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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Butkerei

It has been an honor being President of South Shore Audubon. The Board members who turned our shared goals into policies and deeds are terrific. **Lois Schlegel** and **Annie McIntyre** have led Conservation and have shown how nurturing extends from the home to the world. They targeted some of the most perplexing attacks on our environment to have happened in the past twenty years, including wetland legislation that would diminish protection, attacks on the Endangered Species Act, the continued destruction of the Pacific Northwest rainforest, the threat to James Bay, and the threats to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, targeted the protection of natural areas such as the Groundwater Protection Areas in Nassau County, Warbler Woods and the Pine Barrens in Suffolk County, and the Adirondack Park, and marshalled support for these issues. **Elliott Kutner** has led the field trips with a warmth that has influenced thousands of people through the years. His concept that the organization would grow around weekly bird walks has proven perfect. He originated the Greening of L.I. project, which includes planting trees, and the push for recycling paper. **Betsy Gulotta** has redefined the concept: if it is to be, it's up to me. She works to protect wetlands in Nassau County and coordinates the management of Brookside Preserve. She has worked to get us a State grant which will help us make physical improvements on the Preserve. **Michael Sperling** puts together a great newsletter, coordinates the mailing, and edits other publications we produce as well. **Jim and Doreen Remsen** have been outstanding as Birdathon chairs, and Jim will be an articulate and strong President. As fundraising chairman, **Tom Torma** created the concept and coordinated the mailing that resulted in the raising of \$3000 for our Greening of L.I. project. The timing of his efforts was perfect: he enabled us to replant trees at Jones Beach this year. As youth director, **John Staropoli** influenced his school to use recycled paper throughout, including writing paper and tissue. He takes the theme "think globally, act locally" and translates it into a learning experience for everyone. **Marion Yavarkovsky** keeps track of memberships and makes sure everyone gets their *Skimmer*. She also wrote a terrific

NEXT MEETING — OUR ANNUAL DINNER

Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 1992
TIME: 6:30 PM for Cocktails
7:30 PM for Dinner (see page 7)
PLACE: Pompei Restaurant
401 Hempstead Avenue
West Hempstead, NY
SPEAKERS: Evelyn & Jerry Bishop
TOPIC: Exploring the Amazon and Orinoco
Join us for 1992's after-dinner slide show.

children's guide to Brookside and offers thoughtful support when it is most needed. **Sandy Brenner** arranged outstanding programs for our meetings. Each has been entertaining and informative, and attendance has been great. **George Popkin** has done a thorough and careful job as our new Treasurer. Thanks to Len Gordon for his work in previous years. **Dolores Rogers** ran cleanups for several preserves, which have greatly helped these areas. **Doris Pirodsky** is tireless in her support of all our endeavors and is keeping our archives. **Rose Ermidis** has done a great job extending *Audubon Adventures* to 75 classrooms on L.I. **Louise Hillen** carefully recorded all our motions passed and defeated, **Mary Jane Russell** kept us well fed and happy at each general meeting, **Frieda Malament** helped our spirits with the Holiday Party for Wildlife, **Evelyn Blume** solicited Audubon Camp scholarships, and **Diane Singer** got our bird walks and all special events listed in the newspapers. **Shirley Kutner** and **Diane Singer** are running a great June Dinner. **Joe Grupp** led hardy souls on winter duck surveys, **Dick Packert** provided antiques for the Collectible sale (we raised \$1137 for Brookside at the sale!), **Joe Lancer** provided books and binoculars, **Marge Jaeger** and **Mark Phillips** were supportive in everything, and last, but not least, **Paul Butkerei** provided perfect weather for every Bird Seed Sale and raised \$4500 for TR Sanctuary. Thank you to all members who helped on all the committees, and to those who helped make the Wetlands Conference, Bird Seed Sales, Cleanups, and Brookside sale a success. My time and space are up!



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Lois Bartow Schlegel

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The first two steps of this project are: (1) Compile a list of people available to give programs. Either they have their own program or they have the eagerness and ability to learn

one to give. (2) Contact libraries, civic associations, schools, etc., to offer them these presentations. Our list of people to give programs so far is about 10. All Nassau County libraries have been contacted through the Nassau Library Association and have begun contacting me. So far, the libraries' requests have been for children's hands-on workshops. We especially need people for this area.

How You Can Help. Any South Shore Audubon member whose enthusiasm is in this area, and who would like to be on call to do a program, please contact me (write to SSAS or call 822-1546) with your name and phone number, and either describe your program and to what age it is oriented or indicate that you would like to learn one of our programs and the age you'd like to give it to. Also include when you are available (days, evenings, weekdays, or weekends).

You will be representing South Shore Audubon Society, so all programs will need to be reviewed by an SSAS Board member to insure that they relay an SSAS message.

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BIRD WALK REPORT

Betty Borowsky

Thirty-five brave souls turned out for the bird walk at Hempstead Lake State Park on March 15, 1992. Although walks are usually cancelled when it is below 25°F and the temperature was pretty close to that, the weather was bright and deceptively inviting, so the walk went forward. But it was very cold.

Fortunately, the weather did not deter the birds, and the day was very rewarding. The earliest arrivals of the spring migration were seen in the park: a small flock of Golden-crowned Kinglets; a large flock of Robins, both males and females; and a few male Red-winged Blackbirds.

We were especially pleased to see a group of Red-bellied Woodpeckers in the woods near the boat basin. Identifying this bird proved a bit tricky for the novices among us, since it turns out that the Red-bellied Woodpecker has very little red on its belly. A red *head*, maybe, but not a red *belly*. (Who names the birds, anyway? And why do they keep changing them? Is Moorhen really a better name than Common Gallinule, or Tricolored Heron better than Louisiana Heron?). In any case, in the sunlight, the bright red color of the bird's head, contrasted with the black and white stripes of its back, was quite a sight. [Editor's note: The American Ornithologists' Union has the honor of deciding the common names of birds. The name Red-headed Woodpecker has been awarded to a bird with an even redder head than the Red-bellied Woodpecker. The latter's range has been expanding northward — at least one sunflower-eating Red-bellied Woodpecker was a regular visitor to my window feeder last year; this year, fellow North Massapequan SSAS Board member Sandy Brenner isn't sharing her star woodpecker!]

In addition, we saw a Turkey Vulture, which is rare at Hempstead Lake. Vultures are easily identified in flight, because they are large black birds which rarely flap their wings as they circle slowly overhead. They hold their wings up at an angle and, by staying in warm air currents that rise from the ground (thermals), stay aloft with minimal energy.

There are two vultures in North America: the Black Vulture and the Turkey Vulture. In flight you can tell them apart, because the Black Vulture has white wing tips and the Turkey Vulture doesn't. Actually, this is not another example of a misnomer — the Black Vulture has a black head (but don't ask me why they call the other one a Turkey Vulture).

Although you usually see only one or two vultures together in flight, vultures are social creatures. Both Turkey and Black Vultures often rest together in large groups with individuals of all ages and, in the south, with another large raptor, the Crested Caracara. In Mexico, I once saw over 200 Black Vultures near the carcass of a burro. The vultures were on the ground, arranged in concentric circles of increasing distance from the carcass. Five of the birds were actually eating the carcass; about ten of them were about 5 feet from the body; on the small cliff overhead was a row of another fifteen vultures; and about 20 feet beyond that there were

about thirty more. Some vultures were as far as 150 feet away, just sitting there and waiting, and as we passed by we could see other birds flying in.

On the bird walk we saw many other species as well. We spotted several Belted Kingfishers swooping low over a pond. Since Long Island is right on the northern border of the winter range of this bird, it's possible either that the pair was migrating north or that they had remained in the park all winter.

We spotted some migrating Hooded Mergansers. The American Wigeon (née Baldpate), Common Merganser, Mute Swans, Mallards, Scaups, and Wood Ducks we saw near the water, and the White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmice, and Mockingbird we saw in the woods, had probably remained in the park through the winter.

To sum it up: there were an awful lot of birds in the park that very cold Sunday, and I came away with a new respect for the insulating properties of feathers. [Editor's addition: After the walk ended, a few remaining birders saw an immature Bald Eagle flying over the west end of the park!]

RECYCLE THOSE PEANUTS!

Michael Sperling

The Plastic Loosefill Producers Council has a toll-free number that will give you the names, addresses, and phone numbers of local businesses that are accepting polystyrene peanuts for recycling or reuse. Call 800-828-2214; if they don't have a listing for your hometown, ask them to check the computer for a few neighboring towns. So far, I know there are one to three businesses in Cedarhurst, Massapequa Park, Merrick, and Rockville Centre on their list. Contact the local business for information about how to package the peanuts for their acceptance. I'd like to acknowledge that I read about this program in the newsletter of one of our fellow Long Island chapters, Huntington Audubon Society; thanks for the information.

BIRD WALKS

Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 AM; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

May 31	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
June 7	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
June 14	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
...	<i>Summer Vacation</i>
Aug. 9	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 16	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Aug. 23	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 30	Massapequa Preserve
Sept. 6	<i>Labor Day Weekend — No Walk</i>
Sept. 13	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

To our newest members — welcome. It is our hope that you will become active members of our chapter. Weekly bird walks, monthly meetings, etc., are for you. Please join us!

[For information on joining the South Shore Audubon Society, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 PM, Monday through Friday.]

Atlantic Beach	Richard Cohen
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Woodmere	Marvin Zelin

ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND

Annie F. McIntyre

Legislation is currently pending in Albany that would set up an environmental trust fund for New York. In the Assembly, A7613-B would establish a fund that would provide \$200 million the first year (1992) through a bond, and \$86 million each year after. The State Senate bill, S6166-B, would provide approximately \$100 million in 1992, but it would draw the money out of the general budget. \$100 million is generated annually through an excise tax placed on beer and soda since 1990, and a tax on motor oil. The excise tax was enacted to generate funds to pay for the defeated Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1990. Therefore, this money was to have been used for environmental purposes. Instead, it has been put into the general fund.

The bills are quite similar, though the Assembly bill, which is expected to pass in late May, is superior to the Senate bill on a few points. The most important point is the bonding revenue, which would provide \$200 million to jump start the program of the bill. The three areas the money has been allocated for are open space preservation, recycling programs, and landfill closures.

I have met with Senator Kemp Hannon on this issue with a coalition of activists, and plan to meet with Senator Norman Levy. Please take a minute to call your State Senator and urge him to support the Assembly's version of the Environmental Trust Fund. If you have any questions, call me.

REEDS BEACH

Tom Torma

The narrow road crosses a marsh before entering the beach colony. A right-hand turn brings you through the village to the end of the road. A path at the side of the road leads to a bird observation deck. The deck overlooks a beach covered with horseshoe crabs and shorebirds. Every spring, this small beach produces one of the most impressive shows in nature. The location is Reeds Beach, in southern New Jersey on Delaware Bay.

Delaware Bay is a pit stop for migrating shorebirds. This is where they stop to refuel before continuing their journey north to the Arctic breeding grounds. The shorebirds stop here to gorge themselves on horseshoe crab eggs. Each year at the spring high tides in May and June, the crabs crawl up to the water's edge to lay their eggs. The timing of the migration takes advantage of this annual ritual.

It is a popular practice to visit the area at the full moons in May and June. I recommend visiting the area from the middle to the end of May. At the beginning of June, the shorebird population begins to decline, as the shorebirds continue on their journey north. At the same time, the gull population increases, making life difficult for the remaining shorebirds. Among the birds you can see at Reeds Beach are Dunlin; Ruddy Turnstones; Semipalmated, Least, and Western Sandpipers; Sanderling; and my favorite shorebird, the Red Knot. Local birds include Herring and Laughing Gulls, Glossy Ibis, Willets, and even an occasional Robin.

To find Reeds Beach, travel south on the Garden State Parkway to Cape May Court House. Turn right at the light and head west to highway 47. Turn right and proceed north to the sign on the road directing you to a side road that goes to Reeds Beach. This road ends at a "T" intersection; turn right and proceed to the bird observatory. Park only at the legal spot near the observatory. The road through the community is extremely narrow; therefore, it is illegal to park on the street. The beach serves as a backyard to the private homes that line it. Each spring, the residents that live here must endure birdwatchers walking along the beach with binoculars and scopes. When visiting Reeds Beach, please be aware of the local residents' concern for their privacy.

Delaware Bay is considered a place of global environmental significance. On my last evening at Reeds Beach, I was standing on the observation deck. The shorebird population had dropped sharply, as most of them had already moved north. As the sun set, a Japanese television camera crew drove up. They were preparing a report to be sent back to Tokyo. At this moment I realized how vital Delaware Bay is to the survival of many shorebirds. It is also a small part of a much larger global environmental picture.

RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 832-6523

WILDLIFE POISONING HOTLINE (800) 356-0560

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. 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.

Saturday, June 6th (1 PM to 3 PM) — Family Marine Ecology. Bring your children and learn about the seashore. We'll use costumes, hands-on activities, nets, and shovels to explore the local seashore and the animals that live there. Program fee \$3 for TRS members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Sunday, June 21st (8 AM to 10 AM) — Traditional Father-Child Bird Walk at Sagamore Hill. Theodore Roosevelt was a bird lover and enjoyed bird-watching with his family. Join us to carry on the tradition during our annual bird walk at Sagamore Hill. Bring binoculars. Free.

Sunday, June 28th (2 PM to 4 PM) — Birds of Prey. We'll be talking about and displaying all of our raptors. Birds to be seen in the hand include falcons, owls, hawks, and a vulture. This program is always a favorite. Program fee \$3 for TRS members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Nature Summer Camps. Our popular Explorer programs are now open for summer registration. Day classes will be available at TRS and at Tackapausha in Seaford, starting July 6th and ending August 20th. Sessions are available for children pre-K through 4th grade, Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$85 per week for TRS members and \$95 for nonmembers; additional charges for field trips and overnight camping. Call TRS for a registration form.

Adult Ornithology Workshops. These workshops, which include field trips, are open to the public; teachers can earn in-service credit. One workshop will run from July 6-10 from 8 AM to 2 PM; cost is \$75. The other workshop runs from July 31st to August 2nd and will cost \$40; hours are 7-10 PM Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday, and 8 AM to 2 PM Sunday.

Long Island Explorations Overnight Camp. This class is for adventurous fifth and sixth graders. We will camp out in various Long Island natural environments, leaving TRS on Monday, returning on Thursday. You can register by the week or sign up for the whole summer. Cost is \$150 for the first week (local excursions, no overnights) and \$300 per week thereafter. This includes transportation, meals, camping fees, admissions, etc. The itinerary for these weeks promises to make this program an unforgettable experience (backpacking, canoeing, campfires, night hikes, whale watching, fishing charters, and more); we are even considering opening it up to adults. Please call for more information.

AUDUBON HOTLINE (202) 547-9017

1991 NYS ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Michael Sperling

In last month's *Skimmer* (call me if you would like a copy), I summarized the Environmental Planning Lobby's 1991 Voters' Guide. After discussing EPL's comments on the overall situation in the New York State Legislature and giving EPL's scores for Nassau County's Assemblymen and State Senators, I started reprinting their descriptions of the bills used to rate our legislators. The 14 bills mentioned in the May *Skimmer*, all of which EPL supported, break down as follows: 8 bills were approved by the Assembly but not by the Senate, 1 bill was approved by the Senate but not by the Assembly, 1 bill passed both houses but was recalled at Governor Cuomo's request, and 4 bills passed both houses and were signed into law by Cuomo. Four of the remaining bills follow; the rest will appear in the fall, space permitting.

Tug Hill Commission. This bill extends the existence of the Tug Hill Commission for one more year. The commission has nine representatives appointed by the Governor and the Legislature, and provides research, planning, and technical assistance to local governments, nonprofits, and individuals in the Tug Hill region of central New York. The goal of the commission is to protect and provide for the long term, productive use of the area's natural resources. A8676-A (Bragman) / S5826-A (McHugh) passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor.

Ban Sale of State-Owned Greenway Land. The Office of General Services (OGS) was mandated to sell or lease state-owned land to raise funds for the state. However, lands are being sold off without any review of their ecological significance or value. Consequently, parcels are being sold that are comparable to lands the state has bought with Environmental Bond Act money. This bill seeks to preserve state-owned land within the Hudson Valley Greenway by banning all OGS sales of the parcels within the Greenway. A5266 (Hinchey) / S3395 (Saland, et al.) passed both houses but was recalled from the Governor's desk by the sponsors.

Allow Prescribed Burns. The survival of certain plant and animal species depends on the periodic fires that occur in nature. However, due to successful fire prevention and the loss of forests due to development, natural forest fires have been significantly eliminated. This bill allows DEC to regulate and permit the careful creation of forest fires in certain areas to prevent the eradication of these fire-adapted species from New York State. A6617 (Grannis, Hinchey) / S3980 (Johnson) passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor.

Piseco Airport Land Exchange. This resolution placed on the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the state to convey to the town of Arietta, in Hamilton County, 50 acres of Adirondack Forest Preserve in exchange for 53 acres of lands located in the town of Lake Pleasant. According to the bill, the Forest Preserve land would be exchanged for another parcel of land to allow the Piseco Airport to have an extended runway. A2490 (Casale) / S1399 (Farley), which was opposed by EPL, passed both houses

and was sent to the Secretary of State. The proposal was placed on the ballot and approved in November 1991.

THE SECOND ANNUAL THANK-YOU COLUMN

Michael Sperling

As an all-volunteer organization, the 2000-member South Shore Audubon Society thrives because so many of our members are willing and able to step forward and contribute their time and talent.

When I started my sophomore year as *Skimmer* editor, I wondered if all the material that I received as a rookie would start dwindling. Instead, in several issues I haven't had space for my own two cents (which is fine with me!) or for the copyright-free bird drawing photocopies from who-knows-where that have been passed down from editor to editor.

Those of you who miss the bird drawings have some outside sources and the following SSAS members to blame: Evelyn Blume, Betty Borowsky, Sandy Brenner, Joan & Paul Butkerei, Rose Ermidis, Betsy Gulotta, Michael Higgiston, Shirley & Elliott Kutner, Peter Martin, Annie McIntyre, David Mizrahi, Mark Phillips, Doreen & James Remsen, Jr., Dolores Rogers, Lois Schlegel, Morton Silver, Diane Singer, Tom Torma, Marianne & Solomon Weinstock, Max Wheat, and Marion Yavarkovsky. Thank You!

The following SSAS members have made crucial contributions to the *Skimmer* for two years, in exchange for an annual thank you: Jenny Krivanek, who visited F&B Printers about 16 times this year, and Ken Lowe and Bob Epstein, who brought most of the mailings to the post office.

Thanks to Marion & David Yavarkovsky for providing the mailing labels promptly every issue and for withstanding my habit of using the White Pages to try to confirm all the new members' names and addresses. Finally, thanks to the Sperling family & friends labeling team: Mom, Dad, Linda, Vicki, Barry, and Stephen.

Next Issue. The next *Skimmer* will be mailed in mid-August. The deadline for articles for the September issue is Friday, August 7th. Please mail articles to my house, since I don't have direct access to SSAS's post office box.

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Lois Bartow Schlegel

The FOREST BIODIVERSITY and CLEARCUTTING PROHIBITION ACT, H.R. 1969, introduced by Representative John Bryant (D-TX), would end the practice of clearcutting on all *federal lands* that are managed for timber. It would instead allow only the *selection management** method, mandate that the Forest Service and other agencies protect and restore native biological diversity, and provide citizen enforcement, which would give average citizens the opportunity to help enforce the laws protecting the forests (as we can do now, under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act). It is the only bill in Congress to embody these three essential ingredients needed for successful legislation: (1) nationwide standards and scope; (2) mandated native biodiversity; (3) enforceability. It is possible that these provisions alone may be enough to protect most of our forest ecosystems from the danger they now face.

H.R. 1969 already has 45 cosponsors, more than the timber industry's "dream bill" (introduced by Jerry Huckaby, D-LA) that currently has 40 cosponsors. This means that there is finally an environmental efficacy to defeat the industry's drive to open up *all* of our National Forests to unchecked, intensive logging.

PLEASE HELP CONTINUE THIS UPSWING BY DOING THE FOLLOWING: (1) Urge your Congressional Rep. to *cosponsor* H.R. 1969, the Forest Biodiversity and Clearcutting Prohibition Act (Representatives Scheuer and Mrazek are the only Long Island cosponsors so far; if you are in either's district, please send a thank you letter). (2) Urge your Senators (Moynihan and D'Amato) to *introduce* the same bill in the Senate. (3) Ask your legislators to support the ANCIENT FOREST PROTECTION ACT, H.R. 842 in the House and S. 1536 in the Senate.

[*In *selection management*, only individual trees or small groups of trees are removed at any one time. This creates small openings, allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor, so a new generation of trees can grow, just as they would after a natural disturbance or a forest fire. The forest constantly regenerates itself, while continually providing for our timber needs.]

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

Annie F. McIntyre

There's more news regarding my mistake in the April *Skimmer*. The news is good for those of you who wrote your Assemblyman (instead of State Senator) about the bill to abolish the Adirondack Park Agency. The news is bad for the Adirondack Park Agency.

The Assembly now has an APA abolishment bill, A9907, to match the Senate's S6543, so the siege is still on, even stronger than before! Keep those letters going!

TERN SEASON IS HERE

Annie F. McIntyre

The Least Tern and Piping Plover need our help again this year. Nesting season is upon us and these endangered birds will need to have unaware beach-goers steered around their territories. This will be coordinated with the Nature Conservancy. Come on out on a Saturday, soak up some sun, and help protect our little feathered friends at Jones Beach's West End.

Please call me at 379-2206 if you'd like to join us.

DINNER TIME AT SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON

Shirley Kutner & Diane Singer

We would once again like to invite all our members to a wonderful evening of fun at our second, beautiful home — Pompei Restaurant, 401 Hempstead Ave., West Hempstead, NY.

This year's dinner will be even better, if possible, with a new exciting menu at a rolled-back price of \$17. The date will be Tuesday, June 9th; the cocktail hour starts at 6:30, with dinner at 7:30 PM.

Please complete the form below and send it, along with your check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*, to: Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CHECK: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

NUMBER OF EACH MENU CHOICE:

Roast Beef _____

Filet of Sole Arreganata _____

Chicken Marsala _____

Eggplant Rollatini _____

or, if you prefer:

Broiled Chicken _____

Broiled Fish _____

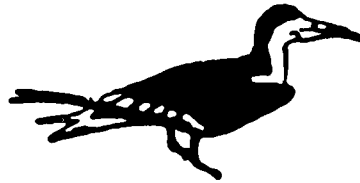


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