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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole A. Adams

Congratulations, voters. You spoke out on November 5th and got the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act passed by a margin of 56% to 44%. That's a fairly close call and is only the first part of the process. Now we have an even bigger task at hand and that is to ensure appropriate and timely allocation of the Bond Act funds.

You should feel proud of your efforts, especially the "Letter of the Month" participants and the Armchair Activists. You have made an impact. Keep up the good work, but more than that, encourage others to join your ranks.

By the time you read this *Skimmer*, Election Day will be but a memory and Thanksgiving dinner will be heading in the same direction, down memory lane. That generally means one thing: December and **Duck Survey** season is upon us.

If you're anxious to participate in this historic event (starting December 7th), give Joe Grupp or Paul Butkereit a call. While I'm on the subject of events, our annual **Holiday Party** for youngsters of all ages at Tackapausha is set for Saturday afternoon, December 14th. As usual, we're looking for volunteers to assist and supervise the youngsters in a variety of hands-on activities, like stringing popcorn and cranberries for the birds, and making peanut butter and seed pinecones to hang from the trees (the squirrels especially like this one). If this sounds like fun to you, give me a call and sign up as a volunteer for the 14th.

While you're marking your calendar for these events and meeting nights, don't forget the bird walks. Snow Bunting, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Brant, and Snowy Owl were all seen by the first week of November. This is promising to be another winter of good birding.

I'm anticipating that 1997 will be an active year for South Shore Audubon Society. We are still looking to not only increase our membership but increase the number of active members, i.e., volunteers to lead groups through Brookside Preserve, volunteers to help clean up Brookside &

NEXT MEETINGS

Sandy Brenner & Steve Goldberg

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 1996

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

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library
Merrick Rd. & S. Ocean Ave.

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SPEAKER: Bob Cammann

TOPIC: Route 25A – Long Island's Road of Plenty

A fascinating journey from the Queensboro Bridge to Orient Point. For the past 5 years, since his retirement, Bob has been doing slide programs about Long Island, our local villages, Manhattan, and the USA. *Newsday's* Marilyn Goldstein has called him "the Arthur Frommer of Long Island." This slide program will include museums, mansions, restaurants, and our wonderful parks. Bob has entertained and informed hundreds of Long Island audiences and we're fortunate to be viewing his latest program.

DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 1997

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. Unless we have a repeat of last January's library-closing blizzard, join us and enjoy a couple hundred slides of the wildlife, plants, and natural areas that can be found on Long Island and throughout the world.

ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE

BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS

and the Garden City Bird Sanctuary, volunteers for special events like Earth Day and Fall Festivals, *Armchair Activist* participants, subscribers for the *Audubon Adventures*, applicants for the camp scholarships, and applicants for the

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Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarship. The nominations committee will be looking for new officers and directors for the 1997–1998 chapter year. Jim and Doreen will be seeking out Birdathon teams and pledges. Save some room for South Shore Audubon Society when you make your New Year's resolutions, then join us on meeting nights and out on the bird walks. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you. Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and thank you for reading the *Skimmer*.

GET READY FOR THE SSAS TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRDATHON!

Jim & Doreen Remsen

This year, SSAS will conduct its tenth annual Birdathon. To celebrate, we present the Tenth Anniversary Birdathon Sweepstakes. As you know, SSAS raises funds through the Birdathon by having members get pledges for each species of bird identified during a 24-hour period in May, when the spring migration is at its height. If you can raise as little as \$25 in pledges this year, you will be entered in a drawing for some spectacular prizes. The grand prize package is subject to slight modification; the number of first and second prizes is subject to increase.

Grand Prize — For every \$100 in pledges raised or donations given, you receive one chance at the Grand Prize. There will be one grand prize winner, who will receive all of the following: one pair of binoculars, one American Nature Guide to Eastern Birds, one 1997 Birdathon T-shirt, one 1997 Birdathon Sweatshirt, five pounds of wild birdseed mix, two pounds of sunflower seeds, cassette tape Bird Songs of Yellowstone and the High Rockies, and a compact disc of natural sounds from the Echoes of Nature series.

First Prizes — For every \$50 in pledges raised or donations given, you receive one chance at a First Prize. There will be at least four first prize winners. One will receive a John James Audubon bird print, a second will receive the book *Treasury of Audubon Birds* plus a compact disc of natural sounds from the *Echoes of Nature* series, a third will receive the book *The Bird: Master of Flight* plus an *Echoes of Nature* compact disc, and the fourth will win the *National Audubon Society Interactive CD-ROM Guide to North American Birds*.

Second Prizes — For every \$25 in pledges raised or donations given, you receive one chance at a Second Prize. There will be at least five second prize winners. Two will receive the American Nature Guide to Eastern Birds and three will receive the American Nature Guide to Eastern Trees.

The following rules for participation in the sweepstakes must be observed:

• Entry into a drawing for a higher level prize does not remove the entrant from the drawings for lower level prizes. (Example: \$100 in pledges yields one chance at the

grand prize, two chances at a first prize, and four chances at a second prize.)

- To be eligible for sweepstakes entries, all pledges must be accompanied by a Birdathon pledge form with fund-raiser's name, dollar amount of pledges, and means of contacting the fund-raiser if he/she wins.
- To be eligible for sweepstakes entries, all pledges must be submitted by Monday, June 9, 1997. This deadline will be strictly observed.
- The sweepstakes drawing will be held at our 1997 annual dinner. You need not be present to win, but winners present will receive first choice of the first and second prizes.

We are seeking to increase our prize pool. If you are interested in donating a prize, or in soliciting a donation of a prize, please contact either Doreen or Jim Remsen (see phone numbers on back of *Skimmer*; Jim is best reached after 8 P.M.; Doreen may be reached anytime — leave a message if she is not there).

Help make this our most successful Birdathon yet! Start getting your pledges now, and get a reward later! You don't have to actually participate in the Birdathon to qualify for the sweepstakes — your entries are based exclusively on how much money you raise toward the Birdathon total.





Explore the coast with the

AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH WALK (Jan. 1) Meet at Jones Beach West End #2 parking lot at 11 A.M. Free.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND (Jan. 31 – Feb. 2) Stay at the luxurious Montauk Manor House during the peak of winter birding. See loons, scoters, eiders, and possible eagles. Visit harbor seal haulout. Hike dunes and bluffs. Cost: \$245 includes 2 nights, 5 meals, 5 field trips, and 2 evening lectures.

BONAIRE DIVING/SNORKLING (Mar. 1-8) Great reef diving/snorkling on tropical island off the coast of Venezuela. Visit Washington-Slagbaai National Park and see iguanas, stilts, and flocks of flamingos.

SOUTH FLORIDA AND THE DRY TORTUGAS (Apr. 26 – May 4) A tour of the Everglades including visits to Shark Valley, Flamingo, Loxahatchee Refuge, and Marathon Key, plus a three-day boat trip to the Tortugas Islands during peak migrant bird fallout.

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



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. 24	Pelham Bay for Owls (pull over to street		
5	on extreme right after going through		
9	Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9:00 A.M.)		
Dec. 1	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge		
Dec. 8	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner		
Dec. 15	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner		
Dec. 22	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)		
Dec. 29	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge		
Jan. 5	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner		
Jan. 12	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)		
Jan. 19	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner		
Jan. 26	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)		
Feb. 2	Pelham Bay for Owls (9:00 A.M.)		

★★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★★

Marion Yavarkovsky

We are happy to see so many new members this month. We hope you will all become active participants in our chapter. Join us at our weekly bird walks, monthly meetings, and our special events. We have something for everyone. Join us!

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

Amityville Baldwin	Charles A. Hersh Richard Barnett, Ms. Patricia Davis, C. J. Dwyer, Edith Schlamm
Bellmore	Ms. Linda R. Adamo, Helene
	Melnick, Ms. Sheila Weintraub
East Meadow	Ed Broad, Patricia McCloskey
East Rockaway	Carol Campbell
Elmont	
Farmingdale	Richard J. Busch, Gary Carpenter
	Mrs. J. G. Goodstein
	John Libasci, Brian A. Phillips
Garden City	Vera & John Aloia
Glen Oaks	L. Thorogood
	George Cohen, W. Harper
Hewlett	
	Mrs. Judith Horowitz,
	Sheila K. Prohinsie
Island Park	Stephen W. Gawron
Lawrence	Ms. J. Horn, Marcia Roth
Levittown	Virginia Dalton, Melca Mutino
Long Beach	Mary Banks, Nancy Oldham,
-	Sally A. Sellevoold

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Massapequa Taimi Franzel, Anthony Gary
Pagan, William Rogers,
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Vanikiotis,
Dr. P. Vitagliano
Massapequa Park Paula & William Heinrich
Merrick Elaine Falvey, Adam Greenberg,
Russell Marx,
Ms. Catherine Romanelli
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Plainview L. Pilko
Rockville Centre Edward Esrick, Mr. Jordan Taffet
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Uniondale Helen Sass
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Reilly, Jacqueline Schmidt
Wantagh Warburton Family
West Hempstead Laura Schrauth
Woodmere Bern Kovit, Henry Telias

HEY, WEREN'T THESE IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER?

Buy a Live, Rooted White Spruce for the Holidays, Then Donate It to Jones Beach. SSAS's Annie McIntyre (379-2206) has organized this nonprofit holiday tree sale. Prices range from \$25 to \$87 (for sizes ranging from 2-3 to 7-8 feet). Trees are to be picked up and returned to Annie's house in Merrick.

SSAS Sells Binoculars, Patches, and Spotting Scopes. Joe Lancer (536-6574, 7 to 9 P.M.) keeps a yearround supply of National Audubon's official 8x42 Natureview binoculars (\$110; available elsewhere for \$158.95) and can order other Bausch & Lomb/Bushnell binoculars or scopes. Chapter patches are available for \$3.

Sign Up for SSAS's Montauk and East End Bird **Trip.** This January 25th trip (same day as TRS's much shorter trip) will be limited to 25 participants. The 5:45 A.M. meeting place has been moved across Peninsula Boulevard to N. Village Avenue near Mercy Hospital's main entrance. Cost is \$10; call Mike Higgiston (538-8376) or Bill Hollweg (226-2519) for details and to reserve a spot.

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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 Society. 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 (unless otherwise noted, TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5).

Saturday, November 30th (2 to 3:30 P.M., ages 5 to 8) — Signs of Winter Wildlife. Our naturalist will show children how to find wildlife in winter. Children will meet live Sanctuary animals and find out about adaptations to survive in the cold.

Sunday, December 1st (1 to 2:30 P.M., ages 8 to 12) — Nocturnal Wildlife. Many animals are active at night and are rarely seen in the daytime. Children will learn about these mysterious animals and meet Sanctuary wildlife.

Sunday, December 8th (2 to 4 P.M., family) — Sanctuary Winter Celebration. This annual event is always popular. We will decorate our beautiful tree with nature ornaments, find out about animals in winter, and take a winter hike. Refreshments.

Friday, December 13th (5:30 to 7:30 P.M., family) — Christmas Caroling Through the Sanctuary. Enjoy a beautiful nocturnal walk through illuminated trails to our meadow. Caroling will occur around the tree and hot cider will be served. A wonderful way to celebrate the holidays.

Sunday, January 5th (12 to 3 P.M., adults) — Winter Waterfowl Workshop. Learn some interesting natural history and how to identify waterfowl. We will observe wild specimens after preliminary study at the Sanctuary. This is a great way to begin bird-watching. We will provide the equipment. TRS members \$10, nonmembers \$12.

Saturday, January 18th (2 to 3:30 P.M., ages 8 to 12) — Nature in Winter. A program investigating the way animals and plants survive the winter. Children will take a hike, meet live animals, and learn about tracking.

Saturday, January 25th (11 AM to 3 P.M., family) — Montauk Birding Trip. Meet at the Montauk Lighthouse for a day of winter birding. Birding highlights may include Atlantic Puffins, Northern Gannets, scoters, Northern Shrike, Rough-legged Hawk, seals, and much more. TRS members \$10, nonmembers \$12.

Sunday, January 26th (2 to 3:30 P.M., ages 6 to 10) — Rainforests. Children will see live rainforest animals, learn about products of the rainforest, and play some games. Participants will discover the wonder of the rainforest.

CONSERVATION REPORT Project FeederWatch: Citizen Science

Belly Borowsky

I am increasingly impressed by the level of birding expertise supposed "amateur birders" have. A case in point was an eye-opening encounter with two avid birders whom we found ensconced on the top of Hook Mountain, near the Tappan Zee Bridge. They were there to record individual species during the hawk migration, and they come whenever they have a free moment at this time of year. They are extremely knowledgeable about raptors. Hook Mountain is a particularly advantageous spot for observing hawks, because it is about the highest point for many miles and at its peak there is little vegetation. The hawks often come very close to the observers. Anyway, Pete and Paddy were counting the number of migrants that came by. Not only were they able to identify species. but they were able to determine whether or not a particular individual was migrating or merely hunting in the neighborhood (don't ask me how - they claim they know each resident raptor by sight). An Osprey had been seen earlier, and seven species came by while we were there: Sharp-shinned, Red-shouldered, and Red-tailed Hawks: an American Kestrel; some Turkey Vultures; and a Golden Eagle (I forgot the seventh). I was told it was an eagle. As far as I could tell it was a large black speck in the distance.

Anyway, all this is extremely important information; a record of migration patterns for hawks that pass by the same spot for many years is about the best data we can have about changes in population sizes through time. I believe that Pete and Paddy send their information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for collation with information from other authoritative sources.

However, there's a lot more information out there that is being gathered but not collated. Recognizing this, the National Audubon Society has established a toll free number (1-888-AUDUBON). Call this number to have your questions answered and to obtain free information

about how to protect birds. (Incidentally, you should know that Audubon considers four species that occur in the Northeast — the Golden-winged Warbler, Bicknell's Thrush, the Cerulean Warbler, and the Red-headed Woodpecker (pictured) — to be among the most threatened species not currently protected by

the Endangered Species Act.)

In addition, the National Audubon Society and the Canadian Nature Federation have just joined *Project FeederWatch*, which was launched nine years ago by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. We can all participate. Basically, you watch birds at your feeder once every two weeks from November through March, counting the kinds and numbers of birds you observe. You record the information on FeederWatch data forms and send the forms to Cornell. It will cost you \$15

for some reason (I would think they should pay you), but anyway, it's tax deductible and it's really a shame to throw away all the useful observations we all make.

If you are interested in participating, either call me (764-3596; I have some applications and more information) or contact Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Program Services, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850-1999 (607-254-2425, e-mail clomembership@cornell.edu).

[The October 3rd Audubon Advisory, reprinted below, was a legislative wrap-up of the national issues that Audubon has been involved in. Since we can look forward to two more years of a Republican-led House and Senate interacting with President Clinton, here's where we left off in 1996, shortened by your editor due to lack of space. To subscribe to the Advisory, send a note to National Audubon Society, 1901 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006, call (202) 861-2242, or e-mail the message "subscribe audubon-news" to majordomo@igc.apc.org.]

The Advisory will resume a weekly schedule in January, when the 105th Congress convenes. While not an exhaustive account of all the shenanigans of this Congress, we hope this issue covers the high points [the Farm Bill section was dropped from this Skimmer].

Endangered Species. We began the 104th Congress with fears that anti-environmental Members of Congress would succeed in gutting the Endangered Species Act. We end the session with the ESA largely intact, thanks in part to the hard work of Audubon staff and activists:

- Auduboners were instrumental in stopping ESA reauthorization bills introduced by Congressmen Young (R-AK) and Pombo (R-CA) and by Senator Kempthorne (R-ID) that would have drastically weakened the Act. This year, we worked to slow the progress of a number of proposals that would have weakened the Act in less obvious ways. We will spend the next months working to lay the groundwork for the introduction of a bill that strengthens the Act in the next Congress.
- ESA opponents also targeted the Act through the appropriations process. We began the 104th Congress with a moratorium on new species listings attached to a funding bill and with severe cuts in ESA funding. This spring, with the encouragement of Audubon and the environmental community, the President's veto threat forced Congress to lift the listing moratorium. Funding levels for the 1997 fiscal year are on the upswing, as detailed in the section on appropriations.
- In the final weeks of this Congress, we won a significant victory and suffered a major defeat. Although we successfully fought an amendment to the Defense appropriations bill that would have waived the ESA for certain activities, we were unsuccessful in our fight to remove a similar waiver from the Immigration bill. This waiver will exempt Immigration and Naturalization

Service construction activities along the Mexican and Canadian borders from consultation requirements under the ESA and from assessment requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Magnuson Fisheries Conservation & Management Act. Victory on the Magnuson Act!! In a classic legislative cliffhanger, the House finally accepted S. 39, the Senate's reauthorization bill for the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation & Management Act, and sent the bill to the President for his signature. This action culminates nearly four years of grassroots effort, in which Audubon played a major role, to reform and strengthen this important conservation law. New provisions in this reauthorization include a prohibition on overfishing and a mandate to rebuild depleted fish populations, a national standard to reduce by-catch of nontarget species, and protection for essential fish habitats. Although not perfect, the bill goes a long way toward putting our oceans, and the wildlife they support, on the road to recovery.

Appropriations. The *Department of Interior* received funding of \$6.2 billion dollars — a slight cut from last year. However, both the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) enjoyed increases in their operating budgets. Although the funding levels do not reflect Audubon funding hopes, these levels represent a clear victory over the Congressional leadership intent on dramatically scaling back environmental programs.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) — The LWCF received an increase of 8% over FY96 levels — \$149.4 million.

Due in part to Audubon advocacy, 20 of our LWCF priorities were earmarked for funding for FY97, including the following National Wildlife Refuges: Back Bay, VA; Block Island, RI; Canaan Valley, WV; Cypress Creek, IL; Hakalau, HI; Lake Wales, FL; Lake Woodruff, FL; Lower Rio Grande, TX; Mashapee, MA; Oregon Coastal, OR; Patoka River, IN; Petit Manon, ME; San Diego, CA; San Joaquin, CA; Stewart McKinney, CT; Tualatin, OR; and Everglades Ecosystem, FL; San Bernardino National Forest, CA; San Pedro National Conservation Area, AZ; and Sterling Forest, NY/NJ.

Endangered Species — Funding for endangered species activities within the Fish and Wildlife Service received an increase of \$7.25 million dollars over current budget levels for a total of \$67.55 million; this funding level reflects a cut of almost 20% from the President's budget request.

Biological Resources Division (BRD; formerly National Biological Service) — The Biological Resources Division received a nominal increase, to \$137.5 million, over last year's anemic funding levels. This amount represents an increase of \$500,000 over FY96 levels.

Unfortunately, the appropriations bill retained the provision undermining the 1992 Elwha River Ecosystem

and Fisheries Restoration Act — an important environmental settlement to restore Elwha river salmon. The bill also contained a provision requiring Congressional approval of any regulations on RS 2477 Rights of Way, a law which loosely defines historic rights-of-way on public lands to include even small trails. The Bureau of Land Management was considering regulations to prevent the conversion of these trails into roads, which sometimes occurs under RS 2477.

Agriculture conservation programs were provided funding by appropriators without mischief. A cap was put on the Wetlands Reserve Program at 130,000 acres, with permanent easements allowed after 43,000 acres are enrolled in 30-year easements.

Population — Congress and the Administration were finally able to reach an agreement on the issues surrounding international population assistance within the FY97 omnibus spending bill. The funding level for FY97 bilateral population assistance is capped at \$385 million, with no new funds available until March 1, when a metering program will begin.

Takings. The 104th Congress started on an ominous note as the House of Representatives easily passed, as part of the "Contract with America," H.R. 925, a takings bill which specifically targeted the Endangered Species Act and wetlands protections. The outlook was not good as S. 605, a more extreme takings bill, was introduced in the Senate [by almost-President Bob Dole].

Ultimately, however, the push for takings legislation was derailed. After S. 605 was passed out of committee, a broad coalition of opposition, a promised Presidential veto, and a threatened bipartisan-led filibuster were successful in stopping the bill from reaching the Senate floor.

At around the same time takings legislation was being pulled from the Senate calendar, a "reverse takings" bill was introduced which restored healthy balance to the property rights debate. S. 2070, the "Homeowners Protection and Empowerment Act," introduced by Senators Wyden (D-OR) and Warner (R-VA), seeks to protect homeowners by providing notice of, and an opportunity to comment on, neighboring development. The bill also would require developers to compensate homeowners whose homes are devalued by adjacent development [takings bills would compensate developers for the inconvenience of following environmental and health laws].

Forests. Vice President Gore recently called the Logging Rider the Clinton Administration's "biggest mistake" and the Administration encouraged Congress to include repeal in their spending bills, but the rider was not repealed [the rider allowed "salvage" logging of old-growth forests from mid-1995 through 1996].

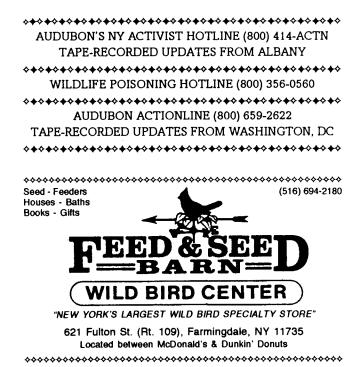
The Omnibus Parks bill, which provides for the protection of Sterling Forest outside of New York City, is being held up by Senator Murkowski (R-AK) because he wants it to ensure subsidized logging quotas on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska [it passed without the quotas].

The Clinton Administration reached a tentative agreement with Pacific Lumber, owner of Headwaters Forest in northern California, to protect 7,500 acres of the privately owned forest. Headwaters is the largest unprotected grove of old-growth redwoods in the United States, providing habitat for trees up to 2,000 years old as well as habitat for endangered and threatened species. Approximately 3,500 acres of redwoods and some surrounding forest providing a buffer will be acquired by the federal government for \$350 million and unspecified public land transfers.

Wetlands/Clean Water Act. The 104th Congress began with a major assault on wetlands protection. First, both the House and Senate aimed directly for the Clean Water Act, our nation's major wetlands protection law. These proposals would have changed the definition of wetlands so dramatically that between 60 and 75 percent of the nation's wetlands would have been removed from Federal protection.

Despite Audubon's best efforts to prevent these bills from going forward, the House passed its version. Fortunately, Audubon and other groups worked hard to publicize this bill for what it was — a major threat to our nation's wetland and water protection policies. The Senate did not debate the full Clean Water Act, but did examine the wetlands provisions closely.

The appropriations process also threatened wetlands protection. A legislative rider on the spending bill for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would have removed the EPA's ability to stop bad wetlands permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. Audubon fought hard to remove this rider, as did the President and EPA's Administrator, Carol Browner. The rider was removed, marking a major victory for wetlands protection.





BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1997 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. All 20 and 25 lb bags come with handles. Premium Mix contains sunflower, white proso millet, cracked corn, safflower, and peanut bits; Special Mix contains sunflower, white proso millet, peanut bits, and selected cereal grains. Preordering is greatly appreciated; 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 14th. 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.

Help will be needed on the sale date to process 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 1997.

My name is				
My address is				78 THE STREET
	City	State	Zip	
	Telephone	SSAS Member?	Yes	No
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION		PRICE	TOTAL
	25 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed		9.00	
	50 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed		17.00	
	25 lb Striped Sunflower Seed		10.00	
	20 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix		7.00	
	40 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix		13.00	
	20 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower)		7.00	
	40 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower)		13.00	
	25 lb Cracked Corn		6.25	
	5 lb Sunflower Chips		4.00	
	25 lb Sunflower Chips		19.00	
	5 lb Peanut Nibs (chopped peanuts)		3.75	
	25 lb Peanut Nibs (chopped peanuts)		18.00	
	5 lb Safflower Seed		3.25	
	8 lb Thistle Seed (Niger)		8.00	
	11 oz Suet Cake		1.50	
	11 oz Peanut Suet Cake		1.75	
	28 oz Maine Manna Suet Bell		4.00	

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As usual, we will be selling BIRD FEEDERS on the sale date, including suet baskets.

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