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The current warm spell serves notice that Spring will soon be here and reminding us once again of earth's ability to renew itself if humans don't mess things up too badly. Please also remember that March weather can be treacherous- keep those bird feeders going for a while longer.

Programs and field trips for the remainder of the spring are now set. The schedule and descriptions are on page 2 so that they may be removed for easier reference. Please note that there is a deadline for reservations for the weekend trip and also for canoe rental for that trip.

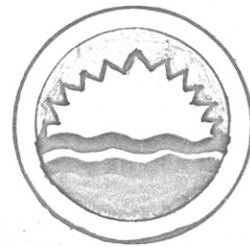
Our annual beginner's bird identification course will start on March 11, 1976. See page 3 for details and an application form. This has been expanded over last year. Additional forms may be obtained by writing to the above address.

BICENTENNIAL NEWS: The National Audubon Society is registered for Bicentennial projects and has requested that suitable chapter activities be reported to them for inclusion in published calendars of Bicentennial activities. Two proposals are currently under consideration. We will hold a paper reclamation drive if we can get a large truck to transport the paper to Vineland. Anyone knowing of the availability of such a vehicle is requested to contact the editor at 641-4670. The second project is another clean-up program which will be a bigger job than our last one and will involve other groups as well. Details will be announced at a later date.

Along the above lines, please remember that if everyone would refrain from careless discarding of cans, bottles, bags, etc. there would be a substantial improvement in our environment. Please help by removing what litter you can, and encourage others to do likewise. Let's really make this "America the Beautiful"!!

ELECTIONS: Annual election of officers and directors will take place at the April meeting. Fred Hamer has been appointed chairman of the nominating committee. All suggestions for candidates should be passed on to Fred for his committee to evaluate. Any member is eligible, and nominations can also be made from the floor.

DATE TO REMEMBER: March 20th is a most important date this year. It is the first day of Spring; it is Earth Day - 1976; and it is the last day of National Wildlife Week. This year's theme for Wildlife Week is "Save Our Wetlands". We are planning a program in conjunction with the Brigantine Refuge to incorporate all these observances into a kick-off for our Bicentennial year celebration. Your help in making this a success will be needed, so please save that date. Details will be announced in the area papers so keep an eye out for this.



NEW MEMBERS: Please come out to the meetings and introduce yourselves. We do appreciate the financial boost we get from the dues refund, but most important is your participation.

