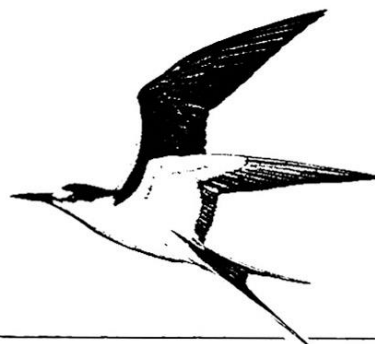


# PEORIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



NO. 3

A CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

AUGUST 1989

Hello Fellow Birders:

The summer has turned hot and humid with a little rain here and there to quench Mother Nature's thirst. Our feathered friends seem quiet now, most young ones have fledged and are out on their own, giving parents a rest to moult and reoperate, some for their upcoming migration to southern climates.

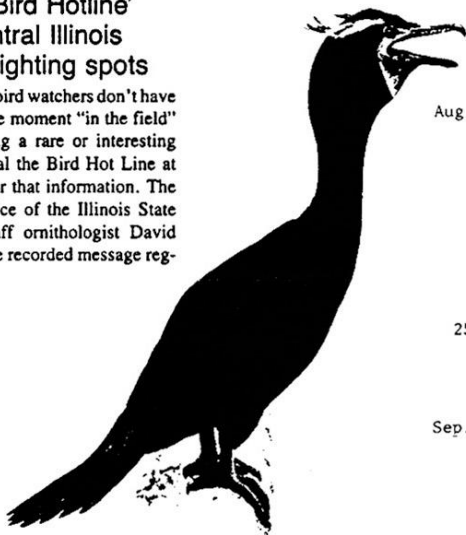
Yet, birding is still exciting, though better in the early mornings and late afternoons away from the mid-day heat. Shorebirds are surprising us, especially the Black-Necked Stilts at Duck Island Gravel Pit/south end of Rice Lake. I was thrilled to see this beautiful and graceful pair (a life bird for me). I hope many of you will be able to see them--be sure to take your scopes.

We have a full lineup of activities for our members and their families to participate in this fall. Peoria Audubon has been invited to several local fairs and festivals, our field trips are all set, and in September we will be starting up our membership meetings again. I'm looking forward to seeing you at one, several or all. Happy Birding!

Marjorie Tattersall, Pres.

### Museum's 'Bird Hotline' updates central Illinois birders on sighting spots

Central Illinois bird watchers don't have to spend every free moment "in the field" for fear of missing a rare or interesting bird. They can dial the Bird Hot Line at (217) 785-1083 for that information. The hot line is a service of the Illinois State Museum, and staff ornithologist David Bohlen updates the recorded message regularly.



### 1989 FIELD NOTES (NESTING SEASON)

Two winter plumage Horned Grebes noted at Mendenhall by Dave Williams on 7/20.

Five Double-crested Cormorants nests spotted 7/16 by Eunice Tjaden & Virginia Humphreys.

Six Little Blue Herons seen at Worley Lake, south side of dike 6/7 soon disappeared, and so did most of the water. Seen by ET & VH. Kevin Richmond later saw 2 in a different area only once.

One Yellow-crowned Night Heron with a brood patch was seen by Dr. R. Bjorklund near Clear Lake area in Mason Co on July 14th.

The Moorhen seen on a private lake May 6 by one party of Fulton Co Spring Count was in Knox Co!

The 7 Black-necked Stilts reported by Kevin Richmond 7/17 were later spotted by several Peoria & Chicago birders at Duck Island Farm in Rice Lake & on Miserable Island.

Many birders were disappointed that the Piping Plover seen 5/3/ at Duck Island Farm "Sand Pit" didn't stay very long to be observed.

Kevin Richmond reported 2 Avocets at Worley Lake (around 7/20) at the north end with gulls.

Many Stilt Sandpipers & Short-billed Dowitchers & other common Sandpipers observed at the north end of Chautauqua Lake 7/22 & 7/23 by ET, VH, & DW, but 1st reported by Kevin Richmond 7/21.

Jean Gebert identified a Laughing Gull & 10 Caspian Terns and 3 Common Terns at Duck Island Sand Pit 6/12, but all seen again 7/16, 7/20 & 7/23 - some on Miserable Island. Also later, a Least Tern spotted by Kevin Richmond.

Call a "birder" & pass the news along if you see & hear a Bell's Vireo.

Also pass on the sighting of early Fall Warblers to other birders.

.....and I want to see a Pine Siskin!

VIRGINIA HUMPHREYS,  
COMPILER

## LAKEVIEW

MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
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### 1989 EXHIBITION CALENDAR

CATHERINE STORER AND THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY  
July 9 - August 27, 1989

This exhibition of 50 watercolors reproduces, exactly but on a larger scale, the plates of Alexander Wilson's *American Ornithology*. Executed by Catherine Storer of Albany, New York around 1835, the watercolors represent an important and early influence on the codification and classification of the natural world which culminated in the popular work of Charles Darwin. Not only important for their lifelike rendering, the paintings are brilliant examples in the difficult if not exacting process of watercolor painting.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 13 --- "Eco-Fair" at Wildlife Prairie Park, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Come and get acquainted with the variety of outdoor recreational opportunities existing here in central Illinois. Stop by our booth and get to know us. Birdwatching walks at 10:30AM, 1:00PM, and 3:30PM.

20 --- "Shorebird" Field Trip to Duck Island, Rice Lake, and Banner Marsh. Meet at Mendenhall Property at 2:00 PM. We will carpool from there. Call Louise Endres if you plan to attend (682-8500).

25/27 --- "Celebration of the Arts" at Peoria Civic Center. Come and learn about all the arts and sciences groups and their activities available to everyone in the Peoria area. Visit our booth in the Peoria Academy of Sciences display section. Hours are Friday 5-9PM, Saturday 10AM-5PM, Sunday 12-5PM.

Sep. 10 --- "Fall Warblers" Field Trip at Forest Park Nature Center at 7 AM. Call Maury Brucker if you plan to attend (309-493-5181).

13 --- Peoria Audubon Society Membership Meeting: 7:30PM Lakeview Museum, room changed to main floor Conference Room. Guest Speaker: To be announced: (Board Members note: Board Meeting at 6:30 PM).

16/17 --- "Jubilee Autumn Harvesfest 1989" at Jubilee State Park located 15 miles N.W. of Peoria off Route 150 or I-74. Come and enjoy life back in the settlement days. Visit our booth and enjoy the crafts, music and other art forms to be displayed.

24 --- Field Trip to Johnson Sauk Trail State Park near Kewanee, IL. Pack a lunch and meet us at 7:00AM at Landmark Parking Lot by the Dinner Table Restaurant. We will carpool from there. Call Louise Endres if you plan to attend (682-8500).

Oct. 11 --- Peoria Audubon Society Membership Meeting: 7:30PM Lakeview Museum, our regular room RM A/B. Guest Speaker: To be announced.

21 --- Field Trip to Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge (down East side of Illinois River, cross over at Havana and return up the West side.) Pack a lunch. Meet at the Powerton boat dock parking lot at 7:30 AM. Call Louise Endres if you plan to attend. (682-8500)

Nov. 4 --- Field Trip to Metropolitan Sanitary District near Canton, IL. Meet at Route 116 and 78 downtown Farmington at SW parking lot at 7:30 AM or meet at M.S.D. Headquarters at 8:00 AM. Pack a lunch. Call Bert Princen if you plan to attend 691-0519.

8 --- NOTE---No November Membership Meeting---Plan to attend:

J. Michael Cousteau lecture at 6:30 PM, Peoria Civic Center to see his show on "Marine Environment/Global Conservation." The early time is to accommodate parents with children on a school night. Stop by our booth in the lobby to say "HI"

Dec. 12/13 --- Peoria Audubon Membership Meeting -- "Members Night". All are invited to bring in their slides, films, photographs, needlework, artwork, books, etc. relating to our interest in birdwatching and conservation. Come and share your experiences with your fellow birders. 7:30 PM Lakeview Museum RM A/B. Board Members Note--Board Meeting 6:30 PM. (Election of Officers for 1990.)

16 --- Chillicothe Christmas Bird Count. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Dick Collins at 246-8677.

23 --- Chautauqua Christmas Bird Count. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Dick Bjorklund at 677-3012.

30 --- Peoria Christmas Bird Count. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Louise Endres at 682-8500.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED --- PLEASE HELP.**

Soon, if not already, our Fair Committee people will be calling you to help at our display booth and lead some field trips at our upcoming fairs and festivals. It's a great chance to enjoy the activities and still help us out for a few hours.

The times we need help are:

"Eco-Fair" Wildlife Prairie Park (helpers get in free):  
August 13 - Display Booth: 9-11:30AM, 11:30AM-2PM, 2-5PM  
Birdwatching Walk Leaders: 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM

"Celebration of the Arts" - Display Booth:  
August 25 - 5-7PM, 7-9PM  
August 26 - 9-11:30AM, 11:30AM-2PM, 2-5PM  
August 27 - 12-2:30PM, 2:30-5PM

"Jubilee Autumn Harvestfest 1989"  
Sept. 16 - Display Booth: 9:30AM-12PM, 12-2:30PM, 2:30-5PM  
Birdwatching Walk Leaders: 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM  
Sept. 17 - Display Booth: 9:30AM-12PM, 12-2:30PM, 2:30-5PM.  
Birdwatching Walk Leaders: 10:30AM, 1:00PM 3:30PM

"Jean-Michel Cousteau" Lecture, Peoria Civic Center  
Nov. 8 - Display Booth: 5:30-6:30PM, 8-9PM

Please be generous with your time and come and enjoy meeting the public and spreading the word of our club's existence. Thank you.

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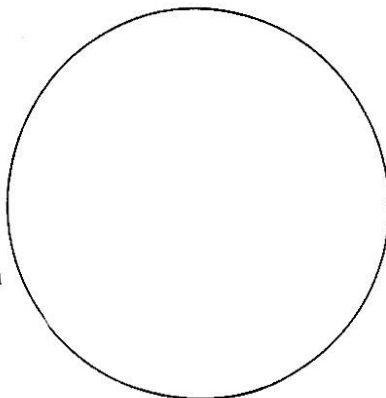
**CONTEST**

**NUMBER ONE:**

Purpose: To adopt a logo for our society for use on stationery and for a cloth patch that can be sewn on a jacket, hat, birding bag, etc.

**Stipulations:**

1. Must show our name "Peoria Audubon Society."
2. Must show bird(s)--should be year-round resident(s).
3. Must be in color with clear details that can be adapted to a cloth patch. Also should look good on stationery in black and white.
4. Send in your designs in a 3-inch diameter circle.



**NUMBER TWO:**

Purpose: To come up with a new name for our newsletter.

**Stipulations:**

1. Should be associated with our geographical location or with a year-round resident bird.
  2. Must be in black and white with any artwork clearly detailed.
- Size: across top of 8-1/2 inch wide sheet of paper.

**DEADLINE:** Bring to September 13th Membership Meeting. If choices can't be made that evening, the favorites will be in the next newsletter so that members can vote for the one they like best.

**PRIZES:** \$25.00 gift certificate to Forest Park Nature Center gift shop--one for the club logo and one for the newsletter name.

Let's fluff up and preen our feathers to come up with some good ideas.

Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Bird Count. All of your time and hard work is appreciated!!

**NOTES FROM COUNTS:**

Peoria County Count reported a record 140 species.  
Mason County Count reported 124 species. Their record is 151.  
Fulton County reported a total of 141 species.

**FULTON CO - SPRING BIRD COUNT**

Dr. Princen had his best record.... 117 species. He also saw 23 species that no one else saw, but the Harris Sparrow pleased him the most!! The Great Horned Owl really hooted for him too!

Marie Welty & 4 participants reported 70 species. Her party spotted the only Green-backed Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, and White Eyed Vireo that were seen.

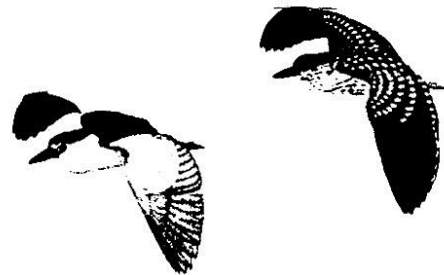
Bill & Anne Beeson reported 75 species. They saw the only Double-crested Cormorant, 2 Common Terns, and Semi-Palmated Plover at Duck Island Farm. They reported the Little Blue Heron and 5 other species no one else spotted.

Virginia Humphreys and 2 other participants, Judy Marshall & Sandy Schweitzer, saw the only Sora & Grey-cheeked Thrush in their area which included 60 species.

Margaret Hickerson of Avon had Cedar Waxwings and a Loggerhead Shrike. A total of 56 species

12 people participated 44 hours in a strong wind 6-33 mph & a low temperature of 56° & a high of 84°, going 316 miles in Fulton County.

Virginia Humphreys



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**OUTDOOR HIGHLIGHTS**

## Fear of Fenthion

*Interagency committee recommends a ban on using fenthion to control nuisance birds in Illinois*

### Get Your Message Through With Audubon Message!Checks

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The Interagency Committee on Pesticides has voted to recommend to the Illinois Department of Agriculture Director the immediate suspension of fenthion use to kill nuisance birds in the state, according to Department of Conservation Director Mark Frech.

Representatives of the Departments of Conservation, Agriculture, Transportation, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Natural History Survey and the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service voted in favor of the suspension through September in order to conduct a risk assessment of continued fenthion use. The Department of Public Health representative voted against the suspension.

Committee members further agreed that use of fenthion during the suspension may be authorized by the Departments of Conservation and Public Health when nuisance bird populations are affecting human health or safety.

Fenthion is commonly used on special perches to rid areas of nuisance birds, such as starlings, pigeons and sparrows. However, it also has been shown to affect protected birds, including endangered or threatened species such as bald eagles or Cooper's hawks, that feed on the treated birds.

At a recent public hearing, committee members heard a majority of those present support a ban on the use of fenthion to kill nuisance bird populations. Comments were used in making the recommendation on continued use.

Carl Becker, Chief of DOC's Natural Heritage Division, stated that birds treated with fenthion may disperse up to 20 miles from the control site. "You can have toxic birds distributed over 1,256 square miles in each case."

In 1985 a nuisance bird control effort by Commonwealth Edison Company using fenthion resulted in the death or injury of 21 hawks and owls. A bald eagle was killed near Havana as a result of a separate incident. All raptors are protected under state and federal laws, Becker added.

Even with lowered concentrations of fenthion, Becker said DOC has found raptors can still become ill or die as a result of consuming fenthion-treated birds. Secondary killings are violations of the Illinois Wildlife Code, the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act, the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Bald Eagle Act.

Several committee members were concerned that no substitute presently exists

to control nuisance bird populations and felt the suspension would give users of the pesticide, farmers and power plant operators, time to formulate a direction to address potential human health impacts from nuisance bird populations and to identify new methods of addressing and funding development of an alternative.

Committee Chairman Bill Anderson, Illinois Department of Agriculture, said that Mobay, the producer of the active ingredient in fenthion, will not seek re-certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this year, which would result in product elimination from the market place.

"I am not comfortable with continued registration of fenthion when the producer doesn't even want to re-register with the U.S. EPA," Anderson said. U.S. EPA has called for extensive avian pesticide studies by those seeking certification for manufacture, Anderson added, thus discouraging further production in a limited market.

The Committee's recommendation will go to the Department of Agriculture Director for approval. Under a suspension, a public hearing must be scheduled before cancellation or recertification of the pesticide.

On July 19, 1989, a special meeting was held at Forest Park Nature Center by the Peoria Sierra Club. Representatives of the "Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists (RACE) brought to the audience's attention the problems of clear-cutting in the Shawnee National Forest. (Bert and Greet Princen represented our club).

The following information was presented and we encourage all who are interested to write their congressmen to ask for a change in the budget priorities for the Shawnee. A sample letter is given for your use.



Swainson's Warbler

**Forest Service**

Timber harvest practices are always conducted in compliance with the standards and guidelines developed to protect threatened, endangered, and forest sensitive species.

**RACE**

RACE has documented standard and guideline violations in Jackson County, affecting both the Indiana Bat and the Swainson's Warbler.

**Forest Service**

1983 Decision Notice, Environmental Assessments, Find of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed by Ken Henderson, Shawnee National Forest Supervisor. This notice gave the go ahead to clearcut cave valley and some thirty other sales in the Shawnee. It states, "There are no known threatened or endangered species present in the affected area."

**RACE**

Numerous threatened and/or endangered species have been found in the Cave Valley area, including the Swainson's Warbler and the Indiana Bat. Documents exist showing that the presence of some of these species were known to the Forest Service prior to the 1983 FONSI.

**Forest Service**

Clearcutting causes no damage to the environment.

**RACE**

Clearcutting creates a drastic shock in environmental conditions - contributing to the Greenhouse Effect, altering species composition, changing soil, fauna and decomposition rates.

**Forest Service**

Clearcutting improves wildlife habitat.

**RACE**

Clearcutting changes forest land to open brush land, favoring cowbirds which are crowding out the forest bird species, and contributing to siltation in streams, resulting in lower aquatic life populations. Oak forests produce critical winter food supplies for most wildlife.

**Forest Service**

The timber industry will be hurt if we don't offer hardwood sales.

**RACE**

Of the 450 mil. bd. ft. annual growth in Illinois forests, 219 mil. bd. ft. is being cut. The sawmills have access to plenty of wood.

**Forest Service**

Clearcutting is a management tool for oak-hickory regeneration.

**RACE**

The focus should be on planting young hardwoods on harvested pine fields and highly erodible private land. We are not willing to sacrifice our few 90-100 year old oak hickory forests, to create young stands.

**Forest Service**

The Multiple Use Act calls for timber production as one of the five uses on the National Forest.

**RACE**

In the last 10 years, extensive budget allocations have been geared toward timber production, virtually ignoring the other multiple uses of recreation, wildlife, water, and forage.

**Forest Service**

We have an obligation to go through with over 600 acres of clearcuts already on the books, Cave Valley, Bear Creek, Town Hall, Opossum Trot, Robnett, Quarrel Creek, and Fairview.

**RACE**

Two of these have not been sold. The Forest Service can save money and best serve the public by not offering these. Those that have been sold present special problems that need special negotiations.

**Forest Service**

Harvesting timber on National Forest Lands is of economic value to the U.S.

**RACE**

The economic facts indicate that the best action would be not to harvest at all. By its own estimates, the Forest Service harvested approximately 18 mil. bd. ft. of timber off the Shawnee in 1987 at a net loss of \$798,000 of taxpayers money.

## ACE & RACE



The Association of Concerned Environmentalists was formed in 1985 to monitor Forest Service activities and other environmental issues affecting our community. On August 6, 1988, A.C.E. branched out to establish R.A.C.E., which stands for the Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists, representing a Coalition of Southern Illinois residents from the Eastern and Western Shawnee National Forest. We have accepted the challenge of defending the Shawnee Hardwoods against clearcutting and other management plans which emphasize Federal logging, losing hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars each year, at the expense of private landowners, rare plant and wildlife habitat, quality recreation, tourism, and research opportunities.

A.C.E. and R.A.C.E. have received major media attention and wide public support. Resolutions from Pope, Alexander, Pulaski, and Jackson County boards, and the Southern Five Planning Commission, calling for an immediate halt to commercial clearcutting, are some of the political statements.

Our primary thrust has been to provide factual information, concerning threats to our Forest. With our requests to be notified of Forest Service Decisions, and members strategically located forest wide, we can function as an active monitor, in a position to appeal questionable Decisions and participate in on-site investigations.

We believe that preserving the Shawnee National Forest is directly connected to countering the Greenhouse Effect. Our Forests are the Lungs of the Earth. In these times of awesome budget deficits and widespread deforestation, it makes good sense, for our generation and future generations, to preserve the natural resources on our public lands, 5% of the 4 1/2 million acres of woodlands in Illinois.

At the present time, we are putting strong effort into filing a court case against the Forest Service, concerning 700 acres of already sold hardwood clearcuts. The environmental assessments which authorized these sales are inadequate and illegal. They failed to address the impacts of clearcutting on natural and diverse Forest Ecosystems, steep slopes and highly erodible soils, endangered species, neighbors, and public use, as required by law.

You can help A.C.E. and the R.A.C.E. against Time with a \$12 annual membership. You will receive newsletters, an original hand colored button, invitations to special activities, and help us with the expenses of lobbying public officials, printing, mailing, and keeping up with Forest Service Decisions.

In addition, we have initiated an Adopt A Tree Program in the Fairview Church area, Northwest of Pomona, where 150 acres of clearcutting needs to be stopped. For \$25 you will receive a 5x7 photograph of a beautiful tree, an Adoption Certificate, and map pinpointing the location of your tree. These funds are needed to pay lawyer and court fees. Please mail your check, payable to R.A.C.E., to the Eastern office. You will be a valued member of this organization. There is Power in Shared Leadership!

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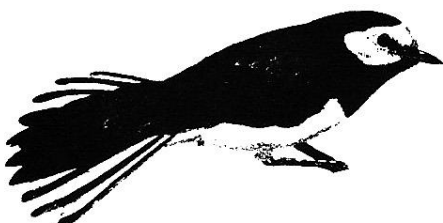
Dear Congressman:

I am writing to express my concern over the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayers money on timber sales and associated road building in the Shawnee National Forest. For example, in 1987 taxpayers lost \$798,000 on Shawnee timber sales and 600 million dollars on timber sales on a National level. In spite of this, the Forest Service plans an allowable annual hardwood sale quantity of 10 million board feet in the Shawnee. This is double the average hardwoods cut annually in the last 11 years.

There are 4 million acres of private woodland that, with thoughtful management and hardwood tree planting, could supply timber needs; providing revenue to Illinois landowners. The Shawnee National Forest comprises 262,000 acres, a mere 5% of Illinois woodlands, 3/4ths of 1% of Illinois. Our Forest provides critical habitat for 364 threatened and endangered plants and 81 threatened and endangered animals. The Shawnee is extremely important for watershed protection, recreation, and research.

Please take some time and look into this issue. For years, Congress has appropriated a disproportionate amount of taxpayers money to the Forest Service timber harvesting and road building budgets, and the taxpayer's investment is being lost. We need new priorities. Let's give recreation and research a chance to prosper. Please use your influence to ask for a change in budget priorities for the Shawnee. In these dangerous times of awesome budget deficits and global deforestation, it makes good fiscal and environmental sense to take a strong stand for dramatic slashes in the funding for Forest Service timber-oriented programs. Thank you for considering the public's interest in this urgent issue.

Sincerely,







# National Audubon Society

ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE  
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## MEMO

TO: Peter Berle  
FROM: Dave Cline *Dave*  
RE: Action Plan in Response to Alaska Oil Spill

Ever since the Exxon Valdez went aground in Prince William Sound, my office here has been a seven-day-a-week, round-the-clock operation, while we've tried to link volunteers and supplies with bird and animal rescue centers. On my behalf, please thank all the Auduboners who sent checks to help out up here. Their dollars and concern have meant so much.

But as hard as we've worked, the results have been discouraging. My colleagues among wildlife professionals project that more than 100,000 birds -- of over 35 different species -- have died. The rescue centers report to me that they are so overloaded they simply can't accept any more birds or otters. Thousands of seals are giving birth to pups on contaminated shores. And today I received reports of oil covered bears feeding on the carcasses of oiled birds along the beaches.

Exxon's so-called cleanup has proven a complete failure. Because of their ineffectiveness, oil slicks have travelled hundreds of miles, contaminating pristine beaches in Katmai and Kenai Fjords National Parks. And after all this time, not one single mile of the 730 miles of ruined coastline has been totally cleaned up. I'm glad as can be that Audubon is leading the legal battle against Exxon.

But, of course, legal action is only part of the answer. As you know only too well, we also need laws to prevent another spill like this from ever happening again. Now, more than ever, we need to push our six-point action plan through Congress.

To reiterate, here are the six points of the plan:

### 1) REQUIRE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE ENTIRE ALASKA OIL DELIVERY SYSTEM.

Preliminary findings indicate that Exxon and the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company were guilty of flagrant violations and shamefully inadequate contingency planning and execution. These findings, coupled with the oil industry's continuing commitment to opening the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas development makes such a study absolutely essential. An independent scientific body such as the National Academy of Sciences would be right for the job.

### 2) REQUIRE UPDATED AND STRINGENT OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANS WITH STRICT PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

Exxon and friends were guilty of poor planning and abysmal execution of what plans they had. With an aging fleet of oil tankers and with reports that the trans-Alaska pipeline may be deteriorating in some places, we need up-to-the-minute guidelines for rapid containment and cleanup of future spills. And if such plans are not executed properly, the guilty must be made to pay with strict fines.

### 3) CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE EFFECTS ON WILDLIFE LEADING TO A FULL PROTECTION PLAN FOR ALASKA'S MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

No comprehensive long-term study of the effect of oil spills on wildlife has ever been done. Scientific evidence suggests that the long-term impacts of oil spills on a complex ecosystem like Alaska's may be much more severe than anyone previously supposed. We need a study to provide badly needed facts to calculate the full threat oil development poses to wildlife.

### 4) ESTABLISH A JOINT FEDERAL-STATE OIL AND GAS MONITORING TEAM TO INDEPENDENTLY OVERSEE INDUSTRY.

We should recommend establishment of a team modelled after the one that successfully oversaw construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline. To be effective, such a team would have to be staffed with trained professionals and must be protected from political meddling. If the team discovers violations of the law, it should have the authority to shut down operations.

### 5) CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE EXEMPTING OIL FIELD WASTE FROM FEDERAL HAZARDOUS WASTE LAWS.

Hazardous oil and gas wastes are currently not regulated by the Federal Government. The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a report that presents evidence of significant and widespread abuse and carelessness in the oil industry's management of these wastes in Alaska. Toxics are violations of the law, it should have the authority to shut down operations.

### 6) REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE OF THE ART RECYCLING FACILITIES ON ALASKA'S NORTH SLOPE.

In addition to hazardous waste, oil operations at Prudhoe Bay generate millions of tons of garbage each year. How industry disposes of this garbage is as important to the fragile Alaskan environment as the disposal of garbage is to any city or town. We need strictly enforced recycling laws to ensure that the North Slope won't become a massive garbage dump.

We'll have to fight hard to win these points in Congress. But I still believe our real hope is strong public support. Audubon members must flood their senators and representatives with letters and calls.

Tell Auduboners they can make a difference.



## Arctic Update

### Audubon Toughens Stand Against Drilling in Arctic Refuge

In the wake of the catastrophic Valdez oil spill, at its June meeting the board of directors of the National Audubon Society developed a stricter policy on the controversy about opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. Last year, Audubon opposed drilling until and unless careful research could show that wildlife and the environment would not be harmed. After examining the evidence of the last two years, the Society has concluded that this criteria cannot be met, and therefore *unconditionally opposes any form of oil extraction in the refuge and urges that it be designated wilderness.*

The oil industry sees the refuge as its highest priority onshore drilling site, and President Bush continues to publicly support oil exploration there. Legislation that would open the refuge to drilling has stalled in Congress, largely in response to the spill; however, proponents of the legislation still plan to forge ahead.

At the Audubon board meeting, board member Scott Reed summed up the need for the protection of the refuge as wilderness: "The whole proposition to drill in the Arctic, to construct the trans-Alaska pipeline, and to ship the oil by tankers across the seas was promoted and sold to the public upon the representation that no serious harm would ever happen to natural creatures...."

"Big Oil lied about the risks and the remedies. Big Oil cheated by evading the double hull commitment with the full concurrence of the United States Coast Guard. Big Oil and the state and federal governments were grossly negligent by failing to stock and man the response boats and equipment. Investigation and public disclosure to date has yet to find an area of protection in which something was done right...."

"Our position must be 'nevermore.' Arctic National Wildlife Refuge must be just what the name describes, a wildlife refuge.... The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is off limits."

To prevent a recurrence of the Valdez disaster, Audubon is also moving on other fronts. The Society joined with other environmental organizations in several lawsuits against Exxon; staff in Washington, D.C., and Alaska are pressing Audubon's six-point strategy, which includes updated and stringent oil spill contingency plans and a protection plan for Alaska's marine environment; and Audubon's experts renewed their call for development of alternative energy sources and energy-saving regulations.

Concerned Auduboners should take this opportunity to write their legislators, requesting full wilderness protection for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.



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### National Audubon...Looking Ahead...

The September issue of AUDUBON magazine will feature the Alaska oil spill. ¶ A new season of Audubon Television Specials will debut in October 1989 on SuperStation TBS. The first special to be aired will be "Ancient Forests: Rage Over Trees," narrated by Paul Newman. ¶ Don't forget Audubon's Biennial Convention in Tucson, Arizona, September 12-16, 1989. For a convention brochure, write: Audubon Convention Office, 4150 Darley, #5, Boulder, Colo. 80303 or call (303) 499-3622. ¶ Audubon's international youth camp will be held in Virginia, August 17-26. For information or an application, write: Audubon Ecology Camps and Workshops, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Rd., Greenwich, Conn. 06831. ¶ The AUDUBON WILDLIFE REPORT 1989/1990, featuring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be out in August. Copies of the book can be ordered through Academic Press, Inc., which copublishes the book with Audubon. To order, call: 1-800-321-5068 (in Missouri, Alaska, and Hawaii: 1-314-528-8110).

# NEWS

## Jean-Michel Cousteau *Rediscovering the World*

Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of ocean explorer and environmentalist, Jacques Cousteau, will appear Wednesday, November 8, 1989, 6:30 p.m., at the Peoria Civic Center Exhibition Hall to present a lecture on the marine environment and global conservation challenges, one of only five lectures Cousteau will be presenting this year. The program is being sponsored by the Sun Foundation, a public supported, not-for-profit arts and science agency.

Cousteau's 1 and 1/2 hour presentation entitled, "The Rediscovery of the World," is designed for students and adults. It will include footage of the most recent film projects of the Cousteau Society and will be followed by questions and answers from the audience.

Born in Toulon, France in 1938, Cousteau is a Founding Director of the Cousteau Society, and has spent his life exploring the ocean aboard the research vessel CALYPSO. In the mid-1960's he began organizing logistics for the televised film series, THE UNDERSEA WORLD OF JACQUES-  
COUSTEAU. Jean-Michel concentrates his efforts on public education in order to inspire in others a strong desire to protect and preserve the environment. Jean-Michel has lectured to as many as 100,000 students in one year. In addition to his speaking engagements and administrative responsibilities as Executive Vice President of The Cousteau Society, he is directing the design and development of Cousteau Ocean Centers, worldwide public attractions with the ocean as a central theme. He served as Executive Producer for the film entitled, JACQUES COUSTEAU: THE FIRST 75 YEARS, for the COUSTEAU/AMAZON film series, and for the Emmy award-winning film, COUSTEAU/MISSISSIPPI.

Jean-Michel Cousteau is the Executive Producer and Producer of the new television series, "Cousteau's Rediscovery of the World," which will include twenty hour-long television specials in five years. Prior to and after the lecture, the public will be invited to participate in exhibits and programs presented by local government agencies, environmental organizations, scientists and biologists. This event will highlight not only the problems we face globally with the marine environment (most recently exemplified by the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Alaska), but will also focus on the troubled Illinois River watershed -- encompassing half the state of Illinois -- in our own backyard.

There will be a reception and dinner at the Civic Center Banquet Hall where Cousteau will be the guest of honor. The dinner will include presentations by Illinois scientists on the Illinois River watershed. Dinner tickets are \$25. There is limited seating for the dinner. In the months preceding the lecture, various area educational and cultural organizations including the Sun Foundation, Forest Park Nature Center, Lakeview Museum, Wildlife Prairie Park and Peoria Park District, will be conducting workshops on the water theme. There will be several projects designed for student and community participation.

Co-sponsors and underwriters of the Cousteau program are: ADM, Amoco Corporation, CILCORP, Commercial National Bank, D.A. Hoerr & Sons, Inc., Forest Park Foundation, Illinois Central College, Methodist Medical Center, R.L. Nelson Co., Randolph & Associates, and a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Ticket price for the lecture is \$8 adults/\$4 students. Sun Foundation Members, \$7 adults/\$3 students. For more information about the event please contact the Sun Foundation RR 1, Washburn, IL, 61570, phone 246-8403. To purchase tickets for the lecture and/or the dinner, please send your check made out to the Sun Foundation, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.



## AUDUBON COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS, INC.

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Date: July 26, 1989  
To: Wetland Enthusiasts  
From: Deanna Glosser (LJ)  
Vice-President  
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217-356-3544  
RE: Wetland Legislative Update

First of all, I want everyone to be aware of my new address, effective immediately. The new information is in bold above. My office number has not changed, 217-244-5359.

Now on to the news about HB2780, the Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989. As I told you in the July 2 update, the bill has been passed by both the senate and house. It now awaits the signature of the governor. We are not sure when this might occur. The governor's office will get the bill in its final form sometime the end of July. Governor Thompson then has up to 60 days to act on the bill.

According to the rumor mill, the governor is expected to make these decisions fairly quickly in order to take an extended vacation. He therefore may sign a series of conservation-related bills at the State Fair, which begins August 10 and ends August 20. This would be excellent timing.

The problem is that IDOT continues to oppose the bill in its entirety and is allegedly working to either kill it or have the governor use his amendatory powers to make substantive changes. This bill CANNOT afford to be weakened in any way! The Department of Conservation must have the authority to approve agency plans and compensation proposals.

In order to avoid any last minute changes, please write to the following people and urge their support of HB2780. Cite a local reason or merely refer to the dramatic losses at the state level thus far - well over 90% of our wetlands have been lost. Please ask Governor Thompson to sign the bill without alterations. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Write to:

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## TV Notes

Audubon producers are busy filming and putting the finishing touches on the fifth season of Audubon TV Specials. This year, we begin the season with a look at the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest and the battle between the timber industry and conservationists over these magnificent old-growth trees. In December, our second show sheds some light on the often tragic relationship between people and wolves. In the Spring our show focuses on dolphins which are in a fight for their lives against fishermen, pollution, and disease. Our final show of the season takes us to the untouched Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Alaska, now the site of a heated debate between the oil industry which wants to begin drilling, and conservationists, who want to leave the Refuge unspoiled.

If you would like to help the National Audubon Society, please send a tax deductible contribution to National Audubon Society Television Dept., 801 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003. Thank you!

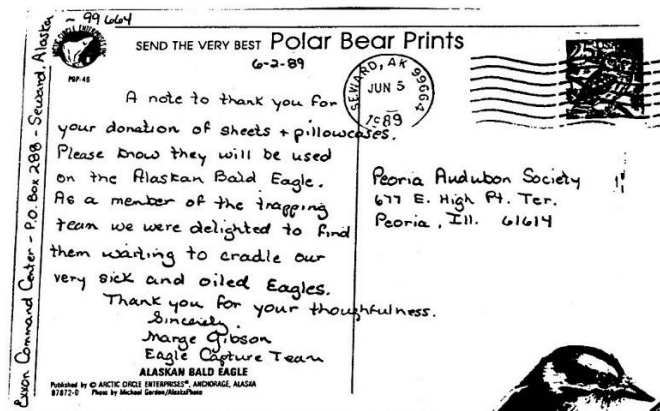


Upcoming television programs - "Watch the Birdie":

Audubon Television Specials will be broadcast on PBS on Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. in August.

August 13 - MESSAGES FROM THE BIRDS  
August 20 - SHARKS  
August 27 - GRIZZLY AND MAN: AN UNEASY TRUCE

Also, on Channel TBS, Sunday, September 24th at 9PM, look for "Ancient Forest: Rage Over Trees---1000 Years In The Making, Five Minutes For Man To Destroy". Paul Newman narrates.



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We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to you for your thoughtful donation of towels. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated.

We are dependent on your continued support for the success and operation of our facility. Your time and effort will make the difference in achieving our goal of saving the sea otters who have been affected by the oil spill in Prince William Sound.

Sincerely,  
*Thanks for caring*  
*Tami*

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Almost everyday we read about some of our natural areas being destroyed. This May I had the privilege of visiting several areas that have been saved for the enjoyment of all.

The Franklin Grove Preservation Area is such a place. Mrs. Winifred Knox donated 100 acres of land her pioneer ancestors had settled. More land has been acquired and it now has 515 acres. The Area is located in Lee County, one mile northeast of the village of Franklin Grove and eight miles east of Dixon, just north of Illinois Route 38. The beautiful Franklin Creek flows throughout the park.

The citizens of Franklin Grove organized a committee for the development of the area. The Committee secured donations of money and labor, along with assistance from the Franklin Center Future Farmers of America, to construct roads, shelters, picnic tables, restrooms and hiking trails. The Mill Springs Handicapped Trail is very impressive as it is a concrete surfaced trail suitable for people of all mobility levels.

Many flowers were present as we crossed and recrossed the stream leading to the spring. We saw hillsides of Bluebells and White Anemone. Jack-In-The-Pulpits were everywhere. One hillside was covered with Trilliums (Nodding and Large Flowered). We saw and heard birds all around us. The frogs chorused from the stream. It was truly a fairyland. All the time I kept thinking how wonderful it would be to bring someone in a wheelchair to see all this beauty. The high trails were just as exciting with new flowers and birds. My thanks to the people of Franklin Grove for making and maintaining such a park.

Howard Fox, former Forester-Manager of Sinnissippi Forest is a man of foresight. A new Christmas Tree plantation was being planted in the Oregon area. Howard knew the area contained very nice hill prairies. He asked the owner if he could have some land on the various hills to protect the best prairies. The owner told him to mark off the areas he wanted. Howard marked off 7 very beautiful areas. We were taken to three of them. The first one visited was filled with the yellow blooms of Puccoon along with Shooting Star. The next one had a clump of Prairie Smoke just coming in bloom. The third one was covered with Bird's Foot Violet. This was my first experience with natural prairies and I was thrilled to see this lovely display and to think they had always been here and always will be, thanks to Howard Fox.

I visited these places during an Elderhostel at Stronghold just outside of Oregon, Illinois. Stronghold works hard to preserve the wild things on their land. We saw and heard many birds and saw many flowers but the most thrilling were the fields of Shooting Star.

Why not take a trip and enjoy some of the beauty around Oregon, Illinois?

JEAN GEBERT

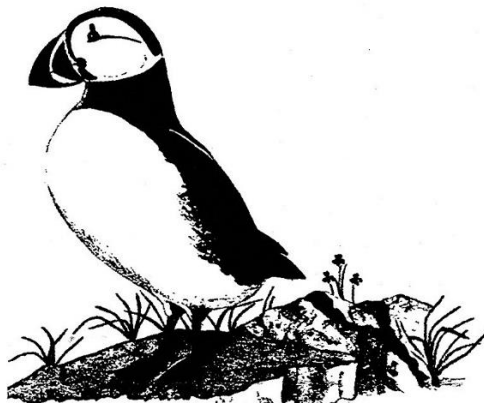
During the month of May I visited the Colored Sands Forest Preserve. It is northwest of Rockford near the Wisconsin border on the Sugar River. Here Lee Johnston, a Master Bird Bander, has conducted a bird banding program for over 17 years. He is interested in bird migration and during the spring and fall migrations has banded over 115,000 birds. He bands in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. He is assisted by many volunteers with some coming from Chicago and Milwaukee. The center is usually open on the weekends and they are always interested in providing interpretive information to groups who visit the center.

It was exciting to walk along the mist nets as the volunteers gathered the birds. The nets are up only when they are banding and they are checked every hour. As each bird is removed from the net the volunteers checked to see if the bird had a brood patch. If the bird had a patch it was released immediately.

They have just received a gift of a new building where all banding will take place. Complete records are kept of the birds banded. Along with the band number some of the things checked were specie, sex, age, bill length, wing length, net caught, date, etc. If the bird was already banded this was noted on a different list. All banded birds caught that day had been banded at Colored Sands. It was exciting to have such a close view of the birds. My favorite was a Canada Warbler. Most of the others liked the Indigo Bunting. It was interesting to note the different behavior characteristics of the birds. Some were so quiet and docile and some were noisy and fighting all the time.

It was a rainy day and not too many birds were caught. I can remember a number of orioles, robins, fly catchers, sparrows, cat bird, thrush, indigo bunting, grosbeak and warblers (Canada, palm, blue winged, chestnut sided) being banded. If we wished to release a bird, we were given the opportunity. I found it thrilling and was impressed by the quick get away. This would be an interesting place to visit again.

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June 22, 1989

Dear Avon Representative,

Today we announced a permanent end to all animal testing of our products - including testing done in outside laboratories.

I hope you are as pleased and proud as I am of the fact that Avon has become the first major cosmetics company in the world to eliminate product testing on animals.

We have worked for the past eight years to reduce the use of animals and to find alternative tests, while still maintaining the high quality and safety of our products. Now we mark the successful conclusion of that program.

We stopped animal testing in mid-March. Since then, our new safety evaluation program has been reviewed by a panel of academic experts in toxicology, ophthalmology and dermatology. We also shared our program with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which is responsible for monitoring the safety of cosmetics.

Avon is dedicated to the safety of its consumers. Our safety approval process includes an analysis of an extensive computerized data base of raw ingredient and formula safety information, clinical testing and non-animal alternative tests, such as Eytex which replaced the Draize eye irritancy test.

We will continue to fund biomedical research at universities and to pursue research alternatives. Until a broader range of alternatives is developed, suppliers to the cosmetics industry may have to continue to do some animal testing to substantiate the safety of their new ingredients.

I know that in recent months some of you have been targets -- as I have -- of animal rights extremists. I personally thank each of you for your support and understanding during this sometimes trying period.

Sincerely,