NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

So far this winter has been good to us weather-wise. The warm temperatures have enabled us to get out and do more birding than usual for this time of year. We are still seeing bad effects from last summer's drought in the form of little ground cover feed, although for some reason Mother Nature was overabundant in her berry crop this summer. Some areas that have always had winter activity are disturbingly quiet this year. We can only hope that Mother Nature will replenish our area this coming year.

As your new president, I hope to serve you well and encourage your participation in our activities for your benefit. We will be adding more field trips this year and hope to provide some stimulating and enjoyable programs for your entertainment. If I can be of service to you, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to the year ahead and wish all of you a "Happy Birding Year".

Marjorie Tattersall

BIRDING PROGRAMS AT FOREST PARK NATURE CENTEREARLY WORM BIRD WALK

The early worm sees the bird!
Join the naturalist on our early morning bird hikes to see the influx of beautiful songbirds that grace the forest and prairie in the spring. Experience in birdwatching is not necessary, but please bring binoculars.

For all ages
6:00 a.m.
SUNDAYS, APRIL 16-May 14

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

Join the naturalist staff and members of the Peoria Audubon Society for a breakfast of scrambled eggs and coffee and a birthday danish. Then hike with the group to discover some of our unique migratory birds. A perfect way to celebrate the birthday of this famous ornithologist.

For all ages
7:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Full brunch \$3.75
Danish & coffee \$2.00

THE CASE OF THE INVISIBLE BIRDS

Tiny birds hide high up in forest trees-even though you can't see them, "Homes" will attempt to unlock their secret identities. Join us for an avian "Name that Tune!"

For all ages
7:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 20

MEETINGS

- MARCH 8, 1989 6:30 P.M.-BOARD MEETING-LAKEVIEW MUSEUM, RM A/B.
7:30 P.M.-MEMBERSHIP MEETING-LAKEVIEW MUSEUM, RM A/B. THE SPEAKER WILL BE JEFF BAILE, CONSERVATION OFFICER WITH THE IL DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION.
- APRIL 12, 1989 7:30 P.M.-MEMBERSHIP MEETING-LAKEVIEW MUSEUM, RM A/B. THE SPEAKER WILL BE DAN HOLM FROM HAVANA, IL. THE TOPIC WILL BE "WOOD DUCKS".
- MAY 10, 1989 7:30 P.M.-MEMBERSHIP MEETING-LAKEVIEW MUSEUM RM A/B. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

ILLINOIS-STATEWIDE SPRING BIRD CENSUS MAY 6, 1989

Members and friends of the Peoria Audubon Society will be participating in this count. Participants must be in the field eight hours. Help from all interested persons is welcome. Listed below are the coordinators/compilers for each county and their phone numbers. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact one of these individuals:

FULTON COUNTY - Virginia Humphreys at 682-0418
MASON COUNTY - Dr. Richard Bjorklund at 677-3012
PEORIA COUNTY - Eleanor Voeste at 697-0353
TAZEWELL COUNTY - Louise Endres at 682-8500
WOODFORD COUNTY - John Todt at 694-3948

FIELD TRIPSMARCH 18, 1989CHAUTAUQUA FIELD TRIP (Saturday)

Dr. Richard Bjorklund will lead a caravan down the Illinois River including stops at Spring Lake, Clear Lake, Sand Ridge State Forest, Chautauqua Lake, and other areas up the west side of the river from Havana to Rice Lake. The group should meet in the DOC parking lot at 7:30 a.m. sharp, off the Manito blacktop, off Route 29, south of the Powerton Plant. Call Dick Bjorklund at 677-3012 if you plan to attend.

APRIL 1, 1989METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT (Saturday)

Dr. L.H. Princen will lead a car-hike through the MSD grounds (located south of Canton), meeting either in downtown Farmington at the Rt 116-78 junction at 8:00 or at the entrance to the MSD at 8:30 a.m. Call Bert Princen if you plan to attend at 691-0519.

APRIL 23, 1989JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL STATE PARK (Sunday)

Louise Endres will lead a trip to this park which is located about 6 miles north of Kewanee on Highway 78. The group should meet at 7:00 a.m. at Landmark Parking lot. Call Louise at 682-8500 if you plan to attend; call in the evening.

MAY 13, 1989WARBLER WALK AT THE COLLINS FARM (Saturday)

Meet at 8:00 a.m. or anytime after dawn at the Collin's, Route 26, Spring Bay Road, 3 miles south of Lacon, or 3.6 miles north of the Santa Fe tracks. Call Dick Collins if you plan to attend at 246-8677.

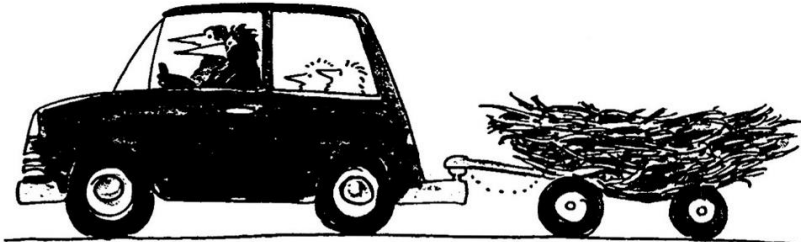


You can contribute up to \$10 if you file a single return or up to \$20 if you file a joint return. If you are not receiving a refund or wish to contribute more than \$10 per person, you may send a donation directly to the Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund, Illinois Department of Conservation, Natural Heritage Division, 600 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62706.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND COMPILERS FOR ALL THEIR WORK IN THE COUNTS!

RICHARD COLLINS, CHILlicothe (C)
RICHARD BJORKLUND, CHAUTAUQUA (CHA)
LOUISE ENDRES, PEORIA (P)

	12/17(P)	12/23(CHA)	12/31(C)		12/17(P)	12/23(CHA)	12/31(C)
PIED-BILLED GREBE	1	-	1	RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	3	2	7
GREAT BLUE HERON	2	15	32	RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	55	49	100
TUNDRA SWAN	-	4	-	YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	1	-	2
MUTE SWAN	-	8	-	DOWNY WOODPECKER	90	62	134
SNOW GOOSE	-	1	-	HAIRY WOODPECKER	13	7	33
CANADA GOOSE	438	7337	1100	NORTHERN FLICKER	25	54	18
WOOD DUCK	-	-	1	PILEATED WOODPECKER	4	7	2
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	-	7	3	HORNED LARK	25	14	770
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	2	1087	64	BLUE JAY	120	87	193
MALLARD	757	17,557	1563	AMERICAN CROW	205	1753	193
NORTHERN PINTAIL	2	5	-	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	361	156	461
NORTHERN SHOVELER	-	-	3	TUFTED TITMOUSE	99	56	257
GADWALL	3	11	3	RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	-	8	1
AMERICAN WIGEON	-	-	2	WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	84	57	214
CANVASBACK	-	32	-	BROWN CREEPER	28	17	13
REDHEAD	-	2	-	CAROLINA WREN	7	12	10
RING-NECKED DUCK	1	3	-	WINTER WREN	-	-	3
LESSER SCAUP	8	12	-	GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	2	25	-
COMMON GOLDENEYE	725	186	-	EASTERN BLUEBIRD	-	4	14
BUFFLEHEAD	3	6	-	AMERICAN ROBIN	117	18	5
HOODED MERGANSER	-	7	-	NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	2	1	3
COMMON MERGANSER	126	4437	-	CEDAR WAXWING	29	11	-
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER	-	1	-	EUROPEAN STARLING	2390	330	1179
BALD EAGLE	3	66	22	NORTHERN CARDINAL	219	111	388
adult/immature/?	3/0/0	30/27/9	13/6/3	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	-	1	1
NORTHERN HARRIER	-	9	-	AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	719	153	308
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	1	2	-	SAVANNAH SPARROW	-	-	1
COOPER'S HAWK	-	2	1	FOX SPARROW	2	-	1
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	-	1	-	SONG SPARROW	45	40	55
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	-	2	-	SWAMP SPARROW	3	32	12
RED-TAILED HAWK	27	21	28	WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	5	-	8
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	1	6	6	WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	1	-	7
AMERICAN KESTREL	25	16	24	DARK-EYED JUNCO	477	532	942
male/female/?	-	5/4/?	11/10/3	LAPLAND LONGSPUR	-	-	25
ACCIPITER, SPECIES	-	1	-	SNOW BUNTING	4	-	3
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	-	3	11	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	15	67	25
WILD TURKEY	-	-	3	EASTERN MEADOWLARK	-	1	-
NORTHERN BOBWHITE	102	49	47	RUSTY BLACKBIRD	2	-	-
AMERICAN COOT	-	8	3	COMMON GRACKLE	-	6	-
KILLDEER	-	-	16	PURPLE FINCH	10	14	32
COMMON SNIPE	3	-	20	HOUSE FINCH	6	-	-
BONAPARTE'S GULL	5	3	-	PINE SISKIN	1	-	-
RING-BILLED GULL	14,550	3035	159	AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	152	209	215
HERRING GULL	2492	605	648	HOUSE SPARROW	1787	448	2261
THAYER'S GULL	-	1	-	EURASIAN TREE SPARROW	-	46	-
GLAUCOUS GULL	-	1	-	TOTAL SPECIES	66	77 + 1count period	65
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	1	-	-	TOTAL BIRDS	27,122	39,049	11,986
ICELAND GULL	1	1	-				
GULL, SPECIES	38	60	-				
ROCK DOVE	536	24	83				
MOURNING DOVE	142	8	223				
EASTERN SCREECH OWL	3	4	7				
GREAT HORNED OWL	1	2	1				
BARRED OWL	5	2	3				
BELTED KINGFISHER	10	9	15				



FIELD NOTES

PIED-BILL GREBE-2, Powerton, 1-2. TUNDRA SWAN-20, Mason Co, 1-2,22. MUTE SWAN-8, Spring Lake, Tazewell, 1-15. GREAT WHITE FRONTED GEESE-7, Mason Co, 1-22. SNOW GEESE-2, Powerton, 1-8. WOOD DUCK-4, Spring Lake, 2-4. GREEN WINGED TEAL-1, Peoria Marina, 1-9,16. GADWALL-50, Spring Lake, 1-21. CANVASBACK-1, Hamm's Marina, 1-2. GREATER SCAUP-2, Peoria Marina, 1-2, 2-4. HOODED MERGANSER-1, Powerton, 1-2. NORTHERN HARRIER-6, Mason Co, 1-2. SHARP-SHINNED HAWK-1, Spring Lake, 1-15. COOPER'S HAWK-2, Mason Co, 1-2. RED SHOULDERED HAWK-1, Mason Co, 1-15. MERLIN-1, Chautauqua, 1-7. COMMON SNIPE-1, my yard, 1-1 to 2-4. BONAPARTE'S GULL-2, Peoria Marina, 1-22. THAYER'S GULL-2, Post Office & Lock & Dam, 1-14. THAYER'S GULLS-3, Lock & Dam, 1-16. ICELAND GULL-1, Lock & Dam, 1-15,16. GLAUCOUS GULL-3, Lock & Dam, 1-7. GLAUCOUS GULL-2, Powerton, 1-8. GLAUCOUS GULL-2, my yard, 1-14. GLAUCOUS GULL-5, Lock & Dam, 1-14. GLAUCOUS GULL-1, Hamm's Marina, 1-16. GREATER BLACK BACKED GULL-1, Worley, 1-15. GREATER BLACK BACKED GULL-1, Chautauqua, 1-8. SCREECH OWL-1, my yard, 1-1. LONG EARED OWL-1, Mason Co, 2-4. PILEATED WOODPECKER-2, Fulton Co, 1-8. RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH-2, SAND RIDGE STATE FOREST, 1-7.

Louise Augustine

JANUARY 22, 1989-EAGLE DRIVE

Seven people attended this drive which left Peoria heading to Havana and back. Thirty-seven species of birds were sighted. Thirty-six bald eagles were seen, 17 immature and 19 adults. Special sighting include Swainson's Hawk (dark phase), Red-tailed Hawk, Robin, Kingfisher, Common Merganser, Bufflehead, Black Duck, Common Goldeneye, and a Gadwall.

Louise Endres

AUDUBON BIRD SIGHTINGS 1989

GREAT BLUE HERON-One reported at Spring Lake 1-12, Tazewell County, and one reported in Woodford Co 1-15. MUTE SWANS-Linda Nicot pleased to see 7 at Spring Lake 1-22 since so many people have made special trips to see them. CANADA GEESE-Jean Gebert thrilled to see thousands of geese in fields on MSD 1-28, but only 3 SNOW GEESE. NORTHERN HARRIER-One beautiful female seen in Mason Co by Brenda Onken and party 1-2. WILD TURKEYS-The wild turkeys that Louise Endres saw on the Chillicothe CBC were seen going to roose 1-26 in Woodford Co at 4:50 p.m. The Gobbler has disappeared and the Hen was killed on the highway. KILLDEER-Few reports. On 1-15 Linda Nicot saw 3 in Woodford Co. GULLS-BONAPARTS, RINGBILLED, HERRING, THAYERS, ICELAND GULL-1-16 Several birders saw a Thayers at Powerton, Tazewell Co & saw an ICELAND GULL on 1-16 at the Lock & Dam. GLAUCOUS GULL-1-2 Brenda Onken and party saw at Lock & Dam, Tazewell Co. SHORT-EARED OWL-On 1-15 Vicki Keefer saw one on her way home to Princeville, Peoria Co. CAROLINA WREN-One wren visits Louise Augustine most every day in January, Peoria Co. One in Tazewell Co really sang for Virginia Humphreys 1-26 at 10:45 a.m. near Spring Creek. WINTER WREN-One heard in Mason Co by Louise Augustine in January. MOCKINGBIRD-One found by Brenda Onken off a Norris Farm Road 1-2 with several TREE SPARROWS & EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS. Three seen by Linda Nicot 1-15 in Woodford Co on Upper Spring Bay Road. PURPLE FINCH-18 seen at a feeding station in Spring Lake State Park by Brenda Onken and party 1-16, Tazewell Co; 30 were later seen by Louise Augustine. LAPLAND LONGSPUR- Only one seen in Peoria Co in January by Virginia Humphreys. Call us if you see them please, as I want a Snow Bunting too!

Virginia Humphreys

Hardy whoopers

Endangered cranes holding their own against misfortune

By JOHN TOTH
Houston Chronicle

The endangered whooping crane flock in Texas has taken a beating this year, but scientists say the majestic bird is holding its own.

Last April, 131 whoopers migrated from the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge near Rockport to their nesting grounds in Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park 2,400 miles north.

The flock has been progressing so well in recent years that experts were looking forward to a record-breaking season. Then, things began to go wrong.

Only 138 birds made it to the refuge this winter, far fewer than the 150 that officials expected.

"That's a pretty large number," said Kenneth Schwindt, assistant manager of the refuge. "We were hoping that more would show up."

Several weeks ago, one whooper was shot and killed by a hunter. Three others have disappeared and

are presumed dead.

The missing birds, except for the one that was shot, probably died of natural causes, but their identities or ages could not be determined, Schwindt said.

One whooper in the Texas flock — the only remaining naturally reproducing flock in the world — has never made it to the refuge. Last year, it chose to nest near Edna. This winter, it showed up near Ganado.

Another flock of 16 birds born through a "foster parent" program, which tricks sandhill cranes into hatching whooping crane eggs, migrates from Idaho to New Mexico, and 49 whooping cranes live in captivity.

The birds are the largest in North America, standing nearly 5 feet tall with wings spanning more than 7 feet. Adults are snow white, with black wing tips and red crowns on their heads. Immature birds are rusty red and white, with black wing tips.

Canadian scientists tagged 17

chicks during the summer and estimated that at least 20 chicks would attempt to make the long trip back to Texas, said Schwindt.

A total of 19 chicks made it to the refuge. Scientists here keep track of the flock through weekly aerial surveys.

"The Canadians never find all the birds at the park in the summer. It's too large of an area. If they find 70 to 80 percent of the birds, they've done well," Schwindt said.

While this season's losses are unusually high, the whoopers have made tremendous progress in recent years. In 1941, their numbers dwindled to 16 worldwide as development of farms and cities robbed them of their habitats.

The Texas flock doubled in six years and recorded no losses last year.

"When you average it out, it's not that bad," Schwindt said, referring to the dozen birds lost this winter. "It's just that it happened all in one year."

The good luck and rapid progress of the flock could not have continued forever, he said.

"The flock as a whole has had a continual upswing, but there have been some ups and downs. The last three years have just been phenomenal. You have to expect something to break sooner or later. Back in 1981, they only produced three chicks, and only two of those made it back," he said.

There has been an ample food supply at the refuge this winter, and park personnel burned 1,600 acres of land to provide more open space for the whoopers.

The birds avoid overgrown areas that make it easier for predators to hide.

Schwindt said the birds will remain at the refuge for another two months. At the end of March and early April, they again begin their long flight north.

By mid-April, he said, all should be gone.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Hummingbirds on vacation

News from NAS

A Time for Change

by Peter A.A. Berle, President
National Audubon Society

NAS Television

Wildlife Poaching Subject Of Spring TV Special

The next Audubon Television Special goes behind the scenes to look at the men and women who enforce the nation's hunting laws. "Poaching and Trafficking in Wildlife" takes viewers to the Great Smoky Mountains, where undercover Fish and Wildlife Service agents halt illegal hunting of black bear, which were being sold as food, jewelry, and other products for substantial profit. In Utah, game wardens making spot checks find that one out of every four hunters violates federal laws. And waterfowl hunters are filmed slaughtering hundreds of geese, in some cases many times the allowable bag limits.

Other segments focus on the problem of hunting in national parks and the role of illegal hunting, collecting, and trading in jeopardizing endangered species. "Poaching and Trafficking in Wildlife," narrated by Richard Chamberlain, airs on SuperStation TBS on Friday, March 3 at 10:50 p.m. (Eastern); Saturday, March 18 at 8:05 a.m. (Eastern); Tuesday, March 21 at 9:50 p.m. (Pacific); and Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 p.m. (Eastern). The show will premier on Public Television Stations during Summer 1989. Don't miss this important special.

NAS Bulletin Board

Birding Adventures

The Randall Davey Audubon Center, National Audubon's education center and state office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is offering a unique birding opportunity in northern New Mexico. Join the center's education staff on a float trip down the serene and beautiful Rio Chama or in the deep canyons of the Rio Grande.

These rivers are important wildlife corridors for migratory birds and other wildlife. Take yourself away from the hustle and bustle of roadside birding to the heart of the action. All trips will be guided by professional boaters and will include a birding expert.

- Rio Chama Birding (3 days)—May 12, 13, 14—\$200
- Rio Chama Birding (2 days)—May 20, 21—\$150
- Rio Grande Birding (2 days)—June 3, 4—\$185

For further information and reservations, call or write: Randall Davey Audubon Center, P.O. Box 9314, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504-9314; (505) 983-4609. Space is limited, so reserve early.

In addition, a unique art history/birding tour is being offered, June 11-18. Contact Ellen Bradbury, Recursos de Santa Fe, 826 Camino del Monte Rey, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501; (505) 982-9301.



Audubon Television Specials Now Showing in Your Home

When can you catch a glimpse of six California condors soaring together in the wild without ever leaving the comfort of your favorite easy chair? Anytime.

Audubon's television specials, which have garnered more than forty prestigious awards, can now be part of your home video library with National Audubon Video, a collection of Audubon television programs released by Vestron Video. Vestron's first releases will include "Condor," narrated by Robert Redford, "The Mysterious Black-Footed Ferret," narrated by Loretta Swit, and "On the Edge of Extinction: Panthers and Cheetahs," also narrated by Loretta Swit. Other Audubon titles will be available soon.

"While visually exciting wildlife footage is a main element in every film, the videos are not only nature shows," says Christopher Palmer, executive producer of Audubon television. "Each video probes the complexity of environmental problems and explores solutions."

Vestron also distributes videos of the popular National Geographic and Nova specials.

The Audubon videos carry a suggested retail price of \$29.98 and are available at most video outlets.

NAS Education

Teacher

Send a Kid to Camp This Summer!

For over 50 years the Audubon Camp Program has provided an exceptional training opportunity for school teachers across the continent.

At our camps in Maine, Wyoming, and especially at the Educator's Ecology Workshops in Connecticut, thousands of teachers have experienced the benefits of our programs focusing on natural history and environmental issues.

The in-depth training sends teachers back to their communities with a greater array of teaching skills and an enthusiasm that quickly transmits to their students and fellow teachers.

If you are a teacher, consider investing some time this summer at an Audubon Camp. It is an experience that will enrich the rest of your career.

University credit is available for most camp programs, and many Audubon chapters, garden clubs, and other community organizations provide scholarship support for teachers.

Write today for a free camps brochure: Registrar, Audubon Camps and Workshops, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06831.

NAS Conferences

Attention, Cranewatchers!

Audubon's annual River Conference celebrates the arrival of the sandhill cranes on Nebraska's Platte River during their northward migration. This year's conference, held as usual in Kearney, Nebraska, will run from March 16-20. As always, the highlight of the conference will be dawn and sunset trips to the river for spectacular cranewatching. For information, contact Audubon's West Central regional office, 200 South Wind Place, Manhattan, Kan. 66502; (913) 537-4385.

A new era may have begun for those of us concerned about wildlife and the environment. On November 30th, the executive directors of four other conservation groups and I met with President-elect George Bush. Since the door to the White House was firmly closed to environmentalists during the Reagan era, this meeting was seen as a turnabout rich in potential for positive change.

During his campaign, George Bush promised to give his attention to a number of environmental problems that face the nation and the world. At our meeting, the new President reconfirmed his commitment to environmental protection. Most important, he promised to take seriously the many recommendations the conservation community made in "Project Blueprint." These suggestions on a wide variety of environmental challenges were compiled for the new administration by an unprecedented coalition of 18 major conservation groups.

We are cautiously optimistic that George Bush will distance himself from the failed environmental policies of the Reagan Administration and chart a new course.

The Audubon Activist Network, led by our Capitol Hill office, includes Society staff, chapter leaders, and dedicated grassroots conservationists in every corner of the country. During the last congressional session, you and your nationwide team helped rewrite the Clean Water Act, reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, pass new pesticide legislation, stall oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, save wildernesses and wetlands, and perform countless other miracles large and small. Our expert lobbyists emphasize that they can not get far without your support, and your support so far has been terrific.

The Audubon Activist and your chapter newsletter will keep you abreast of important wildlife issues as the 101st Congress gets rolling.

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Audubon has a long history of excellence in biological research. Under the leadership of Dr. J.P. Myers, senior vice-president for science and sanctuaries, that tradition has continued. The Society's first major research project was an investigation of the roseate spoonbill in the 1940s, when the species was recovering from near extinction. With its numbers once again dwindling, Audubon scientists are revisiting the species.

Our Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary, which guards precious habitat along Nebraska's Platte River, has been enlarged. The Audubon flag now flies on both sides of the river at the sanctuary, protecting a critical migration stop-over for thousands of sandhill cranes.

NAS Television

TV Special Looks at Perishing Platte

Every year, in March, half a million sandhill cranes—80 percent of the world's entire sandhill population—stop over in the Platte River in Nebraska on their way from their wintering grounds in the south to their nesting grounds in northern Canada. Nowhere else is there such a gathering. Dean of birders Roger Tory Peterson has called it "one of the wonders of the world."

"Crane River," the newest Audubon Television Special, takes viewers to this rare and awesome happening. It also takes a hard look at the problems that threaten to make the crane spectacle a thing of the past.

The historic Platte River was described by early explorers as "a mile wide and a foot deep." It was a lifeline for settlers and wildlife alike. But today the river's flow has been reduced by nearly 70 percent. Cranes and other waterfowl are crowded into increasingly tight stretches of river. If some of the dozens of proposed water projects in the river basin are built, the once-great prairie river will virtually dry up.

Saving the Platte River is one of National Audubon's high-priority campaigns. Don't miss Audubon Television's program on this vital issue. "Crane River" can be seen on SuperStation TBS on the following dates:

- Sunday, May 28 at 10:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- Saturday, June 3 at 10:05 a.m. (Eastern)
- Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 p.m. (Pacific)
- Saturday, June 17 at 8:05 a.m. (Eastern).

The special will air again in August on PBS stations. All dates and times are subject to change, so check your local listings.

NAS Opportunities

Summer Employment Opportunities

National Audubon Society announces the following exciting positions for chapter members and others:

Instructors: Qualified individuals with teaching experience in a wide range of natural science subjects and ecological disciplines can become a part of the prestigious staff at one of Audubon's camps and workshops. The programs run for eight weeks from late June to late August at our sites in Connecticut, Maine, and Wyoming. The positions include a starting salary of \$1,300 plus room and board.

Student Assistants: College-age students interested in a summer filled with learning opportunities, hard work, and camaraderie in beautiful surroundings should consider joining the staff at the Camp in Maine or the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Connecticut. Students assist in the kitchen or with maintenance. In return they are provided with an opportunity to participate in the programs throughout the summer, room and board, and a salary of from \$600 to \$1,170, depending on the position and camp season.

Interested persons should send their resumes to Philip Schaeffer, Executive Director, National Environmental Education Center, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06831.

Those selected for consideration will receive a detailed job description and application form.

Internships Open the Doors of Power

College seniors, recent graduates, or graduate students interested in the inner workings of the federal government are invited to apply for an internship in National Audubon's Capitol Hill office. Interns in Audubon's Washington office are a part of the professional staff, learning and assisting in the fields of water issues, pollution, public lands, agriculture, pesticides, wildlife, population, and international issues. Each intern is assigned to a staff member in one of these fields and helps in substantive policy work, including lobbying, research, collecting materials, attending hearings, and helping to prepare testimony for Congress and administrative agencies.

Internships are from three to six months. The Audubon Society will cooperate with colleges and universities offering credit for intern programs and special projects. The intern is responsible for making the necessary arrangements to receive credit. Applicants must demonstrate maturity, initiative, and good writing ability. Knowledge of government workings is helpful.

If you are interested, submit a resume, a writing sample, and a letter stating your special interests and when you will be available. Materials for Summer 1989 internships must be received no later than the first of April. Write to: Tracy Balch, National Audubon Society, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20003.

International Audubon

From Your Town to Your World

Does the destruction of tropical forests disturb you? Do you wonder how increasing numbers of people will be able to feed themselves? The Foreign Assistance Action Project is a chance to come to grips with global issues and to participate in the foreign policy process. Information on population, environment, and agriculture and booklets on how you can make a difference working with local media raising community awareness, holding town meetings, mounting a letter-writing campaign, and visiting with decision makers are available from National Audubon Society, FAA Project, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Coming Soon: National Audubon's Biennial Convention

"OUR SOUTHWEST—CHALLENGED BY GROWTH" is the theme of the upcoming Biennial Convention of the National Audubon Society, to be held September 12 to 16 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The convention program will highlight the unique characteristics of the natural world in the Southwest. There's a full menu planned for participants, with pre- and post-convention tours and diverse field trips to areas such as Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, Madera Canyon, and Patagonia Sanctuary, as well as to mission churches and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. In addition to the fun and entertainment, there will also be sessions discussing Audubon's high-priority issues: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Clean Air Act, Platte River, wetlands, and ancient forests. And if that isn't enough, a variety of workshops will feature education, fundraising, citizen involvement, energy conservation, sanctuary and nature center outreach, and many more topics.

Registration for field trips and tours is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance. For complete information on Audubon's Biennial Convention, including registration and hotel reservation information, write to: Audubon Convention Office, 4150 Darley Ave., #5, Boulder, Colo. 80303; (303) 499-3622.

Africa and Arizona Highlight Expanded Audubon Camp Program

Two new entries promise to enliven the already exciting 1989 Audubon Camp season—the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Arizona and the exclusive International Ecology Workshop in Kenya.

The Arizona workshop, scheduled for September 4-12, 1989, is to be based at Cave Creek Canyon, in the spectacular Chiricahua Mountains of southeast Arizona, featuring some of the richest and most diverse habitats in the United States.

The Audubon staff will present a wide range of subjects using the Chiricahuas as an outdoor ecology lab. Participants will be able to stay on and enjoy the National Audubon Society's Biennial Convention in Tucson immediately following the workshop.

The tuition for this Arizona adventure is \$895 per person, including meals, lodging, and all instruction.

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The second in Audubon's series of International Workshops will be held in the East African nation of Kenya, August 14-27, 1989.

This workshop will focus on the ecology of East Africa, as we visit key habitats such as Lake Nakuru, the Samburu Game Refuge, and the famed Maasai Mara on the Serengeti Plain. Senior game wardens will explain their management programs in these critical wildlife areas. Representatives of leading African and international conservation organizations will meet with us to discuss their role in dealing with the interaction of people, land, and wildlife—global issues that are dramatically portrayed in this emerging nation.

The workshop will be led by local guides and five experienced Audubon camp staff. The price for this exclusive workshop is \$3,795 and includes round-trip airfare (subject to change) from New York City to Nairobi.

Register early for these programs as space is limited. Reservation forms and additional information can be obtained by writing to Lisa Strobon, Registrar, Audubon Camps and Workshops, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06831.

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Participants—who must be between the ages of 12 and 19—live entirely outdoors: Sleeping bags replace beds, campstoves replace kitchens, and water often comes from lakes and streams instead of faucets. You can expect to take part in the following activities: hiking, canoeing, cooking, shopping, foraging, folksinging and dancing, observing wildlife, studying ecosystems,

talking with local residents, backpacking, and visiting museums. In communities of 10 to 12 people, you will explore, learn from one another, develop more of a planetary awareness, make lasting friendships, and, most importantly, learn about taking responsibility for your own growth, actions, and education—all while spending time in the most glorious natural areas of the continent!

In addition to summer programs, the Audubon Expedition Institute offers high school, undergraduate, and graduate programs throughout the year.

For more information, contact the Audubon Expedition Institute, Dept. N, Northeast Audubon Center, RR 1, Box 171, Sharon, Conn. 06069.

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