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An excellent turnout greeted Audubon VP George Porter for his excellent program on frogs and toads. The meeting was further enhanced by the presence of regional representative Dick Martyr on his first official visit to the chapter. Dick presented our permanent charter and George Porter put the icing on the cake as he presented the check for \$1000 representing our winnings in the membership Challenge Grant contest of last spring. Our November program featured Joe Delasantro and a very interesting program on Australia, particularly the area around his relatives place.

Our field trips thus far have been varied. The canoe trip in September was a smashing success as we whipped down the Oswego "white water". October's trip to Cape May was rather damp and most gave up fairly early. It was of marked interest to your editor, as several of us got to see the Pine Barrens Gentian. November's trip to the Frigate Refuge was a good one although the turnout was less than expected. Many thousands of snow geese are now present, along with Canadas, many ducks, and of special interest was the large numbers of ruddy ducks seen, especially after the disastrous effects of the oil spills in the Delaware of the last couple years. Also seen was a golden eagle, and a second was seen later by several people who extended their trip to the Oyster Creek area.

NOTICE: HELP WANTED -

We have planned a cleanup operation of the beautiful bog on Great Creek Road in Oceanville to take place on November 29th at 10 AM. The bog is located about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Route 9 on Great Creek Road (this is the road coming out of the Refuge if you are not familiar with the area.) We suggest that you wear boots if you have them as many areas are very wet, although there are areas that do not require them. Time involved will be about 2 hours or less depending on the help available.

Future Program Notes: January program will again feature the members night that was so popular last year. Anyone who has favorite nature slides he would like to show is welcome and urged to bring same to share. Other items of special interest in the nature field are also welcome (we'll use these in between slides). We must ask that you keep slides in groups of 10-12 although you may bring several such groups. This is to ensure that everyone who brings slides will have time to show at least the one group. We will allow as many as we have time for, depending on interest.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS:

We will be participating in 3 counts this year- Oceanville on Dec. 20th, Tuckerton on Dec. 27th and Marmora, which is our count, on the 4th of January. If you are interested in participating in any or all of these counts and have not yet given your name to one of the people noted below, please contact them in the near future so that you can be fitted in to one of the parties.

Oceanville - Ed Fristow 641-4670
Tuckerton - Pen Hiatt 296-4016
Marmora - Jim Akers 266-7859

Arrangements have been made for a get-together following the Oceanville count and tentative plans are in the works for the Marmora count.

