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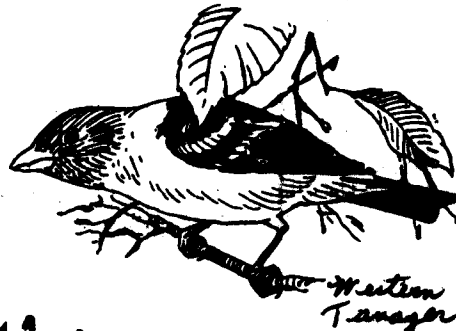
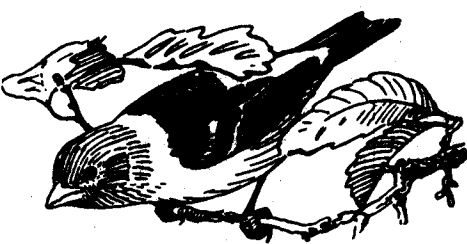
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BIRDS, BUGS AND FLOWERS

SPEAKER: ADRIAN DIGNAN



A wonderful variety of slides - Long Island to Texas and the Arctic. Adrian is well-known for superbly artistic photographs. Don't miss this special presentation!

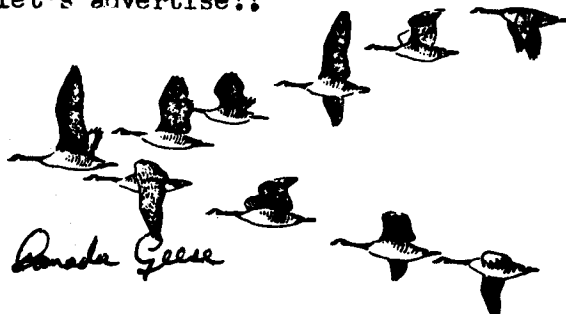


President's message

The change from summer to winter began subtly. We can detect it as the early bird migration begins in late summer or in the subtle change in leaf color early in the fall. The month of October, however, advertises in the brilliant reds and yellows of the changing foliage that it is now fall.

Perhaps we, the members of South Shore Audubon Society can also do our advertising. We have decals available of our logo, The Skimmer, that may be applied to a car window or other suitable surface. They will be available, free of charge, at our October 11th meeting and at birdwalks. We ask only that if you take one, you will display it. The decals are a way of letting people know that an organized group, which enjoys and cares about the environment exists.

Like October, let's advertise!!



Joe Grupp, President

"Birding-One On One"

by - Gayle Wertz

First, let me sincerely thank all of you wonderful Auduboners for your donations of fishtanks and cages. We filled them all!!!!!! It has been an extremely hectic summer (with no vacation, as usual) and the fall is shaping up to be the same. In June we were caring for "86" animals! We are so deeply involved with the poisonings of waterfowl, that we have been forced to turn away numerous baby songbirds. These were terrible decisions to make, but we totally ran out of time and space. We were unable to recruit help with rescues and transportation to veterinarians and then for rehabilitation of the injured and rearing of orphaned young. Sometimes we ran on rescues, five times in a single day and in totally different directions. Want to talk burnout? But if the telephone rings and a bird is in trouble or without parents.....we go.

We have released twenty four Mallards and they were so grateful that they are now bringing their new-found friends to our yard for dinner. Sometimes we have 40 or more ducks staring, soulfully into our faces. We will not even mention the Canada Geese and Swans, although they too are special to us.

Way too many waterfowl have died due to mysterious water conditions in our bays. We have several veterinarians who gave of their time and talents, to attempt to save these birds. Truly dedicated people and a heartfelt "thank you" to these very special people!

Monofilament fishing line is also a huge problem for waterfowl. As it tightens around their legs, it slowly cuts off circulation and can collapse veins and muscle. Usually these birds are able to fly and so are nearly impossible to capture. Once they are in severe pain, we have a better chance. Some have legs or feet totally severed and some we have caught in time and have been able to save. This situation is not restricted to lakes and ponds, but includes the ocean, bay and canals. Oftentimes the monofilament wraps around their wings, wings and legs, wings and beaks, necks and bodies, etc. Damage is most times extensive. Removal of this monofilament is very difficult because it is deeply imbedded into the flesh and must be carefully cut off. At times the bird must be brought home for medication and rehabilitation. If the bird is in a weakened condition and unable to eat on its own, Dick must tube-feed it until it can.

This is a very time-consuming procedure and each bird is treated individually. Each has its own house/ben which must be cleaned constantly, water and food changed as necessary and each must have a oat on the head. Once they are introduced to the other birds at our "Zoo", they relax and the fear leaves their eyes. When they are healed and healthy we return them to the location they came from. As you are aware, Swans and Geese mate for life and the Geese keep family units intact. Boy, the exuberation when they are reunited with their families!! It causes our hearts to well-up in our throats.

Is there an answer to this monofilament dilemma? It does not dissolve and our waters are full of it. If you ever see any in your travels, pick it up and take it home for disposal. We have seen seagulls remove it from the trash receptacles at parks. The thought of birds picking this menace up for nesting makes me shudder. Chicks hatching into this stiff, unyielding substance and becoming entwined.....you understand.

I realize that we are primarily a wild bird organization, but have you been into net shops lately? Have you seen the terrible conditions these caged creatures have to endure? Complain to management and stay at the cages until the birds have food and water, and by food, I mean whole seeds, not husks in their dishes. Birds must not be tormented by children either. Speak up for these voiceless birds; they cannot.

We always need help with rescues, if you can spare the time please let me know.

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All of you members who missed our September 13th meeting did not get to view the photographic genius of Elliot Kutner and his color movies of various birds "bathing." Definitely X-rated! He mentioned that he could show us these movies all night - but unfortunately problems developed with the projector (according to nearby members). Only joking, Elliot.....



EDUCATION

Rose Ermidis

Once again as school begins, we are enlisting your help in making teachers aware of AUDUBON ADVENTURES. It is suitable for children in grades three through six. I am happy to send a sample copy to any interested teacher. A subscription comes every other month and can supply as many as twenty nine copies per classroom.

Topics cover the world of plants, zoos, wildlife, snakes and butterflies this year. A lovely poster arrives in April. Each issue includes a leaders guide for the teacher.

Visit your child's school, your grandchild's school or merely stop by your neighborhood school to discuss this wonderful teaching aid, with the principal.

Our children will inherit the world of the future. Let's try to prepare them to enjoy their inheritance.

Coming up this fall will be an essay contest on the Summer of 1988, for all Audubon Adventure subscribers. Clean water and the ozone layer were topics that children may have experienced for the first time. It will be most enlightening to read their reactions to the summer of '88.

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Ruddy Ducks



Shoebill

CONSERVATION Joan butkereiit

This will be remembered as the summer the planet struck back. The seas tossed our garbage back onto the beach. The Earth showed us what to expect from the Greenhouse Effect as record-high temperatures baked much of the country. As Congress diddled with the Clean Air Act, urban areas suffocated under blankets of jogger-killing smog. Farmers, especially those not practicing good soil conservation techniques, watched their crops wither and their topsoil leave with the wind. People suffered, but wildlife suffered more. Audubon Activists are urging a reconciliation with planet Earth; see their reports inside AUDUBON ACTIVIST, September/October 1988.

OSPREY NESTING - by John Zarudsky, Conservation Biologist

The local 1988 bird breeding season was highlighted by the presence of two pairs of Osprey which successfully nested within the Town of Hempstead wetlands. Last year in 1987, one pair successfully nested on Jones Island just east of the Meadowbrook Causeway, producing two young, and became the first nest documented most westerly along the South Shore. In 1988, a pair again took up residence on the same platform on Jones Island, however the site was eventually deserted. This same or another pair finally nested to the east on Deep Creek Meadow where three young were produced. A second pair nested on Gull Island in Middle Bay, southwest of the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, and produced two young.

To encourage nesting, the Town of Hempstead, Department of Conservation and Waterways had begun an Osprey Platform Project in 1978 by establishing 4 pole platform nests on various marshlands. In subsequent years more than a dozen platforms have been erected by both the Town of Hempstead, Department of Conservation and Waterways, and Nassau County's Mosquito Control Division.

Ospreys have been making a remarkable recovery in the Northeast since the pesticide DDT was discontinued. In Suffolk County use restriction did not occur until the mid 1960's and nationwide, it was not until 1972 that DDT was finally banned. DDT, which had entered the food chain had interfered with the egg laying process, causing thin egg shells to develop which broke during incubation. Hatching and chick success was virtually eliminated.

As an indication of the increase in Osprey nesting on Long Island, there were 72 active nesting pairs in 1977 and in 1988, 165 pairs, more than double in 11 years or a 129% increase.

With the current population increase it is anticipated further nesting platforms will be occupied particularly if the young survive and return in 2 to 3 years and if an adequate food (fish) supply is available.

Note: Osprey numbers for Long Island, 1977 and 1988 from N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation Survey by M. Schiebel.

HAWK WATCH

SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BUS TRIP TO
HIGH POINT PARK, NEW JERSEY

Foliage and full dinner.....
\$37.00 includes all.....
Saturday, October 8, 1988...
Reserve now.....
Space Limited.....
Call Alan Bromberg
(516) 764-7523.....



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Audubon sweatshirts and tee-shirts are available at the Sunday bird walks. Sweatshirts run small, medium, large and extra large. \$15.00. Tee-shirts small, medium and large, \$5.00. See Josephine Rosanto at the Sunday walk and at meetings.



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MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE: In helping with our Audubon conservation efforts, please bring your own coffee mug to all meetings. Thanks!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by MARION YAVARKOVSKY

We begin a new year with renewed hope, great expectations and many new members. We welcome you all and hope you will become active members.

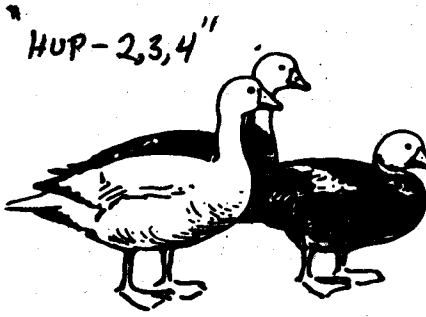
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BIRD WALKS 1988 - 1989

Elliot Kutner, Chairperson.....(516) 486-7667

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. (No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25° or below.)

- Oct. 2 West End No. 2, N.E. corner, Jones Beach
- 9 Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd., Pkg.)
- 16 Zach's Bay, Field No. 4, N.E. corner
- 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 30 West End No. 2, N.E. corner, Jones Beach
- Nov. 6 J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay
- 13 West End No. 2, N.E. corner, Jones Beach



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ALASKAN

D V E N T U R E



Travel in the company of 6-8 passengers aboard the 60 foot luxury yacht, THE SEA COMBER.

Explore the tiny inlets and coastal forests of the Tongass National Forest.

Hike along salmon laden streams during spawning.....Fish for salmon and halibut.

Soak in natural hot springs in magnificent wilderness settings.

Meet harbour seals, sea otters and sea lions nose to nose while exploring in the venerable zodiac shore boats.

Discover Pt. Adolphus, where dozens of humpback whales feed prior to their migration to Hawaii.

Visit St. Lazaria Island, a bird sanctuary known for Fork-tailed & Leach's Storm Petrels, Black Oystercatchers, Common and Thick-billed Murres, Pigeon Guillemot, Ancient Murrelet, Tufted Puffin, Pelagic Cormorant, Bald Eagle, etc. (visiting St. Lazaria depends on all 6 passengers being Auduboners).

Investigate the tiny Tlingit Indian fishing villages and small gold mining camps of this area.

Dine on exquisite cuisine surrounded by the sounds of the wilderness while anchored in remote coves.

If this sounds too good to be true, its not. Just think about coming to Alaska for next summer's vacation, and join fellow Audubon members aboard THE SEA COMBER. Extended optional excursions to Denali National Park, Katmai National Park, and Glacier Bay National Park will be offered to complete the perfect Alaskan exploration.

Dr. Bob White of SEA COMBER EXCURSIONS is reserving two cruise dates for Audubon members: June 26 - July 2, and August 5 - August 11. Optional trips will add a week or more, and can be arranged by our group to facilitate the least expense. This trip excluding airfare will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,900 per person. Airfare is about \$600. For further information about the Sea Comber cruise call 1-300-732-2662. For further information about the optional excursions call Joan Butkerei, LY3-4554.

AN UNUSUAL EXCURSION THE RAINFORESTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Sponsored by: Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary Inc. of Oyster Bay, New York

When: July 2 - July 12, 1989
11 Memorable Days

Where: The Internationally Renowned Asa Wright Nature Center
Situated in the Northern Montane Trinidad Rainforest and the Kariwak Village of Tobago

- * Highland Rainforest
 - * Beaches
 - * Lowland Rainforest
 - * Little Tobago Island
 - * 425 Recorded Bird Species
 - * Savannahs
 - * Southern Migrants
 - * Picnics
 - * Boat Trips
 - * Great Meals
 - * Afternoon Tea/
Rum Punch
 - * Coral Reefs
 - * Swamps
 - * Southern Cross
- Field trips guided by professional naturalist from Trinidad.

Pre-departure Lecture On Rainforest Ecology.

Cost is \$1,109, includes all meals, transfers, lodging (double occupancy rate). Additionally air fare from JFK will be about \$350 roundtrip. All arrangements for travel, lodging and meals will be made for you. Single Supplement is \$190.

Reservations: \$50 deposit required by Feb. 15, 1989. This trip is strictly limited so plan early.

Call or write Bill Kolodnicki or Travis MacClendon, c/o T.R.Sanctuary, 134 Cove Rd., Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771 or 516-922-3200, TRS, 516-754-0329, Travis' home.

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1988
 TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM
 9:30AM - 2:30PM

The museum is located on Washington Ave. in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise High. just north of Merrick Rd. Pre-ordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed, an order form is enclosed for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All pre-orders should be recieved by October 15. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkereiit 268 Wallace ST., Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

Once again we are offering 3 types of sunflower seed: Black Oil Seed, large White Stripe Seed, and a blend of the two consisting of 60% Oil and 40% Stripe. We are also offering a Special 10% reduction for pre-ordered Bird Feeders, these make great Christmas gifts. Help will be needed on the sale day to take orders and to unload seed. If you wish to volunteer, call 516-623-0843 late evenings and ask for Paul. Our next sale will be on Sunday, January 29, 1989.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____ MEMBER SSAS _____ YES _____ NO

Quantity # of bags	Description	Price/bag	Total
25	lb Black OIL Sunflower Seed	6.50	
25	lb Striped Sunflower Seed	7.25	
40	lb Blended Sunflower Seed	11.00	
25	lb Wild Bird Seed	4.85	
50	lb Wild Bird Seed	9.35	
20	lb Special Seed (no corn 1/3 Sunflower)	4.55	
40	lb Special Seed (no corn 1/3 Sunflower)	8.80	
25	lb Cracked Corn	4.00	
50	lb Economy (generic brand mix)	8.65	
10	lb Sunflower Chips (no shell)	5.00	
10	lb Peanut Bits	5.00	
10	lb Safflower Seed	4.25	
10	lb Niger (Thistle) Seed	9.75	
28	oz Maine Manna Suet Cake	3.75	
	FEEDERS		
	Droll Yankee X-1 Seed Saver	11.00	
	Droll Yankee A-6 small tube feeder with tray	22.00	
	Droll Yankee B-7 large tube feeder with tray	40.50	
	Droll Yankee Big Top Top Feeder	35.00	
	K-WS Window sunflower feeder	9.50	
	K-IH Window thistle feeder	9.50	
	K-5 Deluxe combo tube feeder	15.50	

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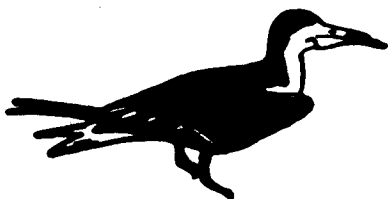
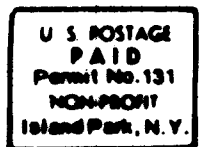
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