

COMING EVENTS

PROGRAM

OCTOBER 10: Dr. Bob Herndon, an enthusiastic and excellent nature photographer, will present an evening of slides taken on our wildlife refuges--many during our field trips. Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Swansfield Elementary School.

FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: A local trip (Lake Elkhorn) for beginners. Jay Sheppard and Tom Moyer, leaders. Where do you find birds and how do you identify them? This will be a one-half day trip. Meet at Swansfield Elementary School parking lot at 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12: Meet at Swansfield Elementary School parking lot at 7:30 a.m. for the second of the monthly half-day trips to various areas within Howard County. The trip will be over before lunch but a thermos of coffee may be welcome. Nan Rhineland, leader.

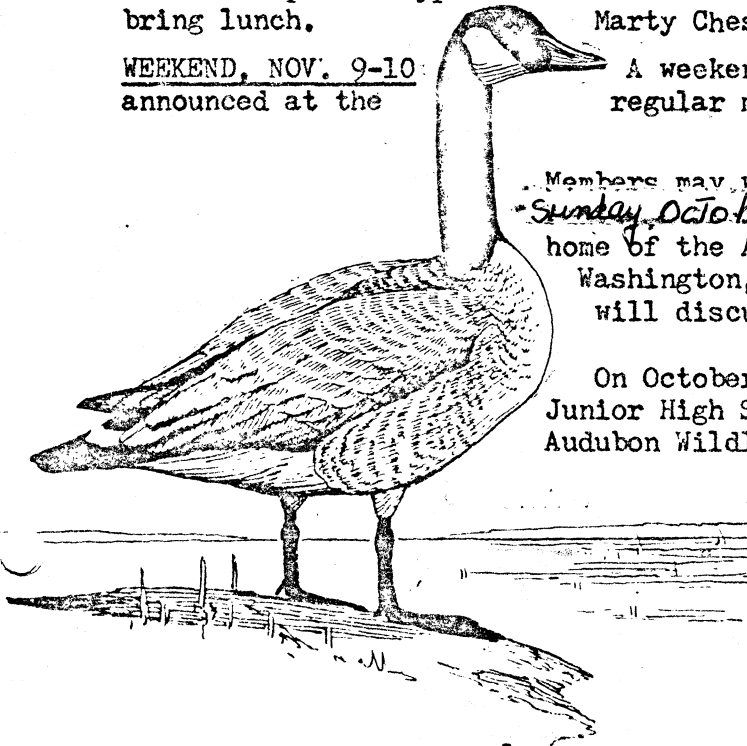
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and Little Creek in Delaware. Just about the greatest place to be this time of year to see a spectacular sight of thousands of geese. By all means, bring cameras. This is all day--meet at Swansfield Elementary School parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and expect to be home around 5. bring lunch. Irv. Klaas, leader.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2: Meet at Swansfield Elementary School parking lot at 7:30 a.m. for a trip to South Mountain to observe hawk migration and perhaps, a side trip to Lilypond for ducks and heron. This will end mid-afternoon so bring lunch. Marty Chestem, leader.

WEEKEND, NOV. 9-10: A weekend photography trip. Details will be announced at the regular meeting or call Bob Herndon--730-0942.

Members may wish to attend a Sunday afternoon tea on ~~Sunday~~ October 27, 4 p.m. at Woodend, the beautiful home of the Audubon Naturalist Society, 8940 Jones Mill Rd Washington, D. C. Guest speaker is Dr. Irv Klass who will discuss the breeding of barn owls in captivity.

On October 11 (Friday) at 8 p.m. at the Dumbarton Junior High School in Baltimore there will be an Audubon Wildlife film lecture, "The Living Ocean" concerning the eastern coast from Nova Scotia to the northern area of Florida. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 under 18 years.



From Conservation News, July 1, 1974:

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS HAVE UNCOVERED AN OKLAHOMA RING OF 28 TRAFFICKERS IN ILLEGAL EAGLE AND MIGRATORY BIRD PARTS AND FEATHERS. ALMOST TWO DOZEN DIFFERENT BIRD SPECIES--INCLUDING BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES AND SEVEN KINDS OF HAWKS--WERE INVOLVED IN AN OPERATION MANUFACTURING AMERICAN INDIAN ARTIFACTS, A MARKET WHICH HAS BOOMED IN RECENT YEARS. INCLUDED IN THE HAUL WERE THREE LIVE FALCONS AND ABOUT 40,000 FEATHERS, SOME WITH FRESH MEAT STILL ATTACHED. THE LUCRATIVE MARKET CURRENTLY SEES EAGLE CARCASSES SELLING ON THE BLACK MARKET FOR UP TO \$125 EACH. WING AND TAIL FEATHERS ARE USED FOR WAR BONNETS AND CEREMONIAL DRESS. AS MANY AS 10 EAGLES MUST BE KILLED TO MAKE ONE WAR BONNET. ONE FAN MADE SOLELY FROM THE TAIL FEATHERS OF SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER, WHICH SOLD FOR \$650, REQUIRED THE KILLING OF 38 BIRDS. MOST OF THE MANUFACTURED ARTIFACTS ARE PASSED OFF AS AUTHENTIC ANTIQUE ART OBJECTS, USUALLY WITH SPLENDID HISTORICAL ANECDOTES ATTACHED TO EACH TO INCREASE ITS PRICE.

How many readers noted the picture of Pauline de Rothschild in the Baltimore Sun Sunday Magazine Section on June 9 last summer? The article was a flattering portrayal of her glamorous life and the caption under the picture noted: "She wears a brown velvet coat and carries a fan made of eagle feathers." (underlining by editor).

HOWARD COUNTY BIRD TRIP REPORT

The weather was spectacular--a beautiful September morning and if you were not one of the 15 birders on the first field trip of the season, you missed a pleasant experience and a few surprises. David Holmes, leader, selected the Orange Grove-Ilchester area of Patapsco State Park as the site of the first of the planned monthly bird trips in Howard County. The warblers were numerous and confusing as always this time of year and some could not be definitely identified but among those that stayed in view long enough for appropriate field markings to be seen were Tennessee, redstart, magnolia, bay-breasted, chestnut-sided, and black and white. The highlight of the trip was a pileated woodpecker that flew across the river and was sharply visible in the bright sunlight against the blue sky. And then, as if it knew some of the birders missed it, the handsome woodpecker made a return flight so it was seen by all. Also great, was the sighting of four broad-winged and one immature red-shouldered hawks

There were 41 species for the trip which ended about 11 a.m. Check the field trip schedule for our next local trip--birds of Howard County, after all, are our main concern.

PELAGIC TRIPS

This season there will be ocean cruises to the Continental Shelf and Baltimore Canyon, 50-65 miles off the Maryland Coast. All trips leave from Ocean City and the cost is \$15.00 per person. The schedule: Sat., Oct. 19; Sat., Nov. 23; Sat., Jan. 11; Sat., Feb. 1; Sun., Feb. 2; Sat., Mar. 8; Sat., Apr. 19; Sun., Apr. 27; and Sat., May 31. This notice is only to let our readers know there are these trips available but if one is not knowledgeable about what to expect on these sea outings and also, to make reservations contact Richard A. Rowlett, 715 Main St., Apt. 5, Laurel, Maryland, 20810 (301-498-6091).