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TASL HARBOR SURVEYS

Surveys of the waterfowl of Boston and Newburyport harbors will be held on March 12(Boston) and March 13(Newburyport). For details of times, meeting places and leaders, please contact Craig Jackson, 321-4382, or Soheil Zende, 628-8990.



MASSACHUSETTS GULLS: A WORKSHOP

Bird Observer of Eastern Massachusetts invites you to participate in its first special birding workshop. Wayne R. Petersen will conduct an evening seminar on Massachusetts gulls: their biology, evolution, ecology, historical status, and identification. Through the use of slides, study skins and discussion, participants will be introduced to the subtleness of larid molt and the many complexities affecting the aging process of gulls. In addition to exposing the group to some of the more important larid literature, a follow-up field trip to Newburyport will provide an opportunity for the group to put to use the information gained from the indoor session.

Evening Seminar: Thursday, March 17, 1983 8 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
at the First Church in Belmont Unitarian Universalist,
404 Concord Avenue, Belmont
Saturday Field Trip: March 19, 1983 in Newburyport

To register for this two-part course, please send a check for \$25 to Bird Observer, 462 Trapelo Road, Belmont MA 02178. The course will be limited to twenty participants. For more information, call Louise De Giacomo, 484-7859.

P.S. Yes, Thayer's Gull will be included.

Special Two-Day Pelagic Trip



Bird Observer along with the Brookline Bird Club will conduct a two-day pelagic trip to the edge of the Continental Shelf, where the possibilities of such highly pelagic seabirds as SOUTH POLAR SKUA and LONG-TAILED JAEGER can occur more frequently than in inshore waters. Remote possibilities include WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL and BRIDLED TERN!

The trip will depart from Gloucester aboard the Yankee Cpts., a fully equipped 100-foot vessel, on Sunday, August 21, at 7 P.M. and return about 7 P.M. on Tuesday, August 23. Wayne Petersen will provide narration and information while at sea. Be forewarned: the weather at this time of year is unpredictable and the sea can be very rough. Accommodations are simple bunks in an open dormitory setting. Trip cost will be about \$160 per person.

This trip is limited to 40 participants, so please reserve now by sending a deposit of \$50 payable to Bird Observer. Mail to: Robert Stymeist, 358 Tappan Street, Brookline, MA 02146. For more information contact Robert Stymeist (734-1289), Bill Drummond (373-4292) or Wayne Petersen (447-0332).

SPRING MIGRATION WATCH

This project is a continuation of the spring migration study which was organized by John Andrews and Lee Taylor in 1982. Participants will be asked to visit their selected spring birding sites about twice a week from mid-April to the end of May. The numbers of all migrants observed on each visit will be recorded. The compilation will reveal how the

observations at your favorite site compare with other sites in eastern Massachusetts. Persons who would like to participate in this project should contact the compiler before April 1:

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