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President's Message

.....Joseph Grupp

ADIRONDACK PARK

New York State's Adirondack Park is a composite of public and private lands, totaling over six million acres, making it the largest park in the lower forty-eight states. At the present time some of the large tracts of private lands are vulnerable to resale and development which will change some of the wilderness characteristics of the park. National Audubon's Northeast Regional Office has scheduled a series of meetings across New York State and as a result, Lyman Langdon Audubon Society is sponsoring a meeting concerning the Adirondacks on November 2, 1989 at the County Executive Building, 1 West, Mineola, New York at 7:30 P.M. This unique park deserves our support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us help the environment!!

At the present time our chapter is in the need of a volunteer to fill the position of Trip Chairperson. The responsibility of the position is to plan two or three trips to places such as the Brigantine Wildlife Refuge, during the year and to attend monthly Board meetings.

Traditionally South Shore Audubon Society held six seats on the Board of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay. We need volunteers to fill those seats. The Board meets monthly. Please volunteer; it's fun, it's satisfying, and it's good for the environment. We are a very active chapter because people like you volunteer.

To volunteer call: 481-4208.

Next Meeting

.....Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, October 10, 1989
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library
Merrick Road & Grove Street,
Freeport, New York

SPEAKER: Anthony Manzoni
TOPIC: From the Tundra to the
Everglades

Tony, an original member of the S.S.A.S. is a talented photographer who has always presented exciting programs for us.

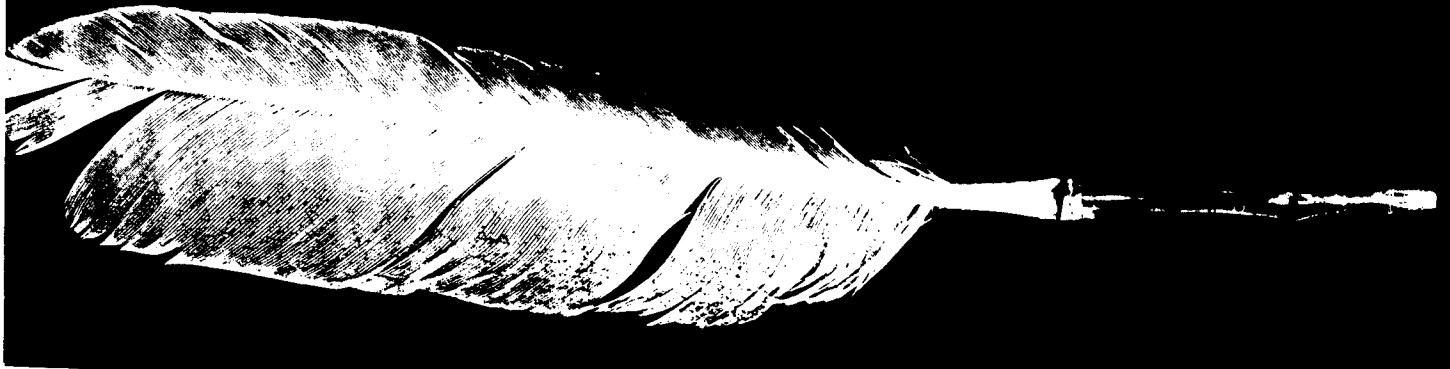


Bird Walks

.....Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains or snows or temperatures are below 25°. Thirsting for further information? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- Oct. 1 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- Oct. 8 Hempstead Lake State Park,
Peninsula Avenue Parking
- Oct. 15 West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 22 Twin Lakes Preserve - meet in
Forest Lake School pkg. lot,
Mill Road, Wantagh
- Oct. 29 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Preserve



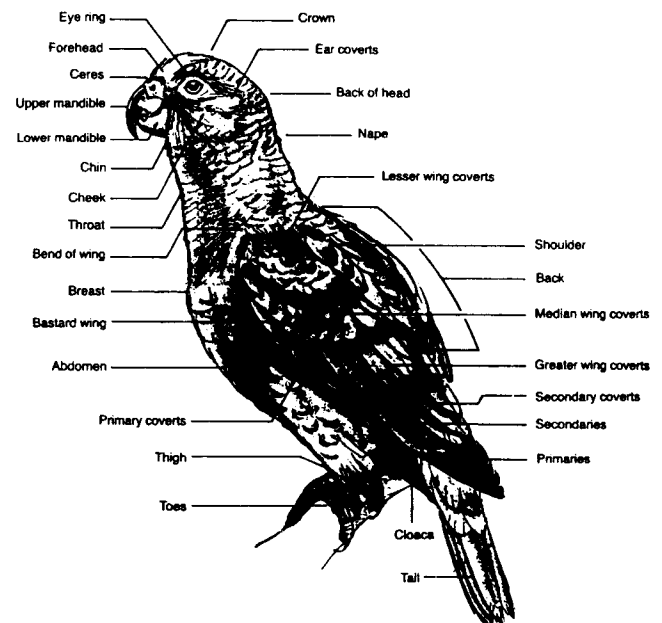
Birding One To One

.....Gayle Wertz

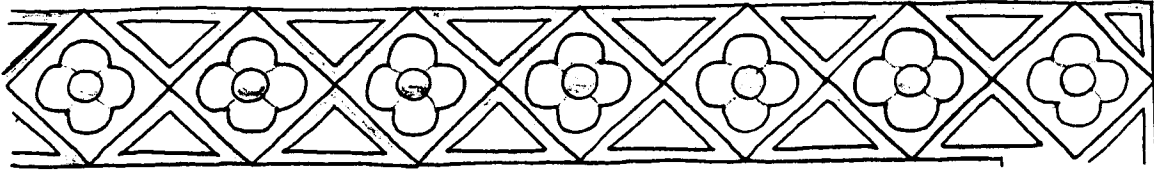
Above is an actual feather, which one of our Swans moulted, this summer. As I observed the yard covered in white feathers, from tiny puffs to the huge and powerful flight feathers, I was thinking that one of these exquisite feathers, alone, is a magnificent creation. The problem is that one feather will not be able to lift the bird off the ground. It takes all the feathers, working together to put this majestic Swan into flight. So it is for all people. One person working to help animals or our critical environment is not sufficient. It takes many or all of us to unite and make ourselves heard in our government. We are aware of the dangers and yet many of us "let the other guy work on it." Well too many of the "other guys" are saying that about you! Please act on issues which are critical to our Earth. This is our home. There are no other planets in our galaxy which we might escape to if our Earth dies (and it can if we keep destroying it as we are). Get involved! Contact our Conservation Committee (623-0843) and ask what you can do.

Hurricane season is upon us and we are constantly warned of ways to prepare and take care of ourselves and our property. Have you considered what you will do with your animals if a severe hurricane strikes? What if you are forced to leave your home. Have you made provisions for placing your animals in a safe location as well as yourselves? Special emergency shelters will not accept animals and you surely cannot leave them in a home that may possibly be destroyed can you? Leaving them, unattended, in your car, outside the shelters, is not advisable either, as they may panic and injure themselves. Try to make arrangements with friends or relatives that are 'inland' or in a safe location. NOW IS THE TIME TO DO THIS.

Names of Body Parts and Plumage



Names of body parts and plumage. Knowing a parrot's anatomy and the names of various parts of its plumage is useful not only for conversations with the veterinarian but also for recognizing different kinds of parrots.



LAND PRESERVATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

by Betsy Gulotta

There are still some parcels of open space land in Nassau County that are worthy and in need of protection against the threat of development. The HALL ESTATE in Muttontown is one of them. Thus, the Friends for Long Island's Heritage have nominated the Hall property for acquisition under Title Nine of the 1986 New York State Environmental Bond Act. They need your help.

The Hall property, consisting of 127 acres, adjacent to the southwest border of the 550 acre Muttontown Preserve, would be added to the existing Preserve, significantly adding to the size of this County preserve facility.

The Hall property serves as a large aquifer recharge area, displays exceptional forest character, contains trails for public use, and is a habitat of endangered species. The parcel is a mature Long Island upland forest dominated by red and white oak, interspaced with hickory, sassafras, maple, viburnum, mountain laurel, and a healthy understory with little disturbance. There are no less than seven closed kettle basins where water collects. The land contours are such that little, if any, precipitation that falls on this parcel is lost to surface runoff. One of the deep kettle ponds is a site for the endangered tiger salamander, and there is abundant evidence of fox throughout the area.

You can help save the HALL ESTATE by writing a letter of support to the following:

*Thomas C. Jorling, Commissioner

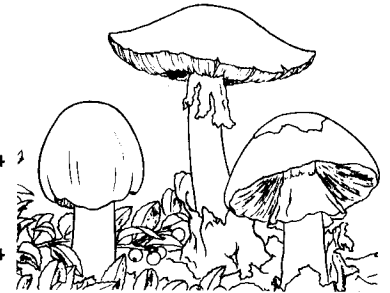
N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233

*Harold Berger, Regional Director

N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation
Building 40, S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York 11794

*Lee Koppleman, Chairman, Land Acquisition Committee

N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation
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UPDATE ON BROOKSIDE PRESERVE - OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 14

by Betsy Gulotta

Chairperson Brookside Preserve Committee

The Brookside Preserve Committee has been active throughout the summer developing and implementing ways to manage the 20 acre fresh-water wetland preserve along Brookside Avenue between Freeport and Baldwin. Owned by Nassau County and managed by South Shore Audubon Society, this parcel of land lying just north of the Brooklyn Water Works Building and involving the old Milburn Creek, is S.S.A.S.'s first nature sanctuary. Under the agreement between Nassau County and the Society, we have two years to develop a management plan.

Several members of the Committee have been extremely busy over the summer, identifying the flora and fauna, mapping out trails, photographing the wildlife, putting together a brochure, tracing the history of the area, as well as cleaning up the preserve. With the help of local Boy Scout Troops 18, 36, and 454, and Girl Scout Troop most of the heavy debris was promptly removed at our first clean-up. Periodic clean-ups will be necessary to maintain the Preserve, as it is open to the public and appears to be a heavily used area.

To achieve our goals of preserving environmentally sensitive land as well as providing an educational resource for the public, S.S.A.S. welcomes the participation of as many individuals and civic groups as possible. Thus, we are holding our first OPEN HOUSE meeting on the site on Saturday, October 14, between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. (rain date Sunday), to introduce the Preserve to local organizations such as the Scouts, 4-H groups, Garden Club, etc. As members of S.S.A.S. you are all invited to attend and participate and/or lend a hand. We will need help welcoming guests, leading tours and serving refreshments. If interested, call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841 or Joan Simmonds at 593-3619.

WELCOME TO
New Members
.....Marion Yavarkovsky

Welcome new members!! We are happy to welcome many new members to our chapter. We hope you will all participate in the many activities we have planned for this fall. Meetings, bird-walks and parties are on the agenda. Join us!!

- Baldwin.....June Miley, Mary Byrnes, John Stahl, Mr. Michael Weitman, Thomas Torma
- Bellmore.....Stanley, Kofod, Murray Schneider, R. Veverka
- Bethpage.....Patricia A. Pangallo, Herman F. S. Schwarz
- East Meadow.....Bernard Frishberg, Robert Kushner
- East Rockaway.....Bobbi Brickman, Shirley A. Sabbeth
- Elmont.....Stephanie M. Helbing, Elizabeth Liguori
- Farmingdale.....Wally Hagerman
- Floral Park.....Glenn Meyer, Adriana Woods
- Franklin Square.....Xavier Avallone, Thomas Nuzzo, Raymond J. Sarozy, Paul Rossi
- Freeport.....L. Gerald, Anthony Dolan, Margaret L. Hanks, John Holly, Dorothy Kircher
- Jack Paulovsky, Carol Feldman
- Garden City.....George V. Rose, Marie H. West
- Garden City South.....David J. Beesley, Joe Chambers
- Hempstead.....Lester Fixell
- Hewlett.....J. C. Keilson
- Hicksville.....Helen Naveasky, Rita Rikstad, Marc Stein
- Levittown.....A. Meckler, T. Powell
- Long Beach.....Anita Bandell, Antony Falciano, Mrs. Joseph Greenbaum, Benjamin Preisler
- Lynbrook.....Dennis Appleton, Elizabeth Berger, Stephen Schaffer
- Malverne.....Terry Hendrickson
- Massapequa.....Richard Corwin, Deborah Graff, Catherine Martens, Gunther Riegner,
 Mrs. Lorraine George
- Merrick.....Joan Tavadros
- Oceanside.....Marvin Hlitzik, Charles W. Howkins Jr., Emily Silvernail, Howard Smith
- Ozone Park.....John L. Piazza
- Plainview.....Leon A. Raskin, Carl Ross, E. Braglia
- Rockville Centre.....Rosemarie C. Cola, O. Calli
- Seaford.....Jeffrey D. Gmelch, Otto Rychasly
- Uniondale.....Gertrude C. Kosby
- Valley Stream.....Leslie Block, Michael Halbert, R. Machalow, Christine Mc Geary, A. Parness
- West Hempstead.....M. Stucke, Marcel Teitelbaum
- Wantagh.....Bernard J. Cleary, Elliott Glasser, Joan Meyer, Henry Pernick, D. Stressesman

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989
TACKAPAUSA MUSEUM
9:30AM - 2:30PM

The museum is located on Washington Ave. in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway just north of Merrick Road. 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 received by October 14. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. If you prefer you can pay on the sale day when you pick up your order. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkoreit 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 will also be offering a 10% reduction on Bird Feeders, these make great Christmas gifts. Help will be needed on the sale date to take orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call 516-623-0843 late evenings and ask for Paul. Our next sale will be on Sunday, January 28, 1990.

My name is _____

My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Member? Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
25 lb	BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER SEED	7.00	
25 lb	STRIPE SUNFLOWER SEED	8.00	
40 lb	BLENDED SUNFLOWER SEED	11.30	
25 lb	WILD BIRD SEED MIX	5.50	
50 lb	WILD BIRD SEED MIX	10.50	
20 lb	SPECIAL MIX 1/3 SUN NO CORN	5.50	
40 lb	SPECIAL MIX 1/3 SUN NO CORN	10.50	
50 lb	ECONOMY GRANULE MIX	9.50	
25 lb	CRACKED CORN	5.00	
10 lb	SUNFLOWER HEARTS	6.00	
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All blends and mixes are based on current research

TOTAL AMOUNT:

Sweatshirts = \$15.00 (S-M-L-XL run small)
 Teeshirts = \$ 5.00 (Young teen size)

Call Josephine Rosato at 541-5614

AT OUR OCTOBER 10th MEETING-----

On display will be large posters showing our Brookside Preserve and our June, Cow Meadow Festival. Can you locate yourself at the festival? Didn't you have a great time!! Pictures by Mr. Tom Andron.....

Treasurer's Report
 Lennox Gordon

Financial reports for the period of July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989 have been filed on Federal Form #990 with copies to New York State and the National Audubon Society.

A copy of the six-page report will be sent upon written request with self-addressed, .45 stamped envelope.

Questions and discussions are welcome.

The 990 includes all receipts and disbursements for the period. The following items pertaining only to 1988-89 are included in the report.

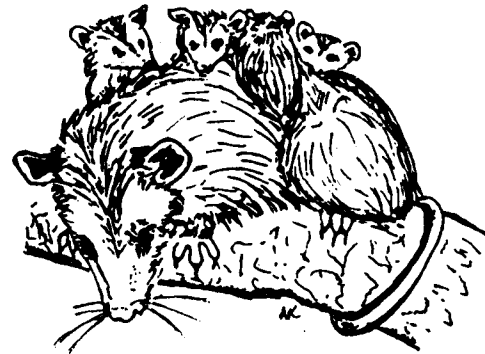
Revenues.....		\$13,558.00
Disbursed		
Grants	42.6%	\$ 6,349.00
Occupancy	3.4%	\$ 500.00
Skimmer	32.1%	\$ 4,789.00
Bank Charges	1.0%	\$ 139.00
Miscellaneous	14.2%	\$ 2,124.00
Insurance	6.7%	\$ 1,008.00
TOTAL.....		\$14,909.00

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"PREVENTION WORKS, CONTROL DOES NOT. WHEN A POLLUTANT IS ATTACKED AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN, IT CAN BE ELIMINATED. BUT ONCE IT IS PRODUCED, IT IS TOO LATE." Greenpeace Sept.-Oct. '89

If you are not on the mailing list for the upcoming, educational and most entertaining events happening at Tackapausha Museum and Preserve, please call them, at once, and give them your name and address. They hold daily demonstrations, movies, live animal programs, etc. The museum is exceptional and the grounds a pleasure to tour. The fantastic staff is friendly, helpful and will answer your environmental questions.516-785-2802.....

Tackapausha Museum and Preserve
 Washington Avenue, Seaford, N.Y. 11783
 (between Merrick Road and Sunrise Hwy.)



Didja know....."The Eulachom (Thaleichtbys pacificus) is a fish found in Canada's Fraser River. Sometimes called the candlefish, it is so rich in oils that it can be dried, fitted with a wick, and burned like a candle."
 Canadian Geographic

And....."Only female mosquitoes bite. The males live on nectar and plant juice. About 150 species live in the U.S., more than 3,000 worldwide. They don't really sting, in the sense of the hypodermic needle piercing the skin. They saw their way through instead, using four cutting stylets kept in a protective sheath along with a duct that carries anticoagulant into the wound and a tube that carries blood out.

Mosquitoes fly into the wind, picking up scents which lead them to their victims. Just about everything attracts them, including the carbon dioxide we exhale. They will suck the blood of birds, frogs, turtles and snakes too."
 Mississippi Outdoors

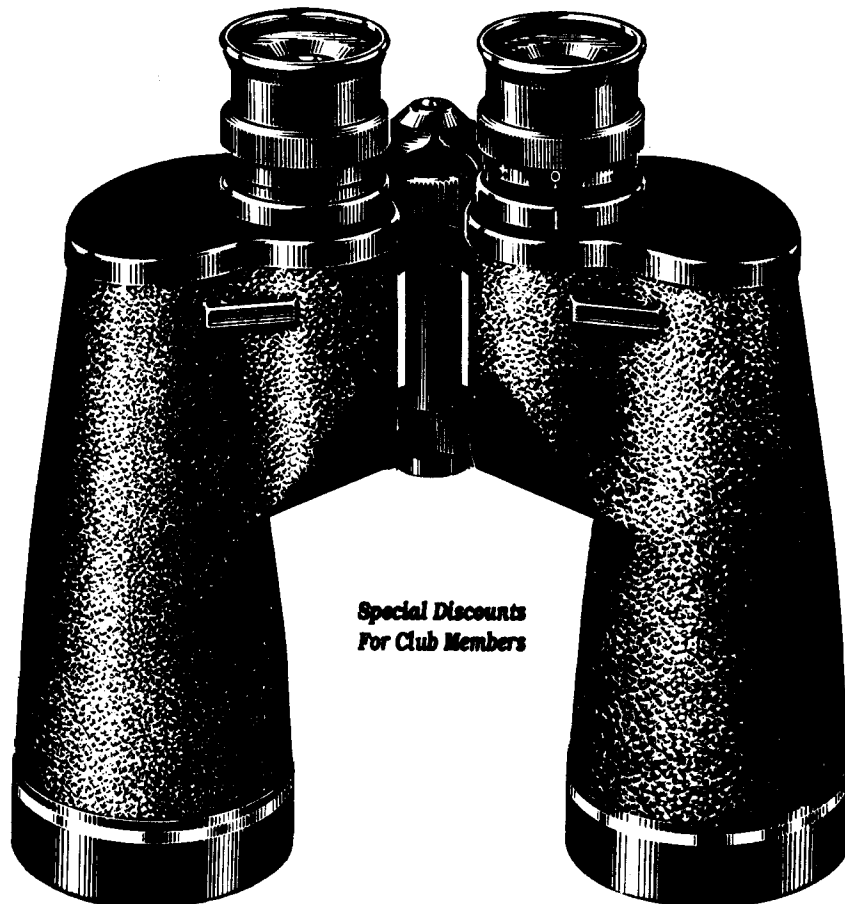


EXCERPTS FROM **And THOUGHTS ABOUT Jeff Dubois'** **"ANCIENT FORESTS - A FORESTER'S CONCERNS"**

These are some of the salient points Jeff gleaned from attending the Ancient Forests Seminar recently held at The University of Oregon at Eugene: Between 1979 and 1989, the timber cut on Federal Lands increased 18.5%. In that same period, employment in the wood products industry dropped 15%. Thus the claim that the level of employment in the timber industry is tied to the **cut level** on the National Forests is **not true**. Automation and modernization are the forces that result in losses of 50% or more of the workforce. Weyerhaeuser, for example, is considering replacing its mill in Coos Bay with a mill of West German design which will produce the same output with **25 employees**, as it is currently producing with **250**. Even if the current levels of cut were possible for the next 45 years (**they are not, because there will be no viable ancient forest left in 5 years if this level of cutting continues**), the Pacific Northwest wood products industry would still lose some 35,000 jobs due to these new automated mills. There would be 2,300 jobs lost to the halting of the destruction of the ancient forests, yet many more gained by the re-tooling of mills for milling of second growth trees. Industry's claim that the closing of mills is tied to timber supply is misleading, at best. Industry exports 4 - 5 billion board feet as raw logs, and an additional several billion of board feet exported as chewed up pulp, chips, cants & merches. The amounts of raw material exported, to be milled by foreign enterprises, is a far greater amount than that harvested and milled in the U.S.. This is a major long-term and short-term loss to the timber industry, and amounts to incredible job losses.

If mills want to survive, they will have to re-tool for second growth timber, millions of acres of which will be coming on line in about 20 years. The closing of the older mills, which are geared for the huge ancient trees and which will not be able to re-tool for smaller second growth trees, is inevitable. Nothing will save them in the long run because **the ancient old-growth forests are not a renewable resource unless the rotational cycles are lengthened to 200 years, which is impractical. Continuing to cut the ancient forest is to deplete it to extinction, and to then move on to smaller second growth trees. Why not retool mills now, and save the Ancient Forest for future generations to enjoy? When you arrive at a situation where you are at the last bit of any resource, the time has come to stop unless you don't care if it is gone forever.** The corporations claim that if the wood products industry declines, so will Oregon's economy. This conclusion is unwarranted given the following statistics: The lumber and wood industry contributes only 6% to Oregon's Employment and economy. In the last decade, employment in wood products is down 15%, but total employment is up 24%. The economic growth is centered in metropolitan areas, in spite of average wages that are 15% less than the National average, and 25% less than Southern California. This wage disparity gives other than timber industries a tremendous national advantage. Why? The benefits of clean air, water, incredible but diminishing beauty, diversity, and accessibility of National Forests, which are often confused as National Parks, are some enhancements that promote a healthy economy. Major contributors to the beauty and uniqueness of the Pacific Northwest's Forests are the Ancient Forests. In effect, the timber industry's attempt to squeeze out every last acre of ancient forest is at the expense of the rest of Oregon's potential for future growth. Conservationists are often blamed as being selfish and wanting to dismantle the wood products industry. Once again it boils down to those who care about the long term effects vrs. those who are motivated by short term profit. If the timber industry cared about local workers, they wouldn't be exporting over 4 billion feet of timber as raw logs. They would re-tool their mills in anticipation of the inevitable switch-over to smaller, second growth timber. They wouldn't use misinformation to shift the public's attention away from the real problems confronting the wood products industry and the Pacific NW's life and economy, and try to blame these complex issues on the endangered Spotted Owl and Environmentalists. (Jeff Dubois has worked for over 13 years in forestry in the U.S., and Central & South America for various public agencies.)

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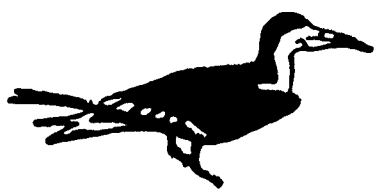
Wilderness and the idea of wilderness is one of the permanent homes of the human spirit. . . . JOSEPH WOOD KRUTCH

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