

ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 14: DR. JAMES MULLIGAN, S.J. will speak on MUSIC AND SPARROW SONG. The club is fortunate in obtaining Dr. Mulligan for the November program. He has studied song sparrows for a number of years and is a recognized authority. He received his doctorate at the University of California and now teaches at the University of St. Louis.

DECEMBER 12: DR. ERWIN KLAAS will discuss the breeding of barn owls in captivity and his research project at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Do not miss this and for a special recommendation, ask anyone who was given a tour of the Research Center by Dr. Klaas last spring which included an introduction to the barn owls which are a part of the project.

ABOVE PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 7:45 P.M.--SWANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COLUMBIA.

FIELD TRIPS

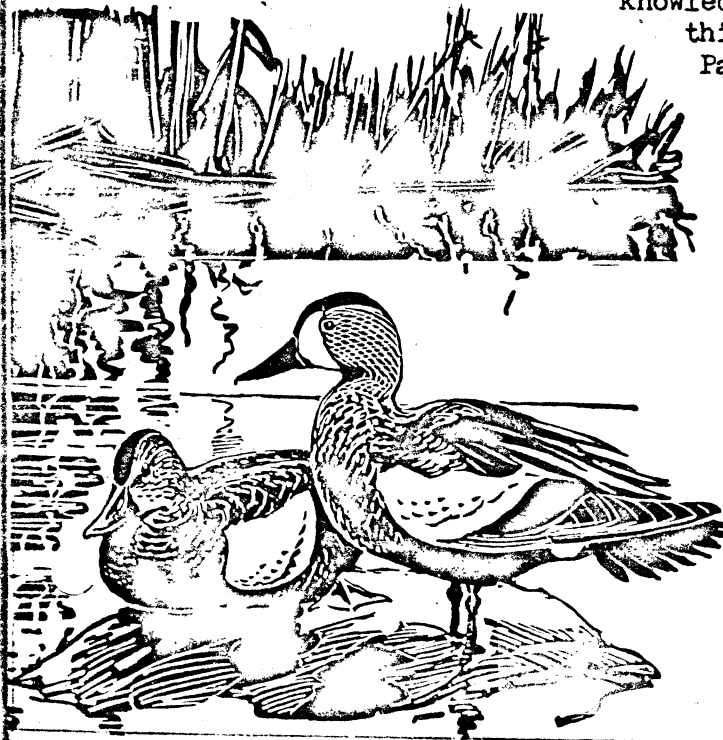
NOVEMBER 9-10 (WEEKEND)--Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. Emphasis will be on photography with Dr. Robert Herndon as leader. If you saw Bob's program in October, you will know the photographic possibilities of a birding trip. Chincoteague is a club favorite--it is a beautiful spot with lots of opportunity to see a number of birds and photograph if you wish. Call Bob concerning arrangements and car pooling (730-0942).

NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY--Jo Solem (725-5037) will lead the local trip for the month and she has chosen the lower Middle Patuxent River area. Jo is very knowledgeable about Howard Co. birding so do make this trip. Meet at Swansfield Elementary School Parking lot at 7:30 a.m. (one-half day).

DECEMBER 14, SATURDAY--One of the best local trips last season was one lead by Erv Klaas along the Little Patuxent River. This will be a return to that area and hopefully we will see the barred owl frequently spotted in the area. Meet at Swansfield Elementary School parking lot at 7:30 a.m. (one-half day).

WATCH FOR next month's announcement of local feeder visits and our big 3-day trip to Nags Head, North Carolina, February 15-17. Save those dates and start planning now.

SPECIAL: Christmas shop at the book store on program nights. We now have attractive carrying cases for field guides--a convenient way to carry guide books during field trips and an ideal gift. In charge of the book store: Frances Dawson (730-8549).



A CONTINUING REPORT

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, has announced the establishment of a National eagle feather storage facility at Pocatello, Idaho. The facility will be a holding and distribution center for dead eagles or their parts that were seized, recovered, or salvaged by Government officials.

Persons finding dead eagles are instructed not to pick up the carcasses but to contact a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office or their State Department of Game and Fish, notifying them of the location of the bird. Taking, possession, sale or trade of an eagle, or its parts, without permit, can mean up to a \$5,000 fine and/or a prison sentence not to exceed one year.

The temporary moratorium on the issuance of eagle feathers by the Agency will be removed as soon as confirmation of updated issuing procedures and revised permit forms are available.

Controversy has arisen over the use of eagle feathers by Indians. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has always made eagle feathers available to Indians for bona fide religious purposes at no cost, so long as the feathers were used only for religious purposes. However, the commercial selling of eagle feathers is prohibited under the Eagle Act for all persons, including Indians. Indians who are certified as bona fide practitioners of traditional Indian religious rites have been, and will continue to receive permits authorizing them to get eagle feathers or to obtain eagle feathers from the Pocatello facility when available.

--The Gull (October 1974)

LEAD POISONING AND WILD FOWL

Each year, millions of ducks, geese, and swans die from lead poisoning contracted by eating spent lead pellets from marsh bottoms where hunting has taken place. The use of steel shot as a substitute has been strongly endorsed by the National Wildlife Federation and public hearings were held throughout the country recently. However, interested persons may receive the draft Environmental Impact Statement and comment in writing. The draft may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Environmental Coordination, Washington, D. C. 20240.

The above was taken from Conservation News, an educational service of the National Wildlife Federation. If you are a subscriber to the magazine, you may receive the bulletin by writing to NWF, 1412 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036 and ask to be put on the mailing list.

FIELD TRIP

The second local field trip to discover Howard County was enjoyed by twelve adults and children. The chosen spot this time was the Tridelpia area and although the early morning was foggy, it turned out to be a beautiful fall day. There were 22 species seen including Canada geese, many yellow-rumped warblers, Carolina chickadees, and tufted titmice. The group also identified much of the plant life in fall colors and learned how to identify poison ivy.