



# The Kingfisher

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### President's Message

WELCOME BACK to the start of a new CCBC year! Your new Leadership Team for this year is now in place and we are ready to move into another year together.

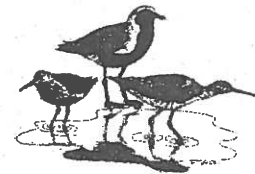
I hope you have some special Summer 2003 memories.... I know I do! Some of mine came from spending an exciting and event-filled week in Mexico with Stauffer Miller in search of the Thick-billed Parrot and other rare and endangered birds. Not only did we see most of our targeted birds, but I added 72 Life Birds on this one trip!

As I reflect on our Mexican Adventure, I can't help but realize the key role played by our Trip Leader from WINGS. His birding skills, energy, and enthusiasm made all the difference.

The same can be said for our own upcoming field trips led by CCBC Members. Our Trip Leaders offer the dedication and essential skills needed to provide the field trip participants a fun and rewarding birding experience. I encourage YOU to get more involved in our CCBC field trips this year. Let's double the number of participants AND the fun!

My best wishes for a productive and challenging new year as we enjoy birding Cape Cod in the process. As they say ... on with the show!

*Dick Jurkowski*



### CCBC PROGRAMS: SEPT. 8 & OCT. 13

#### Natural Wonders of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula

Join us **September 8th** as **Don Scott** kicks off the 2003-2004 Cape Cod Bird Club season by taking us on a journey through the natural wonders that make up The Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. Don made this trip in late 2001 with fellow CCBC members.

An active member of the Cape Cod Bird Club, Don has served on the Board as both a Director and President. Since retiring in 1989, Don has been doing extensive travel to Central and South America on birding expeditions. We are pleased to have Don start off our year!

#### Backyard Wonders of New England

Not just birds take center stage for Nature Photographer, **Lindsey Brown**, in his **October 13th** presentation, but **ALL** forms of wildlife and beautiful landscapes from New England.

Lindsey will give a presentation that has a focus on birds but will also cover other animals, from insects to mammals, which are closely tied to birds in this ecosystem. He will also discuss places to go and when to go there. He'll share techniques for getting better photos of wildlife, including the best ways to get as close as possible to your subject without stressing the animal. An informative program that you won't want to miss!

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**Oct. 13th Program** (Cont'd from page 1)

Lindsey Brown, and his wife, Kathleen, have been photographing nature professionally for almost twenty years, with photo credits in numerous books, calendars and magazines. Additionally, they have authored how-to articles for educational programs and workshops for school systems, camera clubs, birding organizations, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME**

Win & Carroll Adams – Chatham  
 Daniel P. Armstrong – E. Sandwich  
 Carol N. Brown – Yarmouth Port  
 Charles M. Donohue – Sandwich  
 Jack & Ann Harris – Mashpee  
 Henrietta Mountz – Sandwich  
 Michael & Ellen O'Malley – Forestdale  
 Susan & Gretchen Putonen, S. Dennis  
 Jan E. Young – Orleans

### Cape Cod Bird Club Programs for the Year

- ◆ **Sept 8, 2003: Don Scott**
- ◆ **Oct 13, 2003: Lindsey Brown**
- ◆ **Nov 10, 2003: Peter Westover,**  
 ◆ *"Birding Connecticut River Valley"*
- ◆ **Dec 8, 2003: MEMBERS NIGHT**
- ◆ **Jan 12, 2004: Peter Trull,**  
 ◆ *"Seabirds"*
- ◆ **Feb 9, 2004: David Spector,**  
 ◆ *"How to Mis-identify a Bird"*
- ◆ **Mar 8, 2004: Sharon Stichter,**  
 ◆ *"Migration of the Ruby-throat &*  
 ◆ *How to Attract Them"*
- ◆ **April 12, 2004: Mark Lynch,**  
 ◆ *"Birding Blackstone Valley"*
- ◆ **May 10, 2004: Peter Flood,**  
 ◆ *"Pilgrim Heights Hawkwatch"*

### Ludlow Griscom Award Recipient – Roger Everett

At the May 12th CCBC meeting, the 6th Annual Ludlow Griscom Award was presented to **Roger S. Everett**.

Roger has had a long history of helping the club and its members and has been a part of the club for more than 20 years. Elected to the Board of Directors in 1986, Roger assisted with the Programs and later became the Program Chair, bringing in fine speakers and, many times, presenting programs himself at the last minute.

An outstanding photographer of birds and wildlife, Roger has been most generous in sharing his photos with many people so they could present a more entertaining program.

The presentation was made by Mark Tuttle, last year's recipient. Congratulations, Roger!

Look for Roger's article in this issue on how his interest in photography grew into his new 'career.'

### CCBC Scholarship

For the first time in its history, the Cape Cod Bird Club offered a \$500 scholarship to a student at the Cape Cod Community College.

The scholarship required that the recipient be a Cape Cod resident, a second year Cape Cod Community College student with an excellent academic record enrolled in either the Department of Environmental Sciences or the Department of Natural Sciences, who is planning to continue his or her education in the fields of ornithology, ecology, ecological management or natural sciences related to the environment.

Nancy Dempsey of Mashpee was a perfect fit for the scholarship and Dick Jurkowski, on behalf of the Club, made the presentation at the College's 'Evening of Excellence' program May 28th.

Nancy is in the Environmental Science Program and is currently interning with the Mass Audubon Society monitoring the Piping Plovers on Popponesset Spit. She is also involved monitoring Terrapins at Sandy Neck Beach. Nancy plans to continue her studies majoring in Coastal Ecology and looks forward to a career in the environmental field.

A native of Cape Cod, Nancy is a graduate of Sandwich High School and also the mother of two teenagers.

Congratulations, Nancy! 😊

#### On Sale at Each Meeting

CCBC Decals	\$ 1.00
CCBC Checklist	.50
CCBC Patches	3.00
Camera/Binoc. Straps	12.50
CCBC Knit Hats	10.00
CCBC Caps	15.00
Organizer Packs	17.00

## Field Trips - September & October

Ginie Page, Coordinator

All are welcome to join our field trips which are free. A call or e-mail to the leader is appreciated. Please check [www.massbird.org/](http://www.massbird.org/) CCBC for additions or changes.

**Sept 2 - Tues- 11AM Matt Bailey** of the MassAudubon Coastal Waterbird program will lead a Shorebird Trip at **Long Pasture, Barnstable**. 362-7475. (To Long Pasture: From Rte 6, take Exit 7 (Willow St), go North onto Willow St for .5 mile; immediately after railroad tracks, make left onto Cross St (which ends at Rt 6-A). Turn left onto 6-A, go about .5 mile & look for white "Harbor Point Restaurant" sign on right. Turn right onto Bone Hill Rd, go thru two tight curves. When you can see water ahead, look for driveway on left. (#345 - with wooden gate). Pull into driveway & drive to building.

**Sept 6 - Sat - 8:30AM- Coast Guard Beach, Eastham.** Shorebirds in Nauset Marsh, views over the ocean, and osprey in residence. Park at the Coast Guard Station Building at the end of Doane Rd. Leader: Mark Tuttle 362-3015

**Sept 8 - Mon- 8AM- Eastham, Fort Hill.** Meet in the lower parking lot and we will look for field birds as well as the birds of the marsh. One of the Cape's most spectacular views. Leader: Ginie Page 349-6810 or [vgpage@juno.com](mailto:vgpage@juno.com)

**Sept 12 - Fri- 7:30AM- Crowes Pasture, E. Dennis.** Meet on the dirt road by the Quivet Neck Cemetery. Take School St. From 6A then make the first right onto South St; follow to the cemetery. Be prepared to walk about 3 miles. Leaders: Michael Detrey and Diane Silverstein 508-398-9484 or [birder526@aol.com](mailto:birder526@aol.com)

**Sept 18 - Thurs- 8AM-Bourne, Pocasset and Falmouth.** Meet at Gray Gables Food Market (there is a Dunkin Donuts inside) along the shore road in Bourne. We will visit several places including the Falmouth Sewage Beds. We may see or hear 60 or 70 species. Each stop has some walking. Leader: Stauffer Miller 362-3384 or [Stauffer@seepub.com](mailto:Stauffer@seepub.com)

**Sept 23 - Tues- 8AM- E. Sandwich Game Farm.** We will be looking for migrants and residents. Meet at Amari's Restaurant parking lot on 6A near Sandy Neck Road. Leader: Dick Jurkowski 428-8494 or [kingfisher229@earthlink.net](mailto:kingfisher229@earthlink.net)


**Sept-24 - Wed- 8:30AM- Harwich Area.** Meet at the Harwich Community Gardens on Sisson Rd. We will bird the gardens then move on to the South Harwich Marshes. Leaders: Nancy Reider 398-8296 & Ruth Connaughton 432-1580

**Oct-4 - Sat- 8AM- Eastham, Fort Hill.** Leader: Ginie Page. See Sept. 8.

**Oct-7 - Tues-PM North Truro.** An evening excursion to see the roosting behavior of thousands!! of swallows. Truly, this is a natural phenomenon not to be missed. Please call for time and meeting place; we may have to wait for an excellent weather report in order to see a fabulous sunset followed by the "Swallow Show." Leader: Ginie Page 349-6810

**Oct-17 - Fri- 8AM- Outer Cape Ramble.** Meet at Friendly's (on Canal St near the Orleans Rotary). From here we will venture to Corn Hill for Autumn Sparrows, etc. and then visit some other "Leaders' Hot Spots" in the Truro/Wellfleet area! Leaders: Mike and Diane 398-9484 or [birder526@aol.com](mailto:birder526@aol.com)

**Oct-19 - Sun -8AM- Marstons Mills.** Meet at the Post Office in Marstons Mills (just off River Road). We will visit a variety of sites in Marstons Mills and nearby portions of Cotuit, probably finishing around 11AM. Leader: Stauffer Miller, 362-3384 or [stauffer@seepub.com](mailto:stauffer@seepub.com)

**Oct-21 - Tues-8AM- E. Sandwich Game Farm.** Leader: Dick Jurkowski. See Sept. 23. 

## Field Trips - 2002-2003 Report

Ginie Page


We had 43 trips this past year, Sept 2002-Aug 2003. Twenty leaders led trips averaging about 10 participants. Approximately 180 species were reported which includes the shorebird total during the summer trips.

Our off-Cape trip to Bristol County in January led by Stauffer Miller tallied 60 species, including an oblivious woodcock who entertained us for a slow dance across the road. A follow-up trip to Bristol county, in March, yielded 54

species including a White-fronted Goose.

An expedition to the North Shore in April produced 73 species.

Our May 'Trip to the 'City' treated 13 Cape Codders to 80 species in Mt Auburn Cemetery; a great day for thrushes and warblers!

A big thank you to all leaders and trip participants. Special thanks to Stauffer, Mike and Diane for leading over 10 trips! See you in the field! 

## AUTUMN CAPE COD

Robert F. Pease

Heat and humidity past,  
long wondrous fall beginning,  
cool nights, bright sunny days  
each shorter than the last,  
birds moving, tourists leaving,  
marshes going ochre, purple  
beige,  
night skies clear,  
stars needles of light  
in the bottomless  
blackness of space.

## What's Around

Ron Ayotte

*This article on birds seen on Cape Cod is based on personal observations, supplemented by information from the Rare Bird Alerts (RBAs) of MassAudubon. It roughly follows the outline of Birding Cape Cod published by the Club and MassAudubon. Very common birds are omitted.*

**Beech Forest, Provincetown, April 30:** Great Blue Heron, Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Tree Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped, Pine and Palm warblers, Eastern Towhee, Chipping, Song and White-throated sparrows.

**West Barnstable, Marstons Mills, May 5:** Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Greater Yellowlegs, Great Crested Flycatcher, Barn Swallow, Gray Catbird, Yellow and Prairie warblers, Ovenbird, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Baltimore Oriole.

**Beech Forest, Provincetown, May 7:** Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Eastern Screech-owl (heard), Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Common Raven, Barn Swallow, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, Pine, Palm and Black-and-white warblers, Northern Parula, Eastern Towhee, Chipping and Song sparrows, Baltimore Oriole. **MassAudubon RBA (Pilgrim Heights, N. Truro):** Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, American Kestrel. (Elsewhere on Cape): Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Indigo Bunting, Black-crowned Night-heron, Red-throated Loon, Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker.

**Beech Forest, Provincetown, May 12 & 14:** Chimney Swift, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Empidonax sp. Flycatcher (probably Willow Flycatcher), Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Tree and Barn swallows, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Veery, Northern Parula, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Pine, Palm, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, and Wilson's warblers, American Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellow-throat, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Towhee, Chipping, Song, White-throated and White-crowned sparrows, Rose-

breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole, Purple Finch. **MassAudubon RBA (elsewhere on Cape)** Black Skimmer, Indigo Bunting, Whip-poor-will, Nashville and Yellow warblers, Spotted Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Willet, Dunlin, American Oystercatcher.

**Fresh Brook, Marconi Beach, Wellfleet, May 20:** Northern Gannet, Osprey, Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged and Red-tailed hawks, Laughing Gull, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied, Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Great Crested Flycatcher; Tree, Northern Rough-winged and Bank swallows, Red- and White-breasted nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Parula, Yellow, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Blackburnian, Pine, Prairie, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, and Wilson's warblers, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole.

**Beech Forest, Provincetown, May 19 & 21:** Spotted Sandpiper, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Warbling and Red-eyed vireos, Tree and Barn swallows, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Veery, Wood Thrush, Northern Parula, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Pine, Blackpoll and Black-and-white warblers, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee, Chipping and Song sparrows, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole.

**Beech Forest, Provincetown, May 28:** Spotted Sandpiper, Downy Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Warbling and Red-eyed vireos; Tree, Bank and Barn swallows, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Swainson's and Hermit thrushes, Northern Parula, Yellow, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Pine, Prairie, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Black-and-white, Wilson's and Canada warblers, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee, Chipping and Song sparrows, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finch. **MassAudubon RBA:** Indigo Bunting, Orchard Oriole, Summer Tanager, Blue-headed and Philadelphia vireos.

**Early June, MassAudubon RBA:** Yellow-nosed Albatross, Sandhill Crane, Red-

throated and Common loons, Sooty Shearwater, Wilson's and Leach's storm-petrels, Northern Gannet, Red-breasted Merganser, Piping Plover, Common Nighthawk, Whip-poor-will, Chuck-will's Widow, Black-crowned Night-heron, Green Heron, Marsh Wren, Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Meadowlark, Cedar Waxwing, Field, Savannah and Grasshopper sparrows, Purple Martin, Chimney Swift, Black-billed Cuckoo.

**Late June, MassAudubon RBA:** Whimbrel, Black and Arctic terns, Sooty and Greater shearwaters, Black Skimmer, Brown Creeper, Eastern Screech Owl, Sora and Virginia rails (calling), Chuck-will's-widow, Wild Turkey.

**South Beach, Chatham, July 3:** Snowy Egret, Common Eider, Black-bellied Plover, American Oystercatcher, Willet, Hudsonian Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Laughing and Ring-billed gulls, Roseate and Common terns, Horned Lark, Barn Swallow. **MassAudubon RBA (Chatham):** Greater, Sooty and Manx shearwaters, Parasitic Jaeger, Wilson's Storm-petrel, Northern Gannet; Arctic and Forster's terns.

**North Monomoy, Chatham, July 18:** Great and Snowy egrets, American Black Duck, Black-bellied and Semipalmated plovers, American Oystercatcher, Greater and Lesser yellowlegs, Whimbrel, Semipalmated and Least sandpipers, Laughing Gull, Common Tern, Tree and Northern Rough-winged swallows, Savannah, Salt-marsh Sharp-tailed and Song sparrows.

**South Beach, Chatham, July 25 & 30:** Common Loon, Greater Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-petrel, Great and Snowy egrets, White-winged Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, Osprey, Black-bellied, Semipalmated and Piping plovers, American Oystercatcher, Greater and Lesser yellowlegs, Willet, Whimbrel, Hudsonian and Marbled godwits, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderling, Semipalmated and Least sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitcher, Laughing and Ring-billed gulls, Roseate, Common, Arctic and Black terns, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Savannah Sparrow. **MassAudubon RBA:** Manx Shearwater, White-rumped and Western sandpipers. (Elsewhere on Cape): Royal, Black and Forster's terns, Northern Harrier, Tri-colored Heron.

## A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to Retirement

Roger S. Everett

I've been asked to write an article on how I became involved in photographing birds. So here goes.

In 1972, I sold my baseball card collection and purchased my first serious camera – a Nikkomat. (If I'd kept the baseball cards and sold them today, I probably could have purchased an entire camera shop.) I joined a very serious competitive camera club. They taught me composition and how to take the best pictures under various conditions. I worked very hard but, in competitions, these veterans made my photos look amateurish. So one of them suggested I specialize in a subject and concentrate on that area. I purchased a macro lens and started photographing butterflies, bugs, and blossoms. I began to improve in the competitions. A fellow who ran our company's photo lab offered me a Nikon 200 to 600 mm zoom lens. This changed my life.

In 1977, I gave up 27 years as an avid golfer and began to photograph birds. I enjoyed the challenge and began to study the various birds' behavior to get better photos. With my wife, Corinne's, help, we built a rather crude bird blind (which I still use) so I could get closer to my subjects. Prior to that, I was using a cellar bulkhead and a blanket with a hole cut in it which gave me a close view of our feeder area.

With the new long lens, I began to go to the woods and beaches and to Florida, on annual trips. My pile of slides began to grow and people were showing interest in them, especially at the camera club.

Now I had a problem. What was the identity of the many birds in the slides? I knew a few, but the rest were unknown. So I began to send the slides to Mass Audubon in Lincoln and they passed them on to Dick Forster for identification. This resulted in the friendship of a

wonderful man and an incredibly lucky opportunity for me. Dick not only told me the names of the birds in the photos but also encouraged me by telling about places to go to take pictures. He also asked for copies of some of the slides for the Mass Audubon Library. (They must have hundreds of my slides now.)

Knowing how I had approached bird photography, Dick asked if I had slides of crows, starlings, grackles, house sparrows, etc. He said no one ever took pictures of them so there were none in their library. I, of course, had them all.

One story that had a big impact in my quest to become a bird photographer happened at our home in Mansfield, MA in 1979, when I was just getting started. On a cold March morning, Corinne called me at work and said there was a strange bird at our feeder. I came home, photographed it, and in a few days sent the slides to Dick. Soon Dick called asking, "Where did Roger photograph this bird?" Corinne answered, "In our backyard. Let me look. Yes, it's there now." Dick asked if they could send someone right away so Dave Clapp (then the manager at Moose Hill in Sharon) soon arrived. The bird was very cooperative and Dave got good looks. The bird was a Brambling (a European bird) and it was one of the first sightings in the US. I figured that if this bird picked our yard to feed, it was a sign that bird photography was in my future.

I joined Mass Audubon and spent many hours at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and with Wallace and Priscilla Bailey. These two wonderful people were extremely helpful in expanding my knowledge of birds and challenging me to go after the rarer birds. One day, Wallace said to me, "I just heard the call of a White-winged Dove out in the sanctuary, but you'll never get it. It's too hard to find." That was his

way of getting me to go out and search. I was successful, got the photo, and proudly gave Wallace a copy. One of my fondest memories occurred when Wallace called me to join him on a boat trip to Monomoy to find the rare Black-tailed Godwit. I happened to see it first and had the thrill of pointing out a life bird to Wallace Bailey!

In 1985, I took early retirement, moved full-time to Brewster and devoted full time to photography. I joined the Cape Cod Bird Club and met Blair Nikula who took care of all my needs to identify the birds in my slides. He has also been incredibly helpful in pointing me in the right direction to find the birds.

Prior to 1985, people who attended my slide shows asked for prints of specific birds. This led to Corinne and I making up an inventory of prints and displaying them at Arts & Craft Shows. Our first one was the Chatham Creative Arts Festival. We were completely unprepared for the interest in our bird photos. So after moving to the Cape, we began participating in shows all around New England. I had to change my technique of trying to photograph the birds as close as possible; I had to now move back and include the habitat around the bird. This was necessary as we were competing at the shows with artists who could paint the birds in any setting they wished. This was a real challenge. The demand for slide shows grew rapidly as Bob Prescott and Mike O'Connor sent people my way. Now, Corinne and I realized we had quite a business on our hands and it has kept us very busy during our 'retirement.'

It has been fun for us as we've traveled to add to our life list. Our list is a little different in that *just seeing* a bird doesn't count. We

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## You Know You're a Birder If ...


by John Lincoln

- 1) You own 2 or more pair of binoculars. You refer to one pair as your "special pair."
- 2) You watch golf or movies and try to identify the birds in the background.
- 3) You listen to "birding by ear" and try to identify the birds in the background, as well as the primary bird.
- 4) Your "field guide" looks like it's been run over several times by your car.
- 5) A "walk" that takes most people 10 minutes, takes you an hour!
- 6) You find yourself repeating phrases like "drink your tea", "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all." and "Old Sam, Peabody, Peabody, Peabody." when you actually hear that bird singing.
- 7) You find yourself "peeshing" at every little noise in the woods. You find yourself "peeshing" at people!
- 8) If a bird is injured, flies into a neighbor's window, falls out of a nest — you're the FIRST person called.
- 9) Your friends refer to you as "birdguy," "birdgirl," "the birder" or "your birding friend."
- 10) You've had many "near misses" on the road because you were looking at birds or fly-overs over your car.
- 11) You've actually gotten up before sunrise on a weekend morning. (staying out all night doesn't count).
- 12) You're familiar with or actually use the following terms: "Warbler neck," "Uppie," "Sharpie," "Savvy," "Maggie"
- 13) The following report makes you sad: "We've seen several Blackpoll warblers today"
- 14) You have clothes that you designate as "your birding clothes"
- 15) Sleep during migration???

neighbor's window, falls out of a nest — you're the FIRST person called.

Roger Everett (Cont'd from page 5)

have to get a *recognizable image* of the bird on a slide. Experts like Blair and Wayne Peterson have been a great help in keeping this life list accurate. Today, we have 481 species on film. These have all been taken from Maine to Florida on the East Coast, plus Texas, Arizona, California, and Oregon. Also included are 29 from England/Europe and 17 from the Caribbean. The last two added to the list are the Eurasian Kestrel in Chatham and the Calliope Hummingbird in Eastham.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the members of the Cape Cod Bird Club for the thrill of being selected for the 2003 Ludlow Griscom award. It was an exciting but humbling experience as I have so many people to thank for their help along the way. 



### Looking For:

**DONATIONS** for the CCBC Basket that the Club is putting together to donate to the Museum of Natural History for their Sept. 21st Fund-raising Auction. If you have something pertaining to birds or nature that you'd like to donate, let us hear from you. Call 508-428-8494.

**PARTICIPANTS** for the Dec. 8th **MEMBER NIGHT!** Contact Barbara Stanton if you would like to be on the program!

**BIRDERS** — Have you ever wanted to join a bird trip — a day trip or maybe an over-nighter? Don't worry if you're a fairly new birder or don't want to drive. Let us hear from you! Talk to us at a meeting, write, email, or give us a call.

Let us hear from YOU!

## Crowes Pasture Update

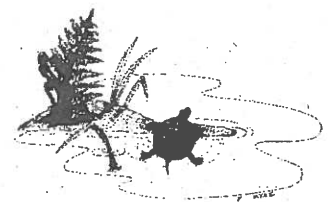
In our last newsletter, Diane Silverstein wrote about Crowes Pasture, a 33 acre parcel Dennis, MA residents were fighting to protect for conservation land. Once a cow pasture, Crowes Pasture consists of vernal pools, marshes, fresh water ponds, fields and duned beaches facing Cape Cod Bay. Diane referred to it as a 'Cape Treasure.'

In 2002, Mike Dettrey, Diane, Ginie Page and others volunteered to do periodic bird surveys and over 55 species of birds were recorded in this area. This year, Diane, Don Scott, Wil Sprauve, and Jason Cormier have been conducting weekly bird surveys that will continue for a one year period. Additional species since the 2002 surveys have been recorded including Orchard Oriole, Cooper's Hawk, and Great Horned Owl.

At a special town meeting in June, Dennis residents unanimously voted to purchase the land using town land bank funds. The \$4.9 million purchase price was more than some had expected but the Land Bank Chairman expects much of the money will be reimbursed by the Dennis Conservation Trust along with other organization and government grants.

This land acquisition protects a very special area of approximately 150 acres.

Join Diane and Mike for a field trip there on **Friday, Sept. 12th at 7:30AM.**





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### The Cape Cod Bird Club Inc.

is an organization whose members are interested in the protection and conservation of the bird life and natural resources of Cape Cod.

If you are interested in joining, please send a check for \$10 single membership, \$15 family membership to:

**CCBC, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History  
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