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 over-abundant 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 CENTER

EARLY 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.
SUNDAY, 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. "Hooes" 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.-BOARDED MEETING—LAKEVIEW MUSEUM, RM A/B.
7:30 P.M.-MEMBERSHIP MEETING—LAKEVIEW MUSEUM, RM A/B. THE SPEAKER WILL BE JERRY BALL, 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 BOLIN FROM HAVANA, IL. THE TOPIC WILL BE "WOOD DUCKES".

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.

FIELD TRIPS

CHAUTAUQUA FIELD TRIP (Saturday)
Dr. Richard Bjorklund will lead a car-rin down the Illinois River including stops at Spring Lake, Clear Lake, Bird 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 900 parking lot at 7:30 a.m. sharp, off the Menno blacktop, off Route 28, south of the Powerton Plant. Call Dick Bjorklund at 677-3012 if you plan to attend.

APRIL 1, 1989

METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT (Saturday)
Dr. L.H. Prince will lead a car-rin through the MSD grounds (located south of Linton), 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 Prince if you plan to attend at 691-0519.

APRIL 23, 1989

JOHNSON 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, 1989

WARRIOR WALK AT THE COLLINS FARM (Saturday)
Meet at 8:00 a.m. or anytime after dawn at the Collins', Route 29, Spring Bay Road, 3 miles south of Linton, or 3.5 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 Longfellow Wildlife Conservation Fund, Illinois Department of Conservation, Natural Heritage Division, 402 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62706.
A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND COMPLIERS FOR ALL THEIR WORK IN THE COURTS!

RICHARD COLLINS, CHILcotty (C)  
RICHARD KOB scratches, Cattail man (CMA)  
LUIGI ENDRES, PEORIA (P)

FIELD NOTES

PIZZ-BLACK CHEESE-2, Powerton, 1-2  
TUNDRA SWAN-20, Mason Co, 1-13-15, NOTE SWAN-5, Sprague Lake, Twinell, 1-15  
WHITE FRONTED GEESE-7, Mason Co, 1-2, SWAMP-SHROWN HAWK-1, Powerton, 1-8  
WOOD DUCK-5, Powerton, 1-8  
WOOD DUCK-7, Powerton, 1-8  
CABBAGE-BACKED GULL-1, Powerton, 1-8  
GRAY CROW-1, Powerton, 1-8

AUGUSTA BIRD SIGHTINGS 1989

GREAT BLUE HERON-One reported at Spring Lake 1-12, Tazewell County, and one reported in Woodford Co 1-15. HUTE SWANS-Linda Nicot please to see 7 at Spring Lake 1-22 since so many people have made special trips to see them. CARIB BEAR-itis Jean Coehert thrilled to see thousands of geese in fields on MSD 1-28, but only 3 SWAN GEESE. NORTHERN HARRIER-One beautiful female seen in Mason Co by Brenda Oken and party 1-26. Wild Turkeys that Louise Edres saw on the Chillicothier CBC were seen going to roost 1-26 in Woodford Co at 4:55 p.m. The Turkey has disappeared and the Hen was killed on the highway. KILLDEERS-February 1988, On 1-15 Linda Nicot saw 3 in Woodford Co. BARN-OYSTERS, KIRKILLER, HERON, THAYERS, ICEDLAND GULL-16 Several birds saw a Thayers at Poveiton, Powerton Co and 1 saw an ICEDLAND GULL on 1-18 at Lock & Dam. GLAUDOUS-GULLROR-Fred Brakobon and party saw at Lock & Dam, Tawel Co. SHORT-EARED GEESE-2, On 1-15 Vicki Kecher saw one on her way home to Prisemin, Peoria Co. CAROLINA WREN-One seen in Louise Augustas most every day in January, Peoria Co. One in Tazewell Co really sang for Virginia Humphreys 1-16 at 10:45 a.m. Spring Creek. WINTER WREN-One heard in Mason Co by Louise Augustus in January. ROOKING-ONE found by Brenda Oken off of a Harris Farm Road 1-12 with several TREE SPARROWS & EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS. Three seen by Linda Nicot 1-7 in Woodford Co on Upper Spring Bay Road. PURPLE FINCH-8 seen at a feeding station in Spring Lake State Park by Brenda Oken and party 1-16, Tawel Co 30 were last seen by Louise Augustus. LAPLAND LONGSPUR-Only one seen by Louise in January by Virginia Humphreys. Call us if you see them please, as we want a Snow Bunting too!

Virginia Humphreys

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. This group of golden eagles were seen 17 immature and 10 adults. Special sightings include Snowy Owls (dark phase), Red-tailed Hawk, Robin, Kingfisher, Common Merganser, Bufflehead, Black Duck, Common Goldeneye, and a Bald Eagle.

Louise Augustus
Hardy whoopers
Endangered cranes holding their own against misfortune

By JOHN TOTH
Houston Chronicle
Sunday, Jan. 29, 1989

The endangered whooping crane flock in Texas has increased by nearly 10 percent this year, but scientists say the majestic bird's habitat is in danger.

Last April, 113 whoopers migrated from the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to the Platte River in Nebraska. That was the largest number of whooping cranes seen outside the national Park in 1986, according to the Audubon Society.

The whooping cranes, which are listed as endangered, are dependent on the wetlands areas for nesting and habitat. The Audubon Society is forecasting that there will be a larger flock this year, which will be a positive sign for the species.

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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 Wild- life" takes viewers to the Great Smoky Mountains, where undercover Fish and Wildlife agents take illegal hunting of black bear, which are 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 stealing hundreds of geese in some cases. It will be a highly informative and entertaining special.

Audubon Television Specials
Now Showing in Your Home

When can you catch a glimpse of six California condors? You may want to catch the one show, that's leaving the comfort of your favorite easy chair? Anytime.

Audubon's television specials, which have gamed more than 50 million viewers, are part of our home video library with National Audubon Video, a collection of Audubon programs, presentations and special season video. Vesteson's first releases will include "Condor," narrated by Robert Redford, "The Mysterious Black-Footed Ferret," narrated by Lorenzo Soria, and "End of Extinction: Parrots and Chameleons," also narrated by Lorenzo Soria. Other Audubon titles will be available soon.

"While visually existing wildlife footage is a main element in every film, the video are not only nature shows," says Christopher Palmer, executive producer of Audubon television. "Each video probes the complexity of ecological problems and conservation issues. Vesteson also distributes videos of the popular National Geographic and Nova specials."

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

Audubon Television Specials

NAS Education Teacher
Send a Kid to Camp This Summer!

For over 50 years the Audubon Camp Program has provided an excellent opportunity for school children across the continent. Audubon camps are in Maine, Wyoming, and especially at the Educator's Ecology Workshops in California. Each of these camps teache...
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 comradeship 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 $500 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 Riverside Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06831.

These 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 at 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 internship 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 Project is a chance to learn about great global issues and to participate in the foreign policy process. Information on population, environment, and agriculture and books 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, FAP Project, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., 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 DoublesTree 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, Plateau River, wetlands, and ancient forests. And if that isn't enough, a variety of workshops will cover education, fundraising, citizen involvement, energy conservation, sanitation 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 Darby Avenue, #5, Boulder, Colo. 80303. (303) 499-3622.

Africa and Arizona Highlight Expanded Audubon Camp Program

Two new exciting programs are scheduled for the 1989 Audubon Camp season—the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Arizona and the exclusive Internationa lEcology Workshop in Kenya.

The Arizona workshop, scheduled for September 4-12, 1989, is to be based at Caree Creek Canyon, in the epoxydite Ecological Reserve. This is one of the last remnants of the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, featuring some of the richest and most diverse habitats in the United States.

The Audubon staff will present a wide range of subjects from the Chiricahua Mountains 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 $950 per person, including meals, lodging, and all instruction.

The second in Audubon's series of International Workshops will be held in the 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 Masai 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 join 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 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 any additional information can be obtained by writing to Lisa Strohlein, Registrar, Audubon Camps and Workshops, National Audubon Society, 613 Riverside Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06831.

Whether it's hiking the granite coast of Downeast Maine, experiencing the serenity of the Appalachian Mountains, combing the cobblestone beaches of the Olympic Coast in the heart of the Pacific Northwest, or discovering the unique features of southeast Arizona, the Audubon Expedition Ins titute gives you these and countless other chances this summer to witness the beauty of the outdoors.

Participants—who must be between the ages of 12 and 19—and live outdoors: Sleeping bags replace beds, campstoves replace kitch ens, 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, fossil hunting 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, Southeast Audubon Center, RR 1 Box 1, Sharon, Conn. 06069.

Live and Learn Outside with the Audubon Expedition Institute

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