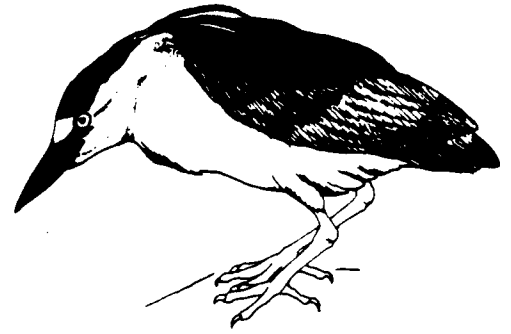


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Indoor Programs 1993-1994

March 1, 1994

Butterflies Through
Binoculars

Jeffrey Glassberg

April 5, 1994

The Changing Face of
Connecticut Birds

Noble Proctor

May 3, 1994

To Be Announced

Attention!

New Meeting Place

Indoor programs are held at the Madison Depot, Madison at 7:30 p.m. The Depot is on the corner of Route 79 and Old Route 79, across from the Madison Police Station. Take Exit 61 off of I-95 towards Madison. Turn left at the first traffic light, and turn left into the Depot parking lot.

Outdoor Programs 1993-1994

March 27, 1994

Hammonasset State Park—Beginner Bird Walk

May 7, 1994, Saturday

Birdathon

May 15, 1994, Sunday

Hammonasset State Park—Beginner Bird Walk

Other Outdoor Programs will be announced at meetings and in the newsletter. If you cannot attend indoor meetings and would like to participate in outdoor programs, please call Dori Sosensky at 468-0357.

Menunkatuck Welcomes New Members

Menunkatuck Audubon Society welcomes the following new members to the chapter:

Branford: Caity Casey, Mr John J Lancz, Ms Renee Rocklin, Fred Volkmar Md, Karen Wilkinson, Mrs E Crotty, Michael Dougherty, Liz Tower, Frances E Kraekel, Joseph F Mc Manus

East Haven: Mr Paul Bogush, Andrew S Verderame, Joseph Criscuolo

Guilford: Ms Carol Bredbury, Mr William P Dion, Elise M. Donnelley, Mr Augustus G Kellog, Mrs N Mac Donald, Priscilla F Otte, Mr William Scully, Marian Sole, Mr Edward Walker, Stacey Seseske, Kathleen Person

Madison: Arne W Bugely, Mr Richard Myers, D-M Kelly, Mrs George Haines, Sonya M Mangan

New Haven: L Diggs, Doug Morrison, Anne L Weaver, Helena Abrams, David Dubois, Carol Ann Moore, Lori Abbate, Mr Charles, A Janeway, Margery Sheir, Harriette D Wilcox, Jim Shanahan, Ms Barbara Cheney, Mr Frederick A Meyerson

RARE BIRD ALERTS

Taped messages on recently sighted birds in our area

200-2655

Next Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 1994

Send material to:

Dennis Riordan

94 Cleveland Road

New Haven CT 06515

Officers and Directors Are Elected

Elections were held at the February meeting for Officers and Directors of Menunkatuck Audubon.

The following candidates were elected:

President: Dori Sosensky

Vice-President: Jerry Connolly

Recording Secretary: Roberta Silbert

Treasurer: David Tesin

Corresponding Secretary: Helen Rahmann

Directors: Henry Ferris, Pauline Garber, Elaine Nye, Charlie Rafford, Shirley Rafford, Dennis Riordan, and Susan Yurkus.

Audubon Watercolors Are Shown At Boston's MFA

Ninety of John James Audubon's original watercolors of the birds of North America are on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

A review of the exhibition in the Boston Globe states, "The overwhelming impression the show makes...is one of brilliant freshness. Colors and compositions are astonishingly bold, as if the drawings had been made yesterday."

The show continues through April 10.

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Trip Leaders for 1994 Birdathon Are Needed

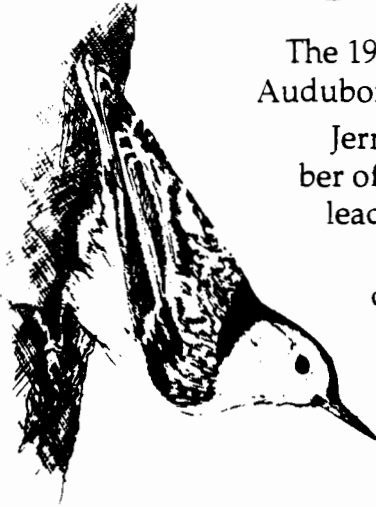
The 1994 Birdathon will be held on Saturday, May 7, 1994, and Menunkatuck Audubon Society is looking for volunteers to be trip leaders.

Jerry Connolly, Birdathon chairman, stated, "We want to increase the number of participants in this year's Birdathon. To do this we need more trip leaders."

Jerry pointed out that while many Birdathon groups spend the entire day out in the field, it is not necessary to do so. "If you can just lead a trip for the morning, that's fine," he said. "We want people involved."

Jerry also noted that yard watchers are welcome to participate.

If you can help as a trip leader, call Jerry at the Audubon Shop in Madison (245-9056).



Loon Morality Study Underway at Tufts

The Wildlife Clinic at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine is conducting a study of the causes of mortality in Common Loons in New England. In this regard it is collecting dead loons from throughout the region. Individuals finding dead loons should call the State DEP Wildlife Division and ask them to contact the Wildlife Clinic.

During five years of research, 168 Common Loons and six Red-Throated Loons have been analyzed. The primary cause of death for adult loons on freshwater lakes is lead poisoning.

Loon chicks typically die of trauma, infection, parasites, aspergillosis (a respiratory disease), monofilament entanglement, and fish hooks, in that order.

Immature loons typically die of parasites, aspergillosis, trauma, infection, monofilament, shot, hook, and oiling, in that order.

In addition to lead poisoning, adult birds typically die of trauma, parasites, aspergillosis, infection, fish hooks, shot, monofilament,

tumors, and oiling, in that order.

For more information on the current status of loons, see *The Loon and Its Ecosystem: Status, Management, and Environmental Concerns* (American Loon Conference, 1992). It is available free from the Maine Audubon Society, 188 US Rte. 1, PO Box 6009, Falmouth ME 04105. There is a \$3.00 cost for shipping. Please send request to the attention of Sally Stockwell.

From BIRDCHAT.



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My check for \$20 is enclosed.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please make all checks payable to the National Audubon Society.

Send this application and your check to:

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