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Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
8:15 P.M.

A WALK AROUND WANTAGH WATERSHED

SPEAKER: Joseph DiPierro, Professor of Biology,
Nassau Community College

Take a photographic tour of the Wantagh Watershed system, including the Twin Lakes Preserve, Mill Pond and Forest City Lake.

The tour, which is equivalent to a nine mile walk, will include descriptions of the plant and animal life in the area. Professor DiPierro will also discuss some of the changes that have occurred in the system in the past five years.



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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

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| October 14 | CLIMBING ON MOUNT RAINIER
Carole and Richard Ryder |
| November 18 | SEABIRDS AND THE OCEAN ENVIRONMENT
Carl Safina |
| December 9 | GALAPAGOS: ISLANDS LOST IN TIME
Rita Halbeisen |
| January 13 | MEMBERS' NIGHT
Start saving your best slides now to share with us for this informative and entertaining evening. |

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As your new president, I want to welcome you all back from your vacations and summer activities. This year South Shore Audubon Society, while continuing the many successful programs established by my predecessors, will also embark on some new ventures under the guidance of a new slate of officers.

Please make a note of the many important events and dates given in this issue of the Skimmer, especially the calendar of our monthly meeting programs. South Shore's monthly newsletter, the Skimmer, is the main vector of communication for our 1700 members.

Throughout the past year, we have received complaints from people who either received their Skimmers too late or not at all. South Shore apologizes for the inconvenience, and is currently making improvements in the printing and mailing processes so that everyone will receive his Skimmer on time. Costs of printing and mailing have risen so astronomically, that it is no longer possible to mail every issue first class. However, to insure that you will receive this important issue, efforts were made to mail it first class to all members. Anyone wishing to help with the publication or mailing of the Skimmer should contact our editor, Alice Orens: 431-9537. Alice also welcomes articles and stories by our members.

One of the many fine endeavors that South Shore Audubon has undertaken and will continue to pursue, is the maintenance and monitoring by volunteers of the Twin Lakes Preserve and other fresh water wetlands in the Town of Hempstead. Our program for the September meeting is about the Twin Lakes Preserve in Wantagh. Throughout the year we will have additional programs about some of the other projects that South Shore is involved in.

Another project that South Shore Audubon will pursue this year is a drive to bring in new members. Much of the financial support for South Shore's projects comes from National Audubon Society refunding a percentage of your membership dues to our chapter. Unfortunately, National Audubon Society has informed us that the percentage of refunding will be reduced in the coming year, because of their own financial problems. Each new member you recruit and each renewal generates a small amount for our treasury. This is vital to our functioning and helps provide the fine educational and environmental services to the community. Please spread the good word about South Shore Audubon and encourage your friends and neighbors to join.

Over the years South Shore Audubon has grown to become a strong voice in the community. As your former president, Jerry Bernstein, said, "South Shore Audubon is on the threshold of expanding its sphere of influence and recognition in the community through its awareness of the interconnectedness of all life and the cumulative impact of humankind's activities on the health of life support systems - the air, water, and land". With your participation and help we can rise to new heights in our efforts to preserve and improve our environment. Become an active part of South Shore's organization - join our committees and volunteer for our projects. You will make new friends and find your involvement most rewarding.

Betsy Gulotta

WISE OLD OWL

"A wise old owl sat on an oak
The more he saw - the less he spoke
The less he spoke - the more he heard
Why can't we be like this wise old bird"

This column will appear monthly solely for the purpose of answering members' questions about birds, nature, nature photography, etc. etc. Every effort will be made to answer all questions, so let's hear from you!

Address all questions to South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

MALCOLM MARUM

AS THE CROW FLIES

This new column will try to highlight birding areas which are not suitable for large groups, such as the number we see at our regular Sunday walks, but should not be overlooked by individuals or small groups who want to also go birding at other times.

TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM AND PRESERVE is a lovely 80 acre area, consisting of wetlands, deciduous woods, swamps, streams and ponds. Many small mammals and over forty species of birds breed here.

The preserve is open daily from dawn until sunset. Bring your camera. The entrance is on Washington Avenue, just north of Merrick Road in Seaford (the site of our bird seed sales). The trail constitutes a good morning's walk.

MALCOLM MARUM

**Rare Bird Sightings
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CONSERVATION

Look for the Environmental Quality Bond Act on the November ballot. This is a law that will enable New York State to raise money through the sale of bonds to purchase and protect environmentally sensitive land.

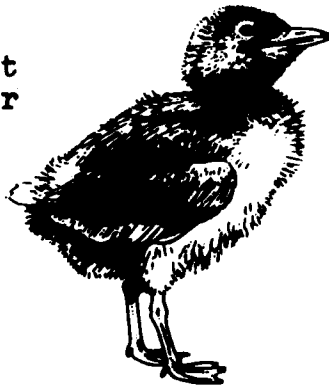
The law will also enable the state to provide moneys to municipalities to safely close and cap landfill sites throughout the state.

Long Islanders will benefit from the purchase and protection of the unique Pine Barrens, whose underground aquifer provides drinking water for over two million Nassau and Suffolk residents.

Each landfill site will cost between \$6 and \$10 million to cap and close. This is essential to the protection of our groundwater.

I urge all Audubon members to look for this bond act on the November ballot.

JOAN BUTKEREIT



DINNER

You are invited to a Pot Luck Dinner at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay on November 1 at 7:30 P.M. Bring your favorite dish to share with your fellow Auduboners. Your food is your admission fee.

Space is limited, so reservations are required. Call Tom Torma at 223-7947 if you would like to attend and, if possible, let him know what you plan to bring.

Plan to join us for an informal evening of fun.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The South Shore Audubon Society is honored to present its 1986 scholarship award to Christopher Grande of New Hyde Park. A May, 1986 graduate of Nassau Community College, Christopher displayed in his essay, the type of awareness of and concern for his environment that characterizes our scholarship winners. He wrote:

"I intend to use the money you are offering to advance my studies in Marine Biology and Marine Geology. I plan on successfully obtaining a bachelor of science degree in one of these areas. My studies will be limited in the areas of Marine Science. In the future the earth's survival will depend on resources from the marine environment such as food, oil and gas deposits. Therefore, my career goal is to learn and develop to be the best in my profession. I will contribute my knowledge and efforts to help find resources and new discoveries within the marine environment for the earth's future survival."

National Audubon President Peter A.A. Berle acknowledged Christopher's accomplishment with a letter to our chapter and a personal letter of congratulations to Christopher. In his letter to the chapter, President Berle said, "The next generation will be the ones to carry forward the work that we are doing today and I can think of nothing more worthwhile for your chapter to do than this type of activity."

South Shore Audubon is pleased to congratulate Christopher and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

JACK McLOUGHLIN



Last spring South Shore Audubon provided transportation costs for two third grade classes from Ocean-side to go to Scully Audubon Sanctuary in Islip for a overnight nature experience.

According to teacher Claire V. Neubarth, the students "experienced a highly successful environment program," and "returned from this outing with an awareness and appreciation for the importance of wildlife preservation." Here and on the following page are a few of the articles the participating students wrote for "Wildlife News," a newsletter Mrs. Neubarth's class put together as part of the project.

My Adventure

We went on an overnight trip. At first I did not want to go. We all got on the bus at 9:00 and I sat on the bus with my friend. When the bus got to Scully Sanctuary we saw the big mansion. It was really gorey looking from the outside. We went into the main room and Jim Mershon told us what group we were in. There were teaching, cleanup and cooking groups. We just couldn't wait to go upstairs and see our rooms. We were called the robins.

We went to the lake with nets and scooped up the muck to look for living things.

After the muck we went on a scavenger hunt at 7:45 pm. I was on the cooking crew for breakfast. At Great South Bay on the beach we got our feet wet to look for Algae and for fish and shells. When we returned to the Mansion we were cold and so were our feet. It was my idea to soak our feet in the tub with hot water.

For dinner we had spaghetti and pudding with whipped cream for dessert. For breakfast we had sausages and pancakes. When we went on the scavenger hunt, I had a partner in the third grade and her name is Charis. I liked the trip and hope to go again.

DOREEN CAPONE



WILDLIFE NEWS

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About My Overnight

We left on Thursday April 10, 1986 about 8:45 A. M. and we got to Isip at 10:00 o'clock or so. When we arrived we went to our rooms to get unpacked. Then we went to the pond with Joanne who was our leader. We took nets and caught little bugs and we looked at them through a microscope. We had lunch and free time. After free time we went on a scavenger hunt and we all won stickers because we all did a good job looking for different kinds of things such as a maple tree, a feather, and litter.

We then went to the beach and collected different kinds of stuff. We found shells, seaweed and jellyfish. We all had a great time.

Doreen had the idea of putting our feet in the tub filled with warm water because our feet were cold and killing us from the cold water at the beach. Philip dared me to cross a pond and I got all wet because I did it. He said he would cross after me but he didnt this proves that he was chicken and that boys are sometimes not better than girls. That night at 7:00 P.M. a man came and showed us a Red tailed Hawk and explained about it. He also showed us a small screech owl. The feathers stand up on its head like ears. About 9:00 P.M. we whent outside to see owls.

We had to be very quiet so the owls would not be disturbed. Jim Mershon who planned our trip played a tape recorder with owl sounds. The owls answered the tape and they flew to the trees near us. Jim put a flashlight on the owls so we could see them. Later that night we went back to the mansion and we saw a movie about owls and how they live, get their food, and how they survive. Following the movie which was over about 10:00 P.M. we went up to our rooms, got ready for bed and told stories until 10:30 P.M. We also laughed a lot. In the middle of the night Doreen said to Mrs Neubarth "I can't sleep". Mrs Neubarth asked "What can I do for you?" Doreen answered "Nothing." She went back to sleep.

The next day April 11, 1986 we got up at six o'clock in the morning and we went bird watching. I thought it was fun going through trees and mud, to follow the trails. We saw and heard a woodpecker and we saw ducks.



At 7:30 A. M. we went to breakfast. Then around 9:30 o'clock we went across the road to the Seatuck Reasearch Center. We learned that there is a way to study and find deer. The leader had an instrument that looked like a T. U. antenna with a C. B. attachment. The deer had a special collar that helped to find them.

I liked this trip because it was very interesting to see animals and learn about different habitats.

This was a different experience for me. Also, I want to say thank to Mrs Neubarth because she took all her time in the summer to plan this trip. She is a very special teacher to me.

By Danielle Rice

AN OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

I left the school on April 10, 1986 and went to Scully Mansion. When we got there we took our things and met at the meeting room. We were introduced to everyone. We met our leaders, Joanne Cullen and Jim Mershon. We got into our groups and went to the lab. Philip looked for bugs in the mud but Tommy wouldn't put his hands in the muck. I found some insects and showed them to Jim. I looked through the stereoscope and saw the different parts of the bug. The next activity was at the creek. We had nets and I scooped up a frog. Then we went to the ocean, got into groups and looked for shells. Jim let me wear his knee-high boots. It was fun. We went into the water and caught small fish and jellyfish. I went back to the shore and showed everyone what we found.

Then I went into the back part of the beach and I caught a shrimp in the masrshes. I also found an animal skeleton. We headed back to the mansion; changed clothes, wrote in our journals and got into groups for a scavenger hunt. My partner was Christin who was in Mrs. Kravitz's class. We looked for pine cones, a bone, a leaf and a pointed thing. Then we went back to the meeting room and found out who brought back the most. Everyone won.

Mrs. Smith told us not to bring back living things. "If you kill it, you eat it" she said. We did other very exciting things. My father came along and he also had a very good time.

JONATHAN

MATARA GAS

NEW MEMBERS

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SKIMMER, NINETY NINE NEW MEMBERS HAVE JOINED OUR CHAPTER. WE HOPE THESE PEOPLE WILL BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. WELCOME:

BALDWIN - MRS JEAN FORNILLO, MR WILLIAM REDFORD
 BELLMORE - MS D COUGHLIN, ARTHUR MISSIG
 BETHPAGE - R PERANGELO
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As mentioned on the "President's Page," we are altering our mailing procedure. If you continue to have a problem, or know of a member who is not receiving a Skimmer, please contact me.

MARION YAVAROVSKY
 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

The Skimmer needs your articles, stories, poems, drawings, etc. Original material is best, as articles clipped from other publications can cause copyright problems. Material should be submitted by the first of the month for publication in the next month's newsletter. Space is limited, so articles should be kept to no more than one page in length. If you have any questions, call Alice Orens at 431-9537.

A report of receipts and disbursements for the period 7/1/85 - 6/30/86 and budget for 7/1/86 - 6/30/87 has been prepared. Any member who would like to receive a copy of this report should send a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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BIRD WALKS 1986 - 87

No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

STARTING TIME - 9:30 A.M.

Aug.	24	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sept.	7	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	14	Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
	21	Twin Lakes Preserve*
	28	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Oct.	5	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	12	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	19	Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Parking Lot)
	26	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Nov.	2	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	9	Tobay - JFK Sanctuary
	16	Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
	23	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	30	Pelham Bay - Meet at Throg's Neck Bridge - Far side of tolls at 9:00 A.M.
Dec.	7	Cedar Beach
	14	Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd. Parking Lot)
	21	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Jan.	4	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	11	Tobay - JFK Sanctuary
	18	Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
	25	Pelham Bay - Meet at Throg's Neck Bridge - Far side of tolls at 9:00 A.M.
Feb.	1	Cedar Beach
	8	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	15	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	22	Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
Mar.	1	Twin Lakes Preserve*
	8	West End #2, N.E. Corner
	15	Cedar Beach
	22	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
	29	Tobay - JFK Sanctuary
Apr.	5	Twin Lakes Preserve*
	12	Zach's Bay, Parking Field #4, N.E. Corner
	19	West End #2, N.E. Corner
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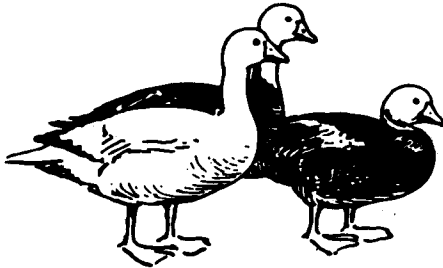
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- 8 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
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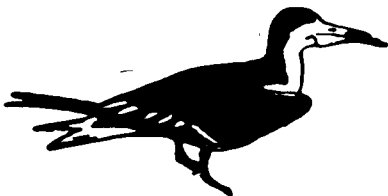
* Sunrise Highway to Old Mill Road, North on Old Mill Road. Park and meet in parking lot of Forest Lake School.

Note: Please keep this comprehensive list of Bird Walks for the 1986-1987 season. It will appear in its entirety in this issue only. It is being mailed First Class to ensure that every member receives all Bird Walk information.



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