

## ATLANTIC CURRENTS

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A summer filled with news of assorted environmental disasters once again points up the necessity for all of us to examine very critically proposals involving possible environmental degradation. For many years, people who spoke out against such proposals have suffered the "slings and arrows" from those who either had their own pet project or who put profits ahead of environmental concerns. Today we are beginning to reap the harvest resulting from previous poor choices. It is our firm belief that through our local chapter activities we can help make you all aware of some of these serious problems and hopefully to help you spread the word to others so that we can all make a more intelligent choice in the future. Let us light the candle of knowledge rather than curse the darkness or each other.

### PROGRAMS:

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at Stockton State College. Room C-135 will be the place (note change from last year). There will be coffee hour until 8 PM when the regular program will begin. Remember - coffee hour is provided so that you can meet and talk with other members. Make some new friends this year!

- Sept:22: "Alaska - Wildlands for Tomorrow" Dick Martyr, regional rep for NAS will present this excellent slide show which will detail much of what Pres. Ford implied in his recent proposal regarding the National Park system.
- Oct. 20: "Christmas Bird Counts" Victor Emmanuel will provide an excellent leadin to this years Christmas Count period (see elsewhere for details)
- Nov. 17: "Natural Areas of West Virginia" George Bassett will provide a look at another area closeby of great beauty.
- Jan. 26: Members night. A great success each year. Get these slides ready for another stupendous presentation.
- Feb. 23: Ken Hunt will present a program based on his recent trip to Europe to look at some of their attempts to provide environmental balance in new towns.
- Mar. 23: Will include a program on Non-Game and Endangered Species, a look  
Apr. 27: at Peru, and one other program as yet not firmed up. Further info  
May 25: at a later date.

### FIELD TRIPS:

Come join us - meet people - learn some new things about your environment - enjoy birds, plants, insects, animals and whatever else crosses our paths.

- Sep. 11: Wildflower Walk. Leader is Gil Cavileer. Meet at Port Republic church parking lot at 9 AM. Fall plants will be featured. Morning.
- Sep. 26: Cape May Birding. Leader - Fred Hamer and others. Meet at Light-house Park in Cape May Point at 7 AM. Fall birding at its best. All day trip, bring lunch.
- Oct. 15-17 Hawk Mountain Camping Trip. Make your reservations now. A weekend camping trip to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary with hopefully a good number of hawks as well as other birds. Contact Fred Hamer prior to Oct. 2 to make camping reservation. This will be a group area so no hook-up facilities will be available. There are motels in

the area also if you are not a camper.

Nov. 20: Birding at Brigantine Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the parking lot at 8 AM. Part or all day if you wish. Peak of waterfowl with large numbers of snow geese expected again.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS:

Plan now to help out either in the field or as a feeder watcher. Some counts utilize large numbers of feeder watchers, but you must have an established feeding station.

Oceanville Count: December 18th. Contact Ed Bristow 641-4670  
Marmora Count: December 19th. Contact Jim Akers 266-7859  
Tuckerton Count: December 26th. Contact Ben Hiatt 296-4016

Post-count get-togethers are planned. There may also be other counts in the area of South Jersey desiring help. These will be announced later.

ODDS and ENDS:

Among Audubon activities over the summer were an exhibit at the Atlantic County 4-H Fair and participation in protection of the Least Tern nesting colonies in association with the YCC group from the Refuge and others. There will be more so be prepared to help where you can.

The Peregrine Falcons released at the Brigantine Refuge in July got off to a fair start, although two birds were lost early. One male and one female were known to be collecting their own meals by the latter part of August and we hope they will continue to thrive.

New Jersey Audubon Society Fall Weekend at Cape May will be Oct. 1-3. They have an interesting program set up - bigger than before. A schedule will be posted at our September meeting for those who may be interested.

Endangered Species project needs your help!! Purchase a decal to support this very worthwhile program. Send \$5 to

Division of Fish and Game  
P. O. Box 1809  
Trenton, N. J. 08625

Sick or injured birds? Keep them in a dark place, give water and call either the Brigantine Wildlife Refuge or Mark and Martha Pokras at the Avian Rehabilitation Center 652-7655.

Remember that Election Day is Nov. 2nd. Your vote is important and this is the way to register your views - by voting for those individuals who have expressed their support for your interests.

MARKETPLACE:

We still have available several items. Money realized from these items goes toward our sanctuary fund.

Field Guides: Winter Trees, Master Tree, Wildflowers - 75¢ each  
Daily bird checklists: 4¢ each  
Bumper Strips: 50¢ each  
Atlantic Audubon Society Patch: \$1.50 each - show your colors!!

RECENT READABLES:

Victory in the Wetlands - September '76 Readers Digest  
Pleasure of Birds - Les Line - Lippincott. An excellent collection of Audubon articles.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Please remember to renew your National Audubon membership each year promptly. Out of your dues, a certain proportion is returned to the local chapter ... this is our major source of funds. Also be sure to specify that you are a member of this chapter. Occasionally the computer is fed erroneous material and we lose your name and money!! Since our meetings and field trips are open to anyone, why not bring along a friend and maybe we can convince him to join us as a full member.

BIRD HOTLINE :

We do have a local telephone hotline to inform members of interesting and/or unusual bird sightings in the area. If you are interested in being included, contact Jim Akers at 266-7859 for details or see him at the meetings.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

As was noted in the last newsletter, we will be looking for new talents in various areas this fall. It is essential to have greater membership participation if we are to remain a strong and viable organization. Please consider carefully how you can best help the group effort and let us know at the meeting or by contacting any of the board members. Even if you are unable to attend the regular meetings, there are still things that you could do.

Also, if you have suggestions regarding programs, field trips, projects, or any other matters that you feel would be of interest to the organization, don't hesitate to contact any of the officers or directors. You are also welcome to attend the Board meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month from Sept. through June. Currently, meetings are held in G-201 at Stockton College and begins at 7:30 PM.

PARTICIPATION!