

member, get involved, make a phone call, write a letter, send a check, and remember the three R's (reuse, reduce, and recycle).

I look forward to hearing your comments and considering your suggestions. See you on the bird walks and at our meetings.

A NEW YORK LOVE AFFAIR

Mort (and Lynne) Silver

[Editor's Note: This article was received after the June *Skimmer* went to press (we do nine issues a year, skipping July, August, and January; Mort went birding after my deadline). We now present an article about spring migration, just in time for fall migration.]

The warbler migration is complete and the birders are savoring their scores. This year has been a banner year for New York City, much to the amazement of those who reside in the urban areas of the U.S. As an amateur, I have noted 31 species of warblers sighted at Jamaica Bay, Forest Park, and in the Rambles of Central Park. New York City, a great world metropolis, teeming with people, replete with noise and pollution, has in May become an oasis, a haven for the diminutive fliers from the south. The snows of winter and drenching April rains have brought forth a profusion of avian beauty, redeeming the promise of spring.

May 25th is a hot and muggy day, and I feel low. After the euphoric episodes of the many warbler species sighted, migration of passerines has come to the inevitable cessation. Not willing to yield to the summer doldrums, I spent the morning at Jamaica Bay.

No islands or sand bars were visible, as high tide was in full flood. I walked the Terrapin Trail and became aware of an ever-increasing cacophony — the screeching of Laughing Gulls. As I approached the flocks of gulls, I saw shorebirds by the hundreds, on the shore and in the shallows. In the water I could see shadowy shapes, mounded and long-tailed, like some Paleozoic trilobites, moving slowly together in their primordial quest to propagate. These were the horseshoe crabs spawning in the bay — in New York City.



Shorebirds such as knots, dunlin, Ruddy Turnstones, willets, Black-bellied Plovers, Semi-palmated Plovers and Sandpipers, and myriads of Laughing Gulls were in a feeding frenzy, gorging themselves on the eggs of the crabs, fulfilling their need to stock up on high-protein material for the impending flight north — rushing hither and yon, up the beach and down into the water, competing with each other as if the millions of spawn were in limited supply.

This was the wondrous phenomenon witnessed in May in New York. Where else can one indulge in the pandemonium of the city and then submerge oneself in the fundamentals of nature? I♥NY.

HAWK BANDING ON FIRE ISLAND

SSAS has made arrangements to spend a Saturday morning joining Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary's hawk banding efforts

— **October 1st, beginning at 9 A.M.** Since the banding station can't accommodate the usual mob of South Shore Auduboners, those of us awaiting turns in the station will be on nature walks. To start the day, all of us will see a banding & release demonstration in the parking area, starring a bird caught just prior to our arrival.



Directions. Southern State Parkway to Exit 40 (Robert Moses Causeway) south to the traffic circle at the end (in Robert Moses State Park). Go east (left) from the circle to the end of the paved road. You'll see a ranger and a sign that prohibits unauthorized vehicles. In order to get past the ranger and onto the dirt road, you should let SSAS know in advance that you're planning to participate (we need a car count by late September). **Sign up at our general meeting, send us a postcard, or call your editor after 8 P.M. at 541-0805 if you're interested.** The parking lot at the end of the dirt road is quite small, so carpool if at all possible. If the lot is full, there's a public lot about 1/4 mile from the banding station.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY


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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.

Canoeing. Canoe a beautiful Suffolk County stream and study freshwater ecology. Meet at the site. Three outings:

(1) *Sunday, September 4th (1 P.M. to 4 P.M., adults)* — *Carmans River*. TRS members \$25, nonmembers \$28.

(2) *Sunday, September 11th (1 P.M. to 4 P.M., adults)* — *Nissequogue River*. TRS members \$25, nonmembers \$28.

(3) *Sunday, September 18th (9 A.M. to 3 P.M., adults)* — *Peconic River*. TRS members \$25, nonmembers \$28. 

Owl Prowl at TRS. Learn about the natural history of owls and meet our live owls. Afterwards, we will walk the trails and attempt to call in some of the wild owls that live here. *Wednesday, September 7th, 7 P.M. to 9 P.M., adults, TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.*

Migratory Birds. A program about conservation efforts, featuring live birds and slides. *Thursday, September 22nd, 8 P.M. to 10 P.M., adults, free.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

While the *Skimmer* was on summer vacation, 126 mailboxes were added to SSAS's mailing list. We hope all of our newest members will give us a try — join us for a couple of hours at a monthly meeting or weekly bird walk!

[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 P.M., Monday through Friday.]

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Northern Waterthrush. Eagles, Osprey, Red-shouldered Hawks, and Broad-winged Hawks all sat on nests in early June, as did Tree and Barn Swallows, Upland Sandpiper, and Pileated Woodpeckers. Five kinds of woodpeckers, 11 kinds of sparrow, flycatchers, vireos, and thrushes, among others, are also present in the area. This reporter was fortunate to see a Whip-poor-will and a Sedge Wren for the first time. It is possible to see 100-120 species in a three-day field trip to this part of Michigan surrounding Higgins Lake. Earlier-scheduled trips could produce a Connecticut Warbler, and Henslow's Sparrow is also a possibility. Those wishing to spend more time in the area can venture into the Upper Peninsula and stake out Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, Yellow Rail, Northern Goshawk, and Sharp-tailed Grouse.



NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION

[Editor's Note: NAS asked me to include information on their upcoming convention; scheduled/invited participants include former President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, author Peter Matthiessen, Florida's Senator Bob Graham, and Vice President Al Gore. The following was published by the National Audubon Convention Office; write to them at 4150 Darley Ave., Suite 5, Boulder, CO 80303 or call 303-499-3622 for full details.]

Please join us in Florida for National Audubon's 1994 Biennial Convention, co-hosted with Florida Audubon! Our theme "People, Water, and Wildlife" comprises the most important environmental issues challenging our nation. These interrelationships cannot be better demonstrated than in south Florida — a land of spectacular bird life, vast wetlands, and growing human population.



Be part of the solution! Observe how the Everglades has been impacted by drainage and impoundment of water to meet human needs, study how wildlife populations have plummeted as a result, and learn about the struggles of hosts of endangered species. Develop with us a way to restore water flows and renewed vitality to wildlife populations. By understanding the relations of people, water, and wildlife in south Florida, we will be able to better understand how these themes affect our communities, no matter where we live.

After the Fort Myers Convention, we are offering a special Mobile Learning Lab tour through the greater Everglades ecosystem. This tour is for the person who wants to learn firsthand about this ecosystem and its spectacular scenery and wildlife. Participants will see how development impacts the system and will understand the difficult choices that we

must make in order to restore the grandeur of America's largest wetland.

In addition, National Audubon will host a major Population Conference in Miami as a follow-up for action to the UN International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, to be held in September 1994.

Attend one, two, or all three components of the Audubon 1994 Convention. It's a perfect opportunity for you to make a difference. Sign up now! Registrations will be limited to maintain the spirit of camaraderie within the Audubon family and to assure the quality experience that you can expect at an Audubon event.

Dates: Fort Myers Convention, November 11-15 (various all-day field trips, November 14 & 15); Mobile Learning Lab, November 16 & 17; Population Conference in Miami, November 18-20.

ANNUAL BEACH CLEANUP

The Eighth Annual National Beach Cleanup will take place on September 17th and 18th. Data compiled will be used to devise strategies for combating marine pollution.

If you're interested in helping to clean up and record the litter found along the shores of Long Island, the Hudson River, or the Great Lakes, call Barbara Cohen, New York State Beach Cleanup Coordinator, at (718) 471-2166, or Don Riepe at (718) 634-6467.

BIRDATHON RESULTS

Doreen Remsen & Jim Remsen, Jr.

SSAS was pleased to sponsor our seventh annual Birdathon this past spring. Our members raised \$2303 this year, which will benefit not only our chapter, but also National Audubon's wetlands preservation effort (one of their High-Priority Campaigns) and our local Audubon sanctuary, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay.

Birds were ticked off furiously by our three teams, plus several members who did their own independent counts. Space does not permit naming all the participants, but we thank you all, as well as the sponsors who made the pledges.

Teams counting species on Long Island were: Paul Butkerei and team (124 species); Joe Grupp, Jim Remsen, and team (112 species); and Elliott Kutner and team (82 species). Several independent observers also operated on Long Island, and Arthur Atlas and team (who probably deserve mention here more often than they get it) did an upstate count at Frost Valley. Arthur and several SSAS members go there each year and routinely find several species that no other team finds.

We hope that all of you (plus newcomers) will be ready to participate in our eighth annual Birdathon next May. Until then, thanks for making this year's event so successful.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU,
DOREEN REMSEN**

Carole A. Adams

SSAS has received a \$500 grant from NYNEX Foundation through its innovative Volunteer Recognition Program. The program recognizes NYNEX employees who are active community volunteers by contributing to the organizations that benefit from their efforts. Doreen Remsen, Birdathon Co-Chairperson, has been very active in SSAS. It was her initiative, time, and energy that helped make South Shore Audubon Society's grant application a success.



The grant will be used to further the Greening of Long Island Campaign (Marge Jaeger has her work cut out for her).

NYNEX Foundation, a corporate foundation sponsored by NYNEX, was created in 1985. The Foundation's goals focus on improving the quality of life through better education, by addressing social concerns, and by assisting in the economic development of the many communities in which NYNEX operates worldwide.

Thank you, NYNEX, and thank you, Doreen.

MORE THANKS

Carole A. Adams

South Shore Audubon Society has received a donation from the **Floral Park High School Ecology Club** to support our efforts in "working towards the preservation of our planet." The donation will be used to sponsor a classroom subscription for *Audubon Adventures*. Education at work! Thank you, Rosanne Mamo, Ecology Club Advisor, and your hard-working students at Floral Park Memorial High School.

SSAS has once again received financial support from **Franklin (Jerry) and Evelyn Bishop** of Rockville Centre. On behalf of South Shore Audubon Society, I extend a sincere thank you to the Bishops, Great Egrets in our hearts.

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- Aug. 28 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Sept. 4 Labor Day Weekend - No Walk
- Sept. 11 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Sept. 18 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Sept. 25 Tobay JFK Sanctuary
- Oct. 2 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Oct. 9 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 16 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Oct. 23 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 30 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONFERENCE

National Audubon's Northeast Regional Office requested that we help publicize the Endangered Species Coalition's Northeast Conference, which will be held on the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd at the Pocono Manor Inn in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. The Coalition is an alliance of over 125 environmental, scientific, business, religious, and animal welfare organizations working to renew and strengthen the Endangered Species Act. The ESA is scheduled for reauthorization by Congress; its fate is highly uncertain. For information on speakers, workshops, exhibit tables, admission, and accommodations, write to or call the Endangered Species Coalition, 118 Oak St., Hartford, CT 06106; phone 203-268-1943.

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY FEEDERS

The proceeds from SSAS's two annual birdseed sales help support Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and our chapter. In addition to the seed listed on the order form on page 7, we will be selling the following feeders on October 23rd. If space permits, detailed descriptions of these feeders will appear in the October *Skimmer*.

- Droll Yankees A-6 tube feeder: \$20
- Droll Yankees B-7 larger tube feeder: \$38
- Droll Yankees TH-3 thistle tube feeder: \$24
- Seed tray for A-6 and TH-3: \$5
- Seed tray for B-7: \$6
- Droll Yankees Big Top: \$40
- Droll Yankees X-1 Seed Saver: \$15
- Thistle stocking: \$2.50
- Suet Bag: \$2.50
- K-5 tube feeder: \$17
- K-WS sunflower window feeder: \$10
- K-WT thistle window feeder: \$10
- Suet basket: \$6.50



**BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY
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The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. Preordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed; 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 11th.** Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to **Paul T. Butkerelt, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.**

Once again we are offering three types of sunflower seed: black oil seed, large white striped seed, and a blend of the two consisting of 60% oil and 40% striped. We will also be offering a variety of Bird Feeders; see our newsletter for details. 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 JANUARY 29, 1995.**

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	25 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed	7.35	
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	40 lb Blended Sunflower Seed	11.75	
	25 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed Mix (millet, cracked corn, sunflower, milo, wheat)	6.60	
	50 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed Mix	12.75	
	20 lb Special Mix (millet, sunflower, milo, wheat, peanut bits)	6.10	
	40 lb Special Mix	11.80	
	40 lb Premium Mix (millet, cracked corn, sunflower, safflower, peanut bits)	11.80	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	5.75	
	10 lb Sunflower Hearts	6.50	
	10 lb Safflower Seed	5.75	
	10 lb Peanut Bits	4.60	
	10 lb White Proso Millet	4.00	
	10 lb Thistle Seed (Niger)	7.75	
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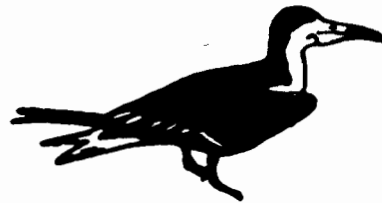
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