada, Long Island, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, etc. As usual, our program will be coordinated by noted photographer John Brokos.

Letter of the Month. After a two-year breather, Annie McIntyre has returned to our monthly meetings, equipped with stationery, stamps, and timely information. Some of the most environmentally unsympathetic legislators come from SSAS's area — we all need to let our elected officials, good and bad, know that we care. Besides, you'll get a choice seat and a better parking spot if you arrive at 7:30!

<u></u> IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS ۰+۰+۰+۰+۰+۰+۰

BUS TRIP TO BRIGANTINE

South Shore Audubon's next trip to the Brigantine Division of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge on the Atlantic Coast in southern New Jersey is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 1996. Diane Singer schedules our biennial trip to coincide with the full moon, when egg-laying horseshoe crabs and hungry migrating shorebirds are due to congregate in large numbers. The cost of our trip will once again be about \$21 per person; look in future Skimmers for details.



Explore the coast with the

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HOLIDAY PARTY (Sat. Dec. 9) Hike at Jamaica Bay Refuge followed by a fun filled party including an ugly auction, home cooked food, beer and wine, and FLAMENCO DANCE SHOW. Cost \$35.

NEW YEARS DAY BEACH WALK (Jan. 1, 1996) Brisk hike at Jones Beach or Breezy Point. Champagne, coffee, cookies afterwards. Free.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND (Jan. 5-7) Spend 2 nights at the Montauk Manor House. See harbor seals, scoters (3 species), eiders, loons, etc. Cost: \$235 includes 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, evening programs and star watch. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe, Rob Villani.

BELIZE ECOLOGY WEEK (April 25 - May 2) RED KNOTS, DELAWARE BAY, NJ (May 15)

MAINE COAST WEEKEND (May 30 - June 2)

ALASKA (June 18-27) ICELAND (June 22-30)

Call for complete 1996 field trip list.

For information and free brochure contact: Don Riepe 28 West 9th Road Broad Channel, NY 11693 (718) 634-6467

** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS **

Marion Yavarkovsky

You have joined a very active and interesting chapter of National Audubon Society. We have something for everyone. If you like meetings — we have monthly meetings; if you like walking - we have weekly bird walks; if you like letter writing — we have Armchair Activists (call Betty Borowsky or Mary Jane Russell); if you like committees we have the Conservation Committee (meets in Rockville Centre; call Betty) and the Brookside Preserve Committee (meets in Merrick; call Betsy Gulotta); if you like trips — we have trips; and if you like parties — we have those also. Join us!

[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.]

Baldwin Mr. Ernest L. Jesby
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AUDUBON ACTIONLINE (800) 659-2622
TOLL-FREE TAPE-RECORDED LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



All walks start at 9:30 A.M. except for Pelham Bay; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Nov. 26 Pelham Bay for Owls (pull over to street on extreme right after going through Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9:00 A.M.) Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot) Dec. 10 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Dec. 17 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner Zach's Bay Parking Season's Greetings — No Walk Dec. 24 Dec. 31 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Jan. 7 Jan. 14 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner Jan. 21 Pelham Bay for Owls (9:00 A.M.) Jan. 28 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner Feb. 4 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot) Feb. 11 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Feb. 18 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner Feb. 25 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner Mar. 3 Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18 lot) Mar. 10 Tobay JFK Sanctuary Mar. 17 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot) Mar. 24 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Mar. 31 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner Apr. 7 Apr. 14 Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18 lot) Apr. 21 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge ***********************************

BUDGET 1995-1996

Audubon Camp Scholarships	1700
Brookside Preserve	
College Scholarship	500
Conservation	750
Corresponding Secretary	150
Cow Meadow Preserve	600
Donations	500
Donations Education	2000
Holiday Wildlife Party	250
Insurance	800
Library Custodians Library Donation	200
Library Donation Library Overtime Membership Miscellaneous	400
Library Overtime	400
Membership	100
Miscellaneous	1000
National Audubon Conference Attendance	
Publicity	200
Refreshments at Meetings	300
Skimmer	
Speakers	
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary	
Total	
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HOLIDAY WILDLIFE PARTY

Carole A. Adams

The annual holiday party and workshop for children that is sponsored by SSAS will take place at Tackapausha Museum in Seaford from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments, direct traffic, help with workshop projects, etc. Children will turn pine cones into bird feeders using birdseed and peanut butter, string popcorn and cranberries for the birds, draw pictures of their favorite bird or animal, and enjoy Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary's live bird program. Admission to the party is \$1 for adults and children over age 12, 50¢ for children ages 5–12, and free for younger kids accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers please call me at 731-4425 at least one week before the program so we can prepare volunteer name tags. Hope to see you there. Every year it just gets better!

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. All program fees are required at the time of registration.

Sunday, December 3rd (2 to 4 P.M., ages 5-10) — Nature in Winter. Children will learn how animals and plants survive the winter outside through activities, observations, and discussion, and will meet live animals. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

Sunday, December 10th (1 to 3 P.M., family) — Annual Christmas Tree Decoration. We'll decorate our big beautiful tree naturally, take a hike, see live wildlife, and learn about nature in winter. Refreshments will be served and a great time will be had by all attendees. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

December 26-29 (9 A.M. to 1 P.M., grades PK-4th) — Nature Camp at T.R. Sanctuary. Live animals, games, and activities make this a spectacular camp. Call for details. TRS members \$85, nonmembers \$95.



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ENVIRONMENTAL GIVE AND TAKE

[Editor's note: This article, written by Nancy Watzman, is reprinted from the November 1st issue of Capital Eye: A Close-Up Look at Money in Politics, a free bimonthly newsletter published by the Center for Responsive Politics.]

Tracking the 104th Congress' actions on the environment is like trying to count grains of sand on the beach during an earthquake. Lawmakers are doing so much, in so many different ways, and in such a changing landscape, that contemplating the whole is dizzying. The budget bills alone contain dozens of legislative "riders" that affect environmental programs, from stalling grazing reforms to opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration. Many of these seemed to mutate by the minute throughout the month of October as Congress and President Clinton haggled over the budget, with a government shutdown looming if they couldn't come to an agreement.

The campaign finance record, however, couldn't be clearer. The same industry groups lobbying to roll back environmental laws are pouring millions through PACs [Political Action Committees] into lawmakers' campaign chests. They're doing it at a faster rate than they did during the 103rd Congress, and they're switching allegiance to the new Republican majority.

An analysis by the Center of nine current environmental issues (regulatory reform, takings, wetlands, oil and gas,

endangered species, pesticides, mining, grazing, and timber; in order of dollars given) shows that, during the first half of 1995, interested industry PACs gave out \$6.1 million, 14% more than during the first six months of 1993. This year, these PACs directed 81% of their contributions to Republicans; in 1993, just 51% went to GOP candidates.

Virtually every major environmental organization, from the Sierra Club to the National Wildlife Federation to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) [and including National Audubon, of course], has come out against the current environmental makeover. "Congress is rolling back the environment and public health protections that have been put in place by both Democrats and Republicans over the last 25 years," says Sharon Buccino, an analyst with NRDC.

Industry lobbyists, on the other hand, express enthusiasm about the direction that Congress is taking. "The environmental statutes have served their purposes. But regulations are very costly, and that's due to unrealistic expectations. You don't have to go for Cadillac cleanups in order to protect human health and the environment," says Theresa Larson, of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Reversing the Court. Consider one example of how industry PACs are giving — and the creative response from Congress. The National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition is one of the major industry groups lobbying for changes in the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Its members include timber, mining, utility, and other companies. Together, PACs associated with coalition members gave out \$937,327 to political campaigns from January to June 1995, up 31% compared with the first half of 1993.

Both the Senate and the House are considering bills that would revamp the ESA. In October, the House Resources Committee voted in favor of H.R. 2275 [the Young-Pombo bill], which would reduce the reach of the law and inhibit its enforcement. For example, one provision reverses a recent Supreme Court ruling which held that the government can restrict land use to protect the habitat of an endangered species.

At the same time Congress is considering these changes in the ESA, however, appropriations committee members also targeted the Department of Interior's current program. The Interior appropriations bills contain a "rider" prohibiting any new additions to the endangered species list. The bill also cuts \$8 million from the Fish and Wildlife's Endangered Species Services and \$29 million from the National Biological Service, which helps determine what species need protection.

Busting Budgets. The ESA is the rule, not the exception, when it comes to the complex budget treatment of environmental programs.

The case of Kalamazoo, Michigan illustrates how oblique budget bills can be. "Any industrial discharge to the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant is exempt from ... the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ..." reads a phrase buried in the House appropriations bill funding the Environmental Protection Agency. It's not obvious to outsiders that this sentence benefits Upjohn Company, which wants an exemption from the Clean Water Act for its Kalamazoo pharmaceutical plant. But that's what EPA sources confirm. (The Senate version of the bill waters down this provision.) Upjohn's PAC gave out \$17,500 during the first half of 1995, 71% to Republicans.

Mining serves as another example of how complicated it can be to follow the twists and turns of language in the budget bills. Mining companies still profit from an 1872 law, which allows them to secure land from the government for as little as \$5 an acre. For example, FMC has a claim pending for a gold mine in Nevada worth \$1.1 billion, for which it would pay just \$5,000. Environmentalists have long been concerned about the side effects of mining, such as arsenic and heavy metals leaching into streams and rivers. The mining law also

has enemies among Republicans who consider themselves fiscal hawks, opposed to "corporate welfare."

Successive Congresses, however, have failed to pass mining reform, so the 1872 law stands. In 1994, Congress did pass a moratorium on any new claims for land by mining companies. In August, however, as part of its debate on the appropriations bill for the Interior Department, and despite the fact the House had voted to renew the moratorium, the Senate voted to lift it. The 51 Senators who voted for the mining companies' position took an average of \$19,721 from mining PACs from 1989 to 1994. In contrast, the 46 Senators voting against the mining interests took an average of \$7,509.

Contribution records from the first six months of 1995 show that mining PACs are increasing their donations to political campaigns. In the first half of the year, mining PACs distributed \$258,650, an increase of 22% over the same time period in 1993. More than 85% of these contributions went to Republicans, compared with 50% in 1993.

Because of a veto threat by President Clinton, the mining companies may ultimately lose on the moratorium. Meanwhile, however, a different bill — the budget reconciliation bill — contains a rewrite of the 1872 bill backed by the mining industry which, according to green groups, lacks environmental protections.

Murky Future. Then there's oil. The budget reconciliation bills contain language that would open 1.5 million acres in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to highly lucrative oil and gas leasing.

PACs for oil and gas companies, always generous campaign contributors, gave out more than \$1.1 million to political campaigns during the first half of this year, a slight decrease from the same period in 1993. And while Alaska drilling is perhaps the piece of legislation in budget bills that oil companies would care about the most, there are many other favorable provisions. For example, the House bill that funds the Environmental Protection Agency exempts oil and gas companies from the agency's accident prevention program. It would also exempt oil refineries from emission standards for toxic air pollutants.

Besides these types of special interest-oriented provisions, there is another way that the budget bills affect the environment: spending levels. The House spending bill for the EPA cuts its budget by \$2.5 billion, or one-third. The Interior Department gets a cut of \$510 million, or 8%. The House Energy and Water appropriations bill cuts funding for renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power by \$125 million, or one-third.

Even when the budget is settled, however, the 104th Congress' environmental agenda will remain full. The Sen-

ate still must consider major bills already passed by the House, including revisions of the Clean Water Act, regulatory reform, and "takings" bills. Revisions of the Endangered Species Act, Superfund, the Clean Air Act, and others have just started to wend through the legislative process.

If lawmakers' rhetoric on environmental issues seems blurry in the months ahead, it will help to check who is funding their campaigns [and to sign up as an Armchair Activist; it's free



to SSAS members — you'll receive background information, a sample letter, and a request to write a letter on the monthly issue chosen by National Audubon and its New York chapters; call Betty Borowsky at 764-3596 or Mary Jane Russell at 766-7397.]

[Another Editor's note: This article was accompanied by a scorecard, which is reprinted below.]

Endangered Species: H.R. 2275, S. 768 change definition of "harm" to endangered species * Interior appropriations bill prohibits new additions to list

Grazing: House budget reconciliation bill increases grazing permit-holders' tenure on land from 10 to 15 years, exempts certain rules from environmental review laws * Interior appropriations bill places a 90-day moratorium on grazing reform regulations

Mining: Budget reconciliation bill contains mining industry-backed reform of 1872 mining law # Interior appropriations bill ends moratorium on new claims for mining companies on public lands

Oil & Gas: Budget reconciliation bill opens Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration *VA/HUD appropriations bill exempts oil and gas companies from the EPA's accident prevention program; exempts oil refineries from emission standards for toxic air pollutants * Senate budget reconciliation bill suspends royalties paid by oil and gas producers for deep-water drilling in Gulf of Mexico

Pesticides: House VA/HUD appropriations bill forbids enforcement of Delaney Clause, which prohibits cancercausing chemicals in processed foods. H.R. 1697 (passed by House Agriculture Committee in June) also eliminates the Delaney Clause.

Regulatory Reform: H.R. 1022 (passed by House in February), S. 343 require agencies to follow new cost-benefit procedures before issuing environmental regulations.

Takings: H.R. 925 (passed House in March) and S. 605 require government to pay compensation when enforcement of federal laws reduces property values. House bill limited to enforcement of endangered species and wetlands laws.

Timber: Interior appropriations bill increases funds for logging roads to ease timber harvest, would boost logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest by 33%, would allow logging to double in Idaho's Clearwater National Forest *Budget rescissions bill gives timber companies increased logging and salvage rights [this was signed into law by President Clinton after one vetol

Wetlands: H.R. 961 removes as much as 80% of wetlands from protection * House VA/HUD appropriations bill stops enforcement of wetlands program, caps conservation reserve program for wetlands.

THE HISTORY OF SSAS, PART SIX

Michael Sperling

Our chapter's sixth year started with the naming of Miriam Raynor as first Hospitality Chairman. The South Shore Skimmer masthead, featuring Marge Fischer's now-familiar drawing of a Black Skimmer, first appeared in the September 1975 issue of the newly named newsletter. The September 9th general meeting's speakers were SSAS's Al Lemke and Bruce Phillips, who showed slides of birds seen at backyard feeders and elsewhere on Long Island.

On October 11th, Education Chairman Linda Schlotterhausen led a botany walk from Jones Beach's Parking Field #4. Alan Ruppert, Director of Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, presented a slide show about the Sanctuary at the October 14th general meeting.

The November 18th meeting (delayed a week by Veterans' Day) featured high school teacher and author James Morriss with a slide program about animal migration. Two pages of the November Skimmer were devoted to a very conspicuous list of our local State Senators and Assemblymen's Nassau County addresses. Paul Butkereit's monthly Conservation column doubled to two pages, including information on the ozone layer and the effects of freon and the SST (Concorde) on it, the attempts to ban the pesticides Heptachlor and Chlordane, and the Army Corps of Engineers' proposed regulations for the protection of wetlands under Section 404 of 1972's Clean Water Act. Below Paul's article was a form to mail to the Nassau County Bureau of Air Pollution Control in order to report motor vehicles that emit visible smoke or are idled for more than 3 minutes (the form originally appeared in the Malverne Environmental Council's newsletter).

The Town of Hempstead Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Audubon Society presented a series of four free Audubon Wildlife Films from December through March 1976. Because the first two films were scheduled for second Tuesdays, the next two SSAS general meetings were postponed one week. On December 16th, Adrian Dignan showed slides of Long Island's birds, bugs, and flowers.

Chapter membership was down to 981 people in December, despite SSAS sending out welcoming letters and renewal reminder cards. National Audubon launched a membership drive that offered free copies of the *Audubon Illustrated Handbook of American Birds* (by Reilly and Pettingill, a 500 page book worth \$25 and normally available to members for \$12.95) to anyone who enrolled at least three new members.

At the January 6th board meeting, the problem of predicting the exact quantity of coffee needed per general meeting was brought up by Miriam Raynor. According to the official

minutes, an increase in monthly coffee purchases of 50¢ was encouraged, with the suggestion that heavily attended meetings have slightly watered down coffee when necessary. The 1995–96 budget allocated \$50 for hospitality; the newsletter was allocated \$3000 of the entire \$4800 budget.

The January 13, 1976 issue of *Newsday* contained a full-page article by SSAS member Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., entitled "Dinner and a Show" and including two photographs of Elliott Kutner. In one photo, Elliott is hand-feeding a wild Blue Jay in his living room; Elliott theorizes that the Blue Jay is comfortable flying into his house for handouts because someone hand-raised it. The article discusses bird feeding in general and identifies Elliott as SSAS Field Trip Chairman.

At the January 20th meeting, NAS Northeast Regional Representative Richard Rhindress was scheduled to present a program on National Audubon's past and present. Due to illness, he appeared at our April 13th meeting instead (due to lack of information, I have no idea what SSAS did on January 20th).

On February 10th, the first Audience Participation Night was held, with members urged to bring their slides. That month's *Skimmer* contained a questionaire regarding how SSAS should cope with the latest increase in first class postage (to 13¢). Five options were presented: continue as is, send it third class, publish longer newsletters on a bimonthly basis, publish bimonthly without increasing the page count, and "The newsletter does not mean much to me and I don't really care what you do with it." There were 96 responses; the board decided to let the next year's board decide the matter.

The March 9th meeting's guest speaker was scheduled to be George Wilde of the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island, who would have discussed the dangers of oil pollution and shown slides of the Santa Barbara oil spill. This meeting was the first ever to be cancelled due to weather conditions; the program was rescheduled for May 11th.

The May 4th board meeting's attendees included a new Publicity Chairman, Florence Scanlon. SSAS now had 1015 members. The May *Skimmer* listed new members for the first time, as had been suggested by Al Lemke.

The Environmental Technology Seminar, Inc. of Bethpage invited SSAS to participate in A Bicentennial Salute to the Flight of Bird and Man on Long Island, which was held at Jones Beach on May 15th. The celebration included planes, gliders, and a model of the Lunar Module; a National Geographic movie; movies and slide presentations by Elliott Kutner, Al Lemke, and Bruce Phillips; bird walks throughout the day; and a 24-page booklet about the events and sponsors. About 600 people attended the event, which was also sponsored by the Aviation Council of Long Island, Long Island Soaring Association, and Lyman Langdon Audubon Society. Max Wheat's May 21st article on the event once again let Newsday's readers know about SSAS.

On June 6th, an all-day canoe trip on the Nissequogue River was led by Frank Cooper. The annual June dinner was held on June 8th at Carl Hoppl's Valley Stream Park Inn. For \$8.75, members received fruit cup, soup, salad, top sirloin of beef, baked potato, string beans, and parfait; open bar drinks were not included. Guest speaker was noted naturalist, author, and broadcast personality Roger Caras, whose talk was entitled "Animals of the Bible Live Again."



BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1996 TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM 9:30 A.M. — 2:30 P.M.



The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. Preordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed; an order form appears below for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All preorders should be received by JANUARY 16th. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkereit, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.

Once again we are offering three types of sunflower seed: black oil seed, large white stripe seed, and a blend of the two consisting of 60% oil and 40% stripe. The Harmony, Symphony, and Rhapsody Wild Bird Blends include both black oil and stripe sunflower seed. We will be offering a variety of bird feeders on Bird Seed Savings Day. Help will be needed on the sale date to take orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call (516) 623-0843 late evenings and ask for Paul. Our next sale will be in OCTOBER 1996.

My name is _			
My address is			
	City	State	Zip
	Telephone	S.S.A.S. Member?	Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	25 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed	8.00	
	25 lb Stripe Sunflower Seed	9.00	
	50 lb Blended Sunflower Seed	16.00	
	25 lb Harmony Wild Bird Blend (9% sunflower, white & red millet, wheat, milo)	6.75	
	50 lb Harmony Wild Bird Blend	13.00	
	25 lb Symphony WBB (13% sunflower, white millet, corn, wheat, peanut hearts)	7.00	
	50 lb Symphony Wild Bird Blend	13.50	
	20 lb Rhapsody WBB (30% sunflower, white millet, corn, safflower, peanut hearts)	6.50	
	40 lb Rhapsody Wild Bird Blend	12.25	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	5.75	
	10 lb Sunflower Hearts	7.25	
	10 lb Peanut Bits	4.65	
	10 lb White Proso Millet	3.15	
	10 lb Safflower	5.50	
	10 lb Thistle Seed (Niger)	10.75	
	11 oz Suet & Seed Cake	1.75	
	24 oz Maine Manna Suet Bell	4.30	

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