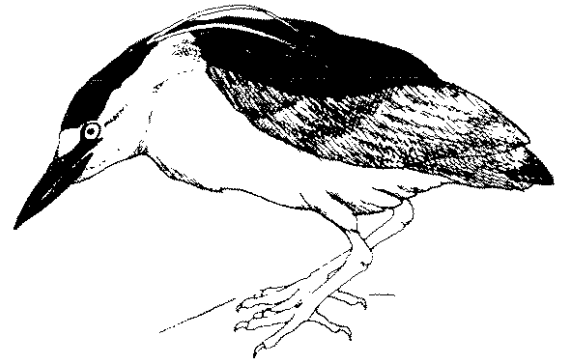


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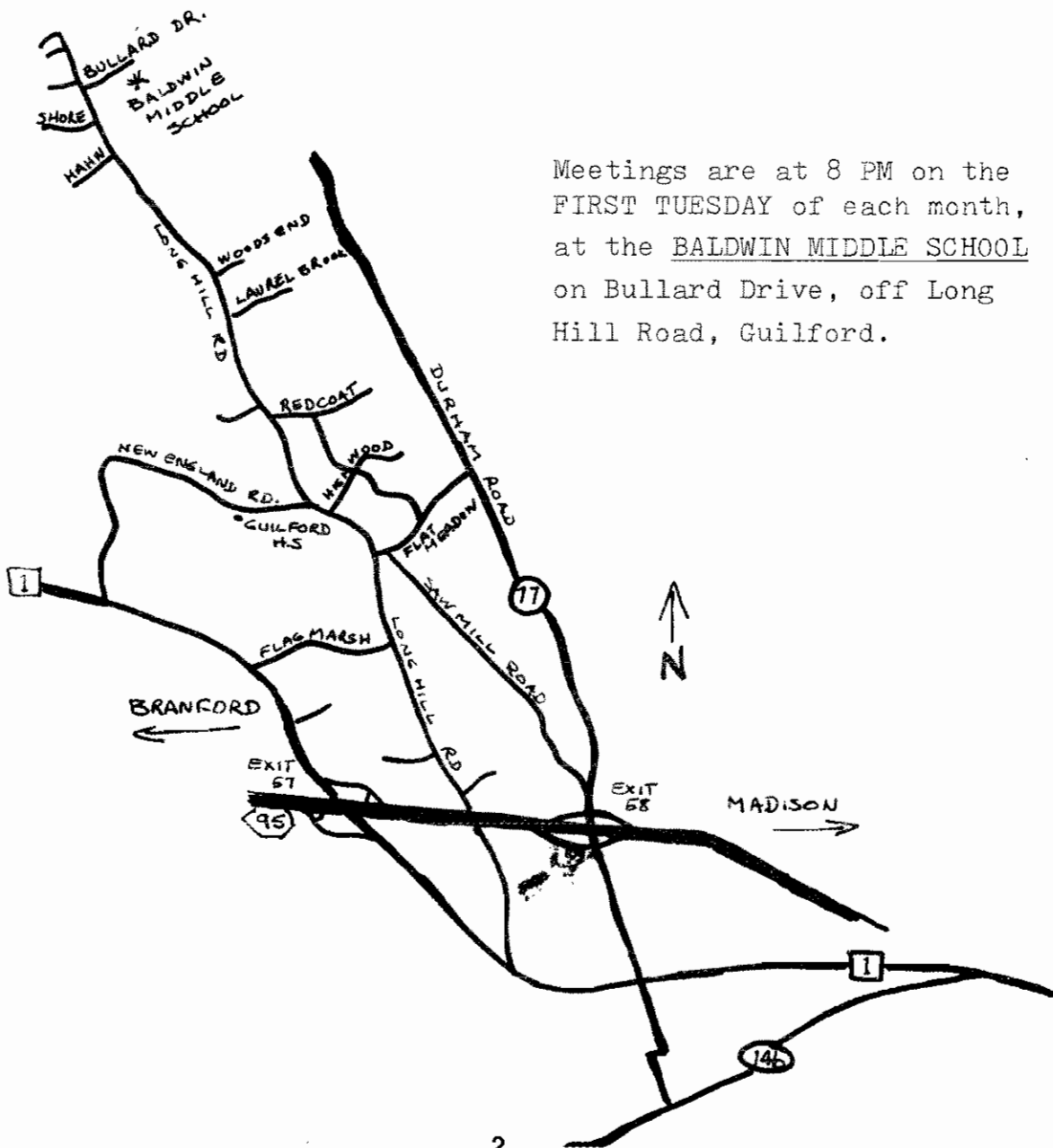
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The NEW HAVEN BIRD CLUB meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM, with a Field Trip on the following Saturday. The evening meetings are usually held at the Peabody Museum. For information on specific programs, etc., call: Mrs. George Letis, 467-7505, or Mrs. Fred Sibley, 453-9345.

4th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT BIRD CONFERENCE

Sponsored by
National Audubon Society
Northeast Region

Connecticut birds and farmlands will be the focus of the 4th Annual Connecticut Bird Conference to be held Saturday, April 28, 1984.

Bluebirds, meadowlarks, bobolinks, and other species that are dependent on special habitat areas including the State's disappearing farmlands will be special topics of presentations. There will be a program on the new Natural Diversity Data Base that is co-sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and National Audubon Society. The breeding bird atlas information will be an integral part of this exciting new project. A review of the 1983 field discoveries and information on the 1984 season for the breeding bird atlas project will also be highlighted during the day.

The new editor of American Birds, John Farrand, Jr., is expected to be on hand to share a session too. It should prove to be another productive conference for the statewide network of birders.

Field trips will be held throughout the state on Sunday, April 29th.

4th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT BIRD CONFERENCE

Sponsored by
National Audubon Society
Northeast Region

Saturday, April 28, 1984
Memorial Union
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Southern Connecticut State University
New Haven, Connecticut

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CHAPTER _____

AFFILIATE _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION \$10

BUFFET LUNCH (optional) \$6.50 Deadline for lunch reservation - April 23
(Food is not allowed in the Memorial Union for any who decide to bring lunch.)

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society, Special Account and designate "registration" and/or "lunch" on the check.

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Return to: Jean Case
Northeast Regional Office
National Audubon Society
RR 1, Box 171
Sharon, Connecticut 06069

For further information:
203/364-0520

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

June 15,16,17, 1984

Bowdoin College

"Maine: A Season for All People"
From Spuds to Puffins

Brunswick, Maine

You are invited to join with hundreds of other Audubon members from across the Northeast Region and attend the National Audubon Society's Northeast Regional Conference (June 15,16,17) at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, near the coast.

Bowdoin College campus is modest in size and exhibits good planning and exceptional beauty. The location is ideal for access to exciting field trip opportunities and the facilities should prove to be very beneficial to our workshop sessions.

The focus of the conference will be on the great variety of natural resources of the State of Maine and many Maine experts have been lined up to make special presentations and lead workshops. In addition, Audubon interest areas for chapter leaders will be targeted and participants can expect to leave the conference with a clear understanding of what National Audubon is doing on the regional and national level. Of special interest to many will be three separate workshop topics on education, including youth education.

A wide array of exhibits will be presented by state agencies, Audubon chapters, and sister conservation organizations. And the Audubon Bookshelf will be open during the entire conference weekend.

The conference will officially open on Saturday morning June 16, with a keynote address by Dr. Russell Peterson, President of the National Audubon Society. Dr. Peterson is a key spokesman for the national and international conservation movement and has lead the Society into a number of new challenging opportunities in political action and education.

Our appreciation is extended to the leaders and members of three host chapters - Merrymeeting Audubon Society, Mid-Coast Audubon Society, and York County Audubon Society, who have provided all of you with unique field trips opportunities as depicted in this program of activities and events.

We look forward to an exciting, productive, and enjoyable time together in the Vacationland State where chapter interests range from spuds to puffins.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

June 15,16,17, 1984

Bowdoin College

Brunswick, Maine

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CHAPTER _____ AFFILIATE _____

OTHER _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: \$20.00 Please make check payable to Marshal T. Case,
Special Account

RETURN TO: Jean Case, Conference Coordinator
Northeast Regional Office
National Audubon Society
RR 1, Box 171
Sharon, Connecticut 06060

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Thursday, June 14, 1984

MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM _____ Fee: \$5.00 per person (children 15 and under \$1.50)

MUSCONGUS BAY - PUFFIN TRIP _____ Fee: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch)

Friday, June 15, 1984

MORSE MOUNTAIN _____ Fee: \$5.00 per person (children 12 and under \$2.00)

WHALE TRIP _____ Fee: \$22.00 per person (snack bar available on boat)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Please make check payable to Marshal T. Case, Special Account
and designate "field trip" on the check.

RETURN TO: Jean Case, Conference Coordinator
Northeast Regional Office
National Audubon Society
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Sharon, Connecticut 06069

FIELD TRIPS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS

Thursday, June 14, 1984

MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM

½ day (8 a.m.-noon) Fee: \$5.00 per person (children 15 and under \$1.50) Limit: 75
Maine's seafaring heritage is shown through a wide variety of displays and a working
shipyard at this museum in Bath. The Percy and Small Shipyard has been restored to
operating condition, and boatbuilders may be observed applying their skills on a
number of vessels.

MUSCONGUS BAY - PUFFIN TRIP

All day - Fee: \$15.00 per person (Includes lunch) Limit: 60
This boat trip into Muscongus Bay will view the island habitats typical of the coast
of Maine, circle Eastern Egg Rock to observe Atlantic Puffins and visit a typical island
to walk and study habitats. Common eiders, black guillemots, herons, ospreys, terns and
gulls may also be seen. In addition, harbor seals may be seen basking on the ledges.

Friday, June 15, 1984

MORSE MOUNTAIN

½ day (8 a.m.-noon) Fee: \$5.00 per person (children 12 and under \$2.00)
This area is composed of a mile of beach, open ocean, salt marsh, and woodland. It is
the northern-most breeding site for piping plovers and least terns. Seabirds may be
observed offshore, and warblers are common in the wooded sections.

WHALE TRIP

All day - Fee: \$22.00 per person (snack bar available on boat)
The whale watch is an exciting adventure into the Atlantic Ocean twenty miles off of
Portsmouth, N.H. The trip will focus on finding whales, dolphins, harbor seals, and
seabirds. Many of these can be seen at close range, allowing for easy viewing and
photographing. Experts will be on hand to assist in identifying these creatures.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

June 15-17, 1984

Single: \$82.00 per stay
Double: \$66.00 per stay, per person
Triple: \$60.00 per stay, per person

Rates include: Two nights lodging (Friday, Saturday)
two breakfasts (Saturday, Sunday)
two lunches (Saturday, Sunday)
one lobster bake (Saturday)
(SUBTRACT \$9.00 FROM ABOVE RATES IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO ATTEND
THE LOBSTER BAKE BUT PREFER THE REGULAR SATURDAY EVENING MEAL)

- * Check-in time: 2:00 p.m.- midnight (special arrangements for arrival after midnight may be made by calling the college (207) 725-8731 Ext. 421.
- Check-out time: 2:00 p.m.
- * No credit will be given for meals missed or early departure.
- * A \$30.00 deposit per room is required when making reservations.
- * Make checks payable to Bowdoin College and mail to the Office of Special and Summer Programs, Coles Tower, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine 04011.
- * All reservations must be received prior to Thursday, May 31, 1984, accompanied by your deposit. Late reservations will be accepted upon availability.
- * Sorry, no credit cards.

** Early arrivals or those who wish to stay after the conference - see below.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY - NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Please print or type

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Business _____

Residence _____

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED _____ NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ROOM _____

NAME OF PERSONS IN YOUR ROOM _____

ANTICIPATED TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

DO YOU WISH THE LOBSTER BAKE? CHECK ONE PLEASE: yes ___ no ___

**NOTE: Room rates of \$30.00 single, \$24.00 double and \$18.00 triple are available for early arrivals on Wednesday or Thursday and for those who wish to stay after the conference. (Meals not included but available.)

WANTED!

Volunteers are needed to help with the NATURALISTS' FESTIVAL, sponsored by the Menunkatuck Audubon Society and the Baldwin Outdoor Education Center, to be held on Saturday October 13, 1984.

We need people for the following committees: program, food, announcer, exhibits, tickets, parking, publicity, and fesival brochure. If you can help, please contact:

Ellen Ebersole 453-6886

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Opportunities to work at an Audubon Ecology Camp are available for this summer. Send your letter of interest and a resume for the positions shown below:

Audubon Ecology Workshop in Connecticut

Head Cook
Assistant Cook
Student Assistant (Kitchen)
Student Assistant (Lodgekeeper)
Physical Environment Instructor

Apply to: Jean C. Porter, Director, Audubon Ecology
Audubon Ecology Workshop
613 Riversville Road, Greenwich CT 06830

Audubon Ecology Camp in Maine

Head Cook
Assistant Cook
Student Assistant (Kitchen)

Apply to: John Johansen, Jr., Manager
Audubon Ecology Camp in Maine
Keene Neck Road, Melomak ME 04551

LEAST TERN & PIPING PLOVER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Once again, biologist Julie Zickefoose will be working on the Least Tern/Piping Plover Recovery Program, under the auspices of the Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Although the colony at Menunketesuck Island, the largest in the state, experienced severe depredations from Black-crowned Night Herons with a gastronomic predilection for tern chicks, several other areas enjoyed relatively successful fledgings in 1983. However, both species face great pressures from habitat destruction, food shortages, human disturbance, and environmental pollution.

This year, Lyme birdcarver and artist Robert Braunfield will make a flock of painted decoys to help convince the birds to settle on Conservancy land at Griswold Point, an idea suggested by Roger Tory Peterson.

If you would like to assist in the Recovery Program by donating time and/or money contact:

Julie Zickefoose
Least Tern/Piping Plover Recovery Program
Box 84
Hadlyme, CT 06439
434-5146

(please note: phone # only until May 10, address will remain same)

CAMPS, FIELD SEMINARS, AND WILDCOUNTRY 1984/85

Interested in learning more about the environment? How about an Audubon Ecology Camp in Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin or Wyoming? Maybe you'd like to enroll in a Field Seminar in one of North America's most beautiful wild places, guided by natural history experts. Look for the Audubon Ecology Camp and Workshop brochure at the next Menunkatuck meeting, or write the Society's headquarters at 950 Third Ave., New York, New York 10022

Magnolia Warbler



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