

CAPE COD BIRD CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1987

Welcome everybody to a new year of activity for our bird club. I'm proud to be your new president and must speak right out in saying welcome and thank-you to our board of directors for helping me out over the last couple of weeks. The experience of past presidents John Redfern, Blair Nikula and Charlotte Smith has been of great guidance to me, both in encouraging some of my new ideas for the club as well as telling me some of my plans are outright corny. I'm psyched to work with all of you! Just briefly, four areas I plan to concentrate my energy on are avian housing, including a revamping of the blue-bird nesting program, fund-raising, a major project which will enhance the other three (all ideas are welcome!) With Roger Everetts help I would like to bring some exciting programs to our monthly meetings. There are many of you who have been members for a long time, who may not be active birders but wouldn't miss a meeting. Your support is appreciated and you deserve top notch programs. I realize of course that all of us look forward to our monthly programs. And our club should support ongoing research in the field of Ornithology, both locally and nationally. Is that four? Well, all right then, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on September 14th.

MEETINGS: September 14, 7:45 P.M. Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.

"Alaska, A State of Constant Beauty" During June and July of this year, 11 people, 9 of whom were club members, led by Blair what's his name, toured Alaska for 3 weeks. They birded, photographed and otherwise took in all of the beauty this magnificent land offers. Blair, Dee Forst, Bob Scott and Bill Strahle will share their photographs and adventures with us. Of course the accent will be on the avian fauna but you can bet on some local scenery and mammal life forms.

Monday, October 12, 7:45 P.M. Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.

"Antarctica and the Scotia Arc" Mr. John Fuller, Board Member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Trustee of the Manomet Bird Observatory and photographer par excellence will present a photographic tour of the Antarctic peninsula. Mr. Fuller has photographed wildlife from the Gaspé Peninsula to the Antarctic and is best known for his work in avian photography. He has been recognized as a 4 star exhibitor by the Photographic Society of America and has shown his work internationally.

WALKS: September 19, 8:00 A.M. Morris IS. Chatham, meet at south end of the causeway to Morris Is.. Peter Trull 945-4391
September 19 - 20, MBO Bird-a-thon, details below

September 17, 8:00 A.M. Yarmouthport, Meet at the playground at Rt. 6A & Union St. Charlotte Smith 362-6891

September 22, Hawkwatch, 10:00 A.M. Marconi site observation deck, Wellfleet. Audubon Society Naturalist 349-2615
walks continued-over

BIRD-A-THON PLEDGE

(detach and mail to: Bird-a-thon, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Rt. 6A, Brewster, MA 02631)

I pledge _____ per species seen during the Bird-a-thon weekend of Sept. 19 - 20

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ zip _____

Please mail no later than September 18,

WALKS: continued,

September 24, 8:00 A.M. Harwich Meet at the conservation area on Bell's Neck Rd. (off Gt. Western Rd.) in W. Harwich
John Redfern 432-6420

September 26, 8:00 A.M. Mashpee. Meet at the South Cape Beach Parking Lot. Peter Trimble 477-3847

October 15, Yarmouthport 8:00 A.M. (Same as Sept. 17)

October 17, Monomoy Is. 8:00 A.M. Meet at Refuge Hdqtrs.

Morris Is. \$17.00/person, limit 10 people--Peter Trull 945-4391 before 8:00 in the evening

October 20, 8:00 A.M. Wellfleet, meet at WBWS - Audubon

Naturalist 349-2615

October 24, Mashpee, 8:00 A.M. (Same as Sept. 26)

October 22, Harwich, 8:00 A.M. (Same as Sept. 24)

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Activities.

The sanctuary will offer hawkwatches during September and October at the Marconi Beach Observation Deck. The dates are: September 15, 17, 22, 24 and 29

October 1, 6 and 8 All start at 10:00 A.M.

These Hawkwatches have recorded large #s of birds in the past couple of years and can be pretty fullfilling!

ALSO - The sanctuary will offer 2 pelagic birding and marine mammal trips, P-town to Chatham & back. Sept. 13 and Oct 11. 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

ALSO - Two Cape Cod Bay Birding Trips. Sept. 10 & 17, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Leaves Wellfleet Harbour. Call 349-2615

If you have not yet paid your dues this year, please send a check (\$8 family, \$5 individual) to Art King, 23 Maple Lane, Brewster 02631

I'll give more indepth info regarding the bird-a-thon at the meeting but briefly -- Proceeds raised by the bird club will be divided evenly between the Manomet Bird Observatory and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. Susan Lindquist, new director at the Museum suggested that the money raised by the bird club for the museum be specifically targeted toward the new birds and environment exhibit at the museum. This would be mainly restoration of many mounted bird specimens and moving them to a new area in the new wing. We'll discussit at the Board meeting. Hopefully, all club members will make a generous pledge (about 160 species are expected)

Here's hoping that a lot of you get out to enjoy the fall migration. Remember that all warblers are not confusing - lots of males still have bright colors, and when you're looking at a small bird, trying to figure out what kind of warbler it is, consider that it might be a vireo. Look at the beak. Remember --don't lump them together as a confusing mass, separate them as individuals. Go to Morris Island and look at shorebirds too! Ten or more species can be seen now. Look at leg length, bill length and breast pattern when identifying the sandpipers and plovers. Oh God!! I'm gonna have to narrow my margins, I can't believe I'm out of space! I've got so much more to talk about. I promise I'll put it in the next newsletter. Maybe a page 2..... See you on 9/14.



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