

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



### NEXT TWO MEETINGS

*Tom Torma*

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 11, 2001  
**TIME:** 8:00 P.M. Ⓢ  
**PLACE:** Freeport Memorial Library  
144 W. Merrick Rd. (at S. Ocean Ave.)  
**SPEAKER:** John S. Brokos, FPSA  
**TOPIC:** Flowers My Way

This program promises to be filled with wonderful images of some of our favorite flowers. Included in the program will be wildflowers, cactus flowers, orchids, domestic flowers, and fantasy flowers.

John is a long-time friend of the South Shore Audubon Society and the coordinator of our annual members' night meetings. He was listed in the Photographic Society of America's *Who's Who* in 1984-85 as #12 in a ranking of the top 100 exhibitors in the world. He is the president of the Freeport-Meadowbrook Camera Club and has presented many excellent programs to us in past years. This program promises to be no exception.

*Bird ID Class at 7:30:* Unless his teaching schedule creates a conflict, Jim Remsen will be doing a pre-meeting talk on tips for learning bird songs. If Jim's delayed, our usual host, Scott Oglesby, will provide replacement programming.

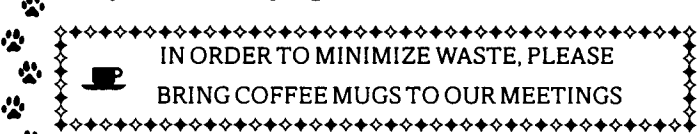
**DATE:** Tuesday, October 9, 2001  
**TIME:** 8:00 P.M. Ⓢ  
**PLACE:** Same as Above  
**SPEAKER:** Pete Warny  
**TOPIC:** Reptiles and Amphibians in NYS Bird-Watching Areas

When we are out bird-watching, we often miss seeing many critters that are all around us. Pete will present a program about the reptiles and amphibians that share the fields, woodlands, and wetlands with the birds we love to watch.

Pete Warny is a research associate in zoology at the New York State Museum. He is also a staff herpetologist

***SSAS Mission Statement** — 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.*


















at the Westmoreland Nature Center in Westchester. He is well known for his programs and field trips. This should be a very informative program.



### **BIRD WALKS**

*Elliott Kulner*

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

-  Aug. 26 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
-  Sep. 2 *Labor Day Weekend — No Walk*
-  Sep. 9 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
-  Sep. 16 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
-  Sep. 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
-  Sep. 30 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
-  Oct. 7 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
-  Oct. 14 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
-  Oct. 21 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
-  Oct. 28 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
-  Nov. 4 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
-  Nov. 11 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
-  Nov. 18 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
-  Nov. 25 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
-  Dec. 2 Pelham Bay *for Owls* (pull over to street on extreme right after going through Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9 A.M.)
-   Dec. 9 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)

## PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

James Remsen, Jr.

The bylaws of the South Shore Audubon Society were created early in the chapter's history, to delineate the procedures by which the Society operates. Periodically, the bylaws are reviewed and changes are suggested by members of the Board of Directors. If the entire board approves these amendments, they are then sent to the general membership for a final vote. Only by approval of the general membership will these amendments become final.

The board has recommended the following amendments to the general membership for approval. The vote will be taken at the October 9 general meeting.

① Article I, Section 3 currently reads: "Annual dues of membership shall be established by the National Audubon Society and shall include the following categories or others that may be set by the National Audubon Society: Regular (individual), Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing, Donor, Life."

It is proposed that this be changed to read "Annual dues of membership shall be established by the National Audubon Society and shall include categories set by the National Audubon Society." This would delete all the category designations (National Audubon's membership categories are somewhat fluid; thus SSAS prefers not to designate membership categories that may be or become obsolete).

② Article I, Section 5 currently reads: "Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and shall be effective from the date of election, and, in the case of Regular, Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing, and Donor members, yearly thereafter. In the case of Life members, dues shall be paid in full in one sum at the time of application and will be accepted as of the time of election."

It is proposed that this be changed to read: "Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and yearly thereafter, and shall be effective from the date of election." All other text is deleted.

③ Article III, Section 1 currently reads: "The control and conduct of business of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board shall determine the policies of the Society. The Board shall include the elected officers, six (6) directors, and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees as defined in Article VII."

It is proposed that the following be inserted: "All officers and directors must be members of the National Audubon Society." This change makes explicit that officers and directors of SSAS must be members of National Audubon, although committee chairs need not.

④ Proposed new section that, if approved, will be added to the bylaws as Article III, Section 9: "Any person representing the South Shore Audubon Society at any meeting must have approval of the Board of Directors before

attending the meeting. Anyone who represents the South Shore Audubon Society at any meeting may only vote on an item with the knowledge and approval of the Board of Directors of the South Shore Audubon Society."

## LONG BEACH ENVIROFEST

Therese Lucas

Not ready to say goodbye to summer just yet? Why not stroll down the boardwalk on **Saturday, September 15**, and join us at the annual Envirofest given by the city of Long Beach from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.? There are a myriad of environmental displays, freebies for the kids, and eateries along the way. Volunteers are needed at the SSAS display to interact with visitors. You'll have a great view of the ocean while you "work." If you have an hour or two to spare, call me at 221-8654 or send e-mail to TKLWings@msn.com to volunteer. Setup time is 10-10:30 A.M. Envirofest is near Riverside Blvd.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### How We Spent Our Summer Vacation

Tom Torma

The summer has not been quiet for the South Shore Audubon Society. One of our chapter's projects involves working with the Overlook Park and Sanctuary Committee (OPAS). This committee works with the Town of Hempstead's Department of Sanitation on issues involving the new Norman J. Levy Memorial Overlook Park and Preserve in Merrick, which is located on Merrick Road just east of Meadowbrook Parkway. We are in the process of developing interpretive signage for the park. The subjects on these signs include the geology of Long Island, land use, life in the bay, and the Meadowbrook Stream. This should prove to be an exciting project for SSAS.

We also supported the development of the Children's Memorial Butterfly Garden that is located in Wantagh Park near the children's playground. This garden has benches and provides a quiet spot to sit and contemplate or to just enjoy the flowers and the butterflies they attract.

We also have a new web site, which can be found at <http://www.ssaudubon.org> and <http://ssaudubon.org>. Visit our web site to get the latest South Shore Audubon news.

Now that summer is coming to a close, it is time to join us at the meetings, bird walks, and other activities. I am looking forward to seeing you at a South Shore Audubon event.

*Editor's note:* When Tom became president last year, he asked me to put something more important than his messages on the front page. He repeated this request at a planning meeting we had over the summer.



# ✱ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ✱

Wendy Murbach

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting at the Freeport Library from 8-10 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an interesting program.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks led by Elliott Kutner, birder extraordinaire. Check out the special events that are mentioned in this *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us.

Our new members since the last *Skimmer* (four months ago) are:

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| Baldwin .....         | H. W. Hodges, Eileen Konowal,<br>V. Rohrer, H. Schneider  |
| Bayside .....         | Carolyn Goldstein   |
| Bellmore .....        | A. Bagchi, Laura Cuzzo, Craig A.<br>Johnson, Frank Mammone  |
| Bethpage .....        | Joanne Gannam   |
| East Meadow .....     | Ellenn Greene, Mr. Arthur<br>Scheiman   |
| Elmont .....          | Rosemarie Calderera   |
| Farmingdale .....     | Helen Files, Raymond W. Mahler,<br>Jean Passarelli, Karen Williams  |
| Floral Park .....     | Steven W. Corbett, Mrs. Evelyn G.<br>Kaupp, Philip Kull, Harriet Li,<br>Lucinda S. Priess                         |
| Franklin Square ..... | J. Larson, David Potar  |
| Freeport .....        | David C. Cassidy, Jerry Diemer,<br>Lisa Fishbein, Sue Klein,<br>Vincent Perry, Lisa Tonarelli,<br>Delesta Weigand |
| Garden City .....     | George Bowen, Joan Kane, Neil<br>Mc Groary, Pasquale J. Pernet  |
| Glen Oaks .....       | Judy Fuchs  |
| Hempstead .....       | Charles Bargfrede, Laura J.<br>Bodnar, Sue Firmbach,<br>Arlene Ramos  |
| Hicksville .....      | August Cassella; Mary Conklin;<br>Elizabeth Daley; Alison T. Lee;<br>Mr. Kenneth F. Rice, Jr.                     |
| Island Park .....     | Chester Homan, Geraldine Luisi  |
| Lawrence .....        | I. Schluskel  |



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| Levittown .....       | W. Fischer, John Spinnelli, M.<br>Warren   |
| Long Beach .....      | Luke Kelly, Peter Kerrigan,<br>Bernhard J. Muller, Tom<br>O'Hare, Shirley Tydings  |
| Lynbrook .....        | Jerry S. Americ, Edward J.<br>Cummings, Alexandra Hagerty  |
| Malverne .....        | Robert Parrinello  |
| Massapequa .....      | Grace P. DeVincenzo, Joseph<br>A. Dittich, Kathleen M.<br>Guastavino, John Piazza, Robert<br>E. Ribbe, Stan Rup, Julius<br>Schmidt, William Thomas, Mr.<br>Raymond J. Whelan, G. Zurek |
| Massapequa Park ..... | Myrna & Pedro De Cuba  |
| Merrick .....         | David Rice   |
| New York .....        | Chris Cooper   |
| Oceanside .....       | T. C. Messler, Eleni Vaelatos  |
| Plainview .....       | Israel R. Gold, Margaret Mugno,<br>Jeffrey Sutker  |



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| Rockville Centre ..... | Timothy M. Baydala, Arnold<br>Brower, Dr. H. W. Davoli, D.<br>Galli, David Horvitz, Mrs.<br>Audrey Roberts, Ethel<br>Rosenfeld, ? Rudnick,<br>Blanche Stein |
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| Roslyn Heights ..... | Dr. Baruch May   |
| Stewart Manor .....  | Edwin Bishop, Christopher J.<br>Buchman, I. Faupel, F. K. Miller,<br>Ruth S. O'Connor, Douglas<br>Schmid |



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| Uniondale .....     | Frank Howard  |
| Valley Stream ..... | Lois A. Benedetto, Robert<br>Beneventano, Robert & Mary<br>Fassetta, Emily B. Hendrickson,<br>Lee M. James, Joseph P. Killen,<br>Herbert Mendelow, Ruth Perilli |



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| Virginia Beach ..... | Rachel Rodriguez  |
| Wantagh .....        | Barbara Biscardi, Judith P. Burr,<br>F. Clausen, Richard Powers   |
| West Hempstead ..... | Angela Bossone, Adelaide J. Cole,<br>? DeBellegarde, Mr. Frank J.<br>Gannon, Helen Hand, Susan<br>Kelly, Emile J. Roberts |



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| Woodmere ..... | Trudi Haberman, Robert<br>Rosenfield |
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*Option 2.* You can subscribe to the *Skimmer* for a year by sending \$10 payable to **South Shore Audubon Society** to us at the address above.



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**NY LEARNS PESTICIDE IS LEADING CAUSE OF BIRD DEATHS**

*Editor's note:* The following is excerpted from a press release issued by NAS on June 20.

A New York State wildlife official has discovered that of birds collected for a study on West Nile Virus, more died from pesticide poisoning than from the virus itself. In response to this early data, the National Audubon Society is calling upon Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia to begin testing dead birds for pesticide poisoning, if they have not already, and to publicly release their findings.

Last year, prompted by concern about the spread of West Nile Virus, New York State asked counties to report dead birds to its wildlife pathology laboratory. After receiving more than 80,000 birds, Dr. Ward Stone discovered that while the virus was a factor in some of the deaths, the leading cause was pesticide poisoning. Common lawn care chemicals were among the most common toxins.

"Millions of us use pesticides like Diazinon and Dursban at home," said Frank Gill, Audubon's Senior Vice President of Science. "We deserve to know as much as possible about their effect on us. Like canaries (pictured) in a coal mine, birds warn of danger in our environment. If these chemicals kill birds, what are they doing to our kids?"




**UNDERHILL MAKES THE LIST**

As most of you know, SSAS has been an active member of the Society to Preserve Underhill and has been advocating the property's protection for many years. Perhaps you saw the short Underhill video that we screened at a meeting last spring.

On July 31, the Oyster Bay Town Board unanimously adopted the first-round recommendations of the Save Environmental Assets (SEA) Bond Committee regarding the allocation of the \$20 million of land acquisition funds approved by TOBAY voters last Election Day (the bond issue also includes \$10 million for park improvements). Eight places are on the acquisition list: Glenwood Landing's KeySpan property, Jericho's 81-acre Underhill property, Farmingdale's Liberty Industrial site, Mill Neck's Mill Neck Marine property, Hicksville's United Vanguard and Andrews Road properties, and Massapequa's South Oaks and Kabro parcels (the latter's on Old Sunrise Highway).

Half of the \$20 million was allocated toward Underhill and Liberty. Liberty is a Superfund site on Motor Avenue that would be converted into a parking lot, enabling the adjacent Ellsworth Allen Town Park's parking lot to be converted into a soccer field — not exactly what your editor envisioned when he persuaded SSAS's board to support the bond issue, but hopefully Underhill will finally be preserved after years of zoning litigation.



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**HAWK & MONARCH MIGRATION WALK** (Sat., Sept. 29). Meet Park Ranger Nancy Corona at Bldg. 1, Fort Tilden, 10 A.M. for a hike through the woods, dunes, and beach areas of Breezy Point. Visit the "hawk watch" for great views of bay and ocean. For info & reservation, call Nancy at (718) 318-8827. Free.

**FIRE ISLAND HIKE** (Saturday, October 6). Join naturalist Steve Finn for a hike through the "Sunken Forest" at Sailors Haven during peak hawk and bird migration time. Cost: \$20 includes round trip ferry, guided hike. Bring lunch, binoculars. Call Steve to reserve: (631) 821-2160.

**JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE** (Sat., October 27, 4-7 P.M.). Learn about the history & ecology of the 9,000 acre wildlife refuge. See egrets, herons, oystercatcher, peregrine falcon, and the big marshes near JFK Airport. Cost: \$35 includes guides, wine & cheese, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe. Contact Don to reserve space on this popular tour.

**VENEZUELA BIRDS & WILDLIFE** (January 24-February 4). Visit Henri Pittier National Park, Andes Mountains, Los Llanos wetlands & savannahs. Contact Don for itinerary, etc.

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For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 634-6467, donriepe@aol.com, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693

## OUR EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS

It's been four months since the last *Skimmer* was published, so here's a delayed thank you to the people who helped SSAS celebrate Earth Day at Tackapausha: Kathy Asmus, Alice Blaustein, Betty Borowsky, Paul Butkerei, Louise Leonard, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, Sal Navasaitis, Scott Oglesby, Doris Pirodsky, Doreen Remsen, Jim & Angela Remsen, Chris Schmitt, Michael Sperling, and Tom & Jeanne Torma. Please contact your editor if your name should have been here but isn't.

## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

The American Littoral Society's Northeast Chapter is coordinating the 15th annual New York State Beach Cleanup. Data on the litter collected on **September 15th** will be sent to the Ocean Conservancy (formerly the Center for Marine Conservation) to help regulate floatable debris. For info on local cleanups, call ALS's Barbara Cohen at 718-471-2166, send e-mail to alsbeach@aol.com, or wait till September and visit [www.alsnyc.org](http://www.alsnyc.org).

## NEWS FROM THE 2001 BIRDATHON!

*James Remsen, Jr.*

For the fourteenth time in our history, South Shore Audubon Society ran its annual Birdathon, on May 11-12, 2001. The first Birdathon of the new millennium (yes, the millennium is now official) was exciting for all.

Ever see a Magnolia Warbler on the ground for many minutes at a time, long enough for two Birdathon teams to observe it at will? It happened at Jones Beach. How about both Yellow-billed (pictured) and Black-billed Cuckoos in one morning, not to mention Eastern Bluebird, a singing Hooded Warbler, Indigo Bunting, and lots more goodies? Muttontown Preserve was the place, Saturday morning of the Birdathon was the time! Shorebirds seemed somewhat disappointing, however, but who can complain on a glorious day at the height of the spring migration?

South Shore Audubon will benefit from the \$2876.10 raised by our participants. We also wish to thank all of those who bought tickets for, or donated prizes to, our monthly raffles. You gave us the "little extra" we always need to make this thing a success. And SSAS will also be benefiting from matching grants to the Birdathon from Pitney-Bowes and Verizon. These grants will practically double our cash intake from this year's event!

Thanks are also due to all the team leaders: Paul Butkerei, Joe Grupp, and Ken and Karen Wenzel (who willingly subbed for Elliott Kutner this year), and to our President Tom Torma for his great interest in and moral support of the Birdathon. Last but not least, thanks to all of you who decided, for one reason or another, to follow us crazy people all over Long Island and New York City looking for birds!



Is there anyone I've forgotten? If so, please let me know. SSAS will be trying to make the Birdathon even better next year. If you want to donate a prize for our monthly raffle or next year's dinner meeting, I will gladly accept it. Just bring it to our monthly meeting or call me and leave a message at the number on the back page of this newsletter.

## CELEBRATION AT WERTHEIM

*Therese Lucas*

The 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System is two years away and the LI National Wildlife Refuge Complex, headquartered at Wertheim NWR in Shirley, is partaking. There will be different celebrations during a three-year period; this year's is called "National Wildlife Refuges & Partners — Benefiting Wildlife Together!" It runs for nine days, **September 22-30**, from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily.

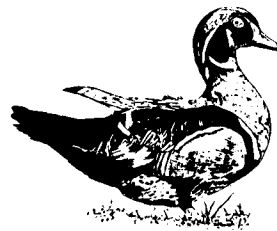
There will be a variety of outdoor activities, including: a wildlife and nature photo contest (entries due September 10, so contact me for details); workshops on birding, photography, gardening for wildlife, wild turkey, and environmental education; management demonstration tours for school groups, special interest groups, and the general public that will include fish seining, box turtle radio tracking, small mammal monitoring, and track identification; other guided walks; canoe trips; wildlife art exhibits; prescribed fire, wetland restoration, and Wood Duck (pictured) box displays (pictured); and displays from participating groups.

**SSAS Table Volunteers Needed!** Volunteers will be needed every day, even if just for a couple of hours. If you can help out, please call me at 221-8654 or send e-mail to [TKLWings@msn.com](mailto:TKLWings@msn.com).

*About Wertheim (according to the official brochure):* Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge consists of 2,400 acres on the south shore of Long Island, including the Carmans

River, one of the largest undeveloped estuaries on Long Island. The refuge has a wide diversity of habitats, including oak-pine woodland, fields, ponds, a river, streams, bay, and fresh, brackish, and saltwater wetlands. These habitats attract and support a remarkable diversity and abundance of wildlife. The refuge is a haven for most species of wildlife found on Long Island, including waterfowl, deer, muskrats, fox, weasels, other small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, and aquatic wildlife, including game fish.

*Directions from Your Editor:* Take Sunrise Highway (Route 27) east to William Floyd Parkway (Exit 58) south. Then go two traffic lights to Montauk Highway (Suffolk Route 80) west. Then turn left at the second (unless they've added one in recent years) traffic light (Smith Road). Take Smith Road south for 1/3 mile; the refuge's entrance is on the right, just past the LIRR tracks.



**HOW OUR POLITICIANS VOTED**

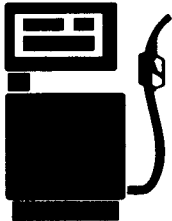
*Michael Spelling*

The League of Conservation Voters' web site, [www.lcv.org](http://www.lcv.org), contains weekly briefs on Congressional votes of interest to environmentalists. LCV's summaries are linked to the web pages of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives that contain the text of a bill (including the summaries you see below), how everyone voted on each amendment and the final bill, etc. Space permitting, the *Skimmer* will let you know how SSAS's two members of the House and two U.S. Senators voted on important legislation, accompanied by summaries of the votes of their peers.

*Amendment 106 to H.R. 2217 (Department of Interior Appropriations Bill)*: This amendment prohibited new energy leasing or related activities within the boundaries of designated National Monuments. The amendment passed 242-173 on June 21. Republicans voted 47-164 opposed, Democrats 194-8 in favor, and Independents split 1-1. NY's Republicans voted 9-2 in favor (surprise!), with one not voting; NY's Democrats voted 17-0 in favor, with two not voting. Republican Peter King and Democrat Carolyn McCarthy voted aye (so far, so good...).

*Amendment 261 to H.R. 2620 (EPA Budget Bill)*. This amendment prohibited the use of funds to delay the national primary drinking water regulation for arsenic or to propose or finalize a rule to increase the levels of arsenic in drinking water permitted under that regulation (i.e., it opposed the Bush administration's decision to reexamine the stricter arsenic standard approved by the EPA in the final month of the Clinton administration; the delayed standard of ten parts per billion is already used by the World Health Organization and the European Union). The amendment passed 218-189 on July 27. Republicans voted 19-182 opposed, Democrats 198-6 in favor, and Independents split 1-1. NY's Republicans voted 2-9 opposed, with one not voting; NY's Democrats voted 18-0 in favor, with one not voting. Peter King voted nay, Carolyn McCarthy voted aye.

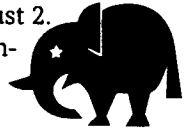
*Amendment 288 to H.R.4*. This amendment, introduced by NY Republican Sherwood Boehlert, would have provided for a combined corporate average fuel efficiency (CAFE) standard for passenger automobiles and light trucks of 27.5 mpg beginning in 2007, with an intermediate step to 26 mpg in 2005; provided incentives for alternative fuel vehicles; and directed the Secretary of Transportation to ensure the safety of automobiles and light trucks (i.e., it would've increased the fuel efficiency of SUVs and light trucks up to the current CAFE standard for autos, saving more oil than is expected to be found in ANWR). It was defeated 160-269 on August 1. Republicans voted 36-182 opposed, Democrats 123-86 in favor,



and Independents split 1-1. NY's Republicans split 6-6; NY's Democrats voted 15-4 in favor. SSAS's Peter King and Carolyn McCarthy both voted aye.

*Amendment 298 to H.R.4*. This amendment, strongly supported by NAS and many other environmental groups, would have maintained existing protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by striking language in H.R. 4 that repeals the prohibition against energy development in ANWR. It was defeated 206-223 on August 1. Republicans voted 34-186 opposed, Democrats 171-36 in favor, and Independents split 1-1. NY's Republicans split 6-6; NY's Democrats voted 18-1 in favor. Peter King voted nay, Carolyn McCarthy voted aye.

*H.R. 4, Securing America's Future Energy Act*. This bill, as I'm sure you know, was strongly opposed by environmentalists, but passed 240-189 on August 2. Republicans voted 203-16 in favor, Democrats 36-172 opposed, and Independents split 1-1. NY's Republicans voted 9-3 in favor; NY's Democrats voted 1-18 opposed. Peter King voted aye, Carolyn McCarthy voted nay.



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**A NOTE FROM ELLIOTT KUTNER**

First, a sentence from your editor for those of you who are reading their first *Skimmer*: Our perennial and irreplaceable birding/field trips chairperson is ready to lead a new year of friendly Sunday morning bird walks after undergoing bypass surgery last spring. Try one!

*Dear Friends in Audubon,*

*I want to thank each of you and all of you for your caring. And I want you to know that words certainly cannot describe your actions, and that without sounding affected and hopefully knowing that I am not an affected man, I appreciate and I thank you for caring because you made it a tangible emotion in my life. And I care for you all,*

*Elliott*

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**WILD BIRD FEED SAVINGS DAY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2001  
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. Since there will be only a little extra for sale that day, 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 OCTOBER 9. **Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkerei, 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) 599-0395 late evenings and ask for Paul. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE A JANUARY SALE!**

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	25 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed	7.75	
	25 lb Striped Sunflower Seed	12.00	
	20 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix	7.25	
	40 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix	14.00	
	20 lb Special Mix (1/3 sunflower, no corn)	7.25	
	40 lb Special Mix	14.00	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	6.75	
	25 lb Sunflower Chips	20.00	
	5 lb Sunflower Chips	4.50	
	25 lb Peanut Pieces	20.00	
	5 lb Peanut Pieces	4.50	
	5 lb Safflower Seed	3.25	
	8 lb Thistle (Niger) Seed	7.00	
	12 oz Suet/Seed Cake	1.25	
	12 oz Peanut Butter Suet/Seed Cake	1.75	

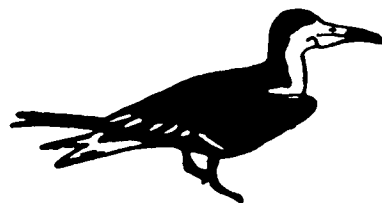
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