

ROCKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY HOST TO SIXTH ANNUAL FEDERATION CONVENTION

Directors of the *Rockland Audubon Society* approached with some diffidence the idea of playing host to the Federation's sixth annual meeting. There was some feeling that we might not be able to match what other localities have been able to offer, either in housing or in birdlife. However, the society's early qualms have since been forgotten, and enthusiasm is building up in their place.

The problem of accommodations, both for overnight guests and for the Federation's convention program, has been solved, we believe most happily, by arrangements with the Bear Mountain Inn. In an ideally sylvan and mountainous setting overlooking the Hudson as it passes through the Highlands, this inn has long been a showplace. The cuisine alone attracts people for 25 miles around. We were pleased to find that the Inn management was cooperative, that the rates were not so high as we had supposed, that ample accommodations for the convention could be assured.

John Martin, manager of the Inn, has set aside 35 double rooms, with twin beds and with bath, and five single rooms with bath, at rates of \$10.50 per person for the double rooms and \$11 per person for the single rooms. These rates include all meals — please note. Inasmuch as the meal allowances figure out to \$6.50 a day, the room rate compares favorably with that of city hotels which lack the attractive environment of Bear Mountain.

There is also a limited number of overnight cabins within a few miles of Bear Mountain, but it would be most desirable for the convention timetable, of course, to have everyone under one roof.

As for the birdlife, Rockland Audubon cannot provide a spectacular ocean or lake shore, but it does contain birds that may be of interest to visitors from other areas. The field trip on Sunday, May 24, will be split into small parties, each with an itinerary that should provide a fair chance at such birds as: Peregrine Falcon, Turkey Vulture, Carolina Wren, Tufted Titmouse, possibly Mockingbird, Cardinal, Worm-eating Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers and their hybrids.

The program will open on Friday evening, May 22, with early registration — all activities are at the Bear Mountain Inn — and committee meetings of the Federation.

On Saturday morning, May 23, the Federation Council will meet. Those not attending the Council meeting may choose between a field trip into the nearby areas that are best for Golden-winged, Lawrence's and Brewster's Warblers, or a guided tour of the Bear Mountain Trailside Museums (historical, geology, mammals, reptiles and birds), or independent tours to West Point, only a few miles away.

The general convention will be at 1:45 p. m. Saturday. The program will be devoted chiefly to papers on various ornithological subjects prepared by Federation members. John C. Orth, Palisades Interstate Park naturalist and chairman of the program committee, will introduce the papers.

At 7 o'clock Saturday evening, the annual dinner will be held in the Inn's banquet hall. Two features are planned: a colored motion picture film of wildlife in the Bear Mountain area by Mr. Orth and an address on bird-study by Charles E. Mohr, director of the Audubon Nature Center at

Greenwich, Conn., who is well-known to most members at least by name.

A roast Vermont turkey dinner with fresh fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, vegetables, green salad, strawberry shortcake, and beverage will be served at the annual banquet. The price will be \$5, including gratuity. The box lunch during the field trip will include Virginia ham and chicken sandwiches, cheese crackers, a Delicious apple, and coffee, for \$1.50.

Tickets for both the annual banquet and the field trip box luncheon must be ordered by May 18 at the latest. Send order and remittance to Rockland Audubon Society West Nyack, N. Y. Tickets will be delivered to you when you register at convention headquarters.

Persons who are planning to go on the May 24 field trip must give notice by the previous evening, May 23. This is necessary for proper planning of transportation and leadership.

The annual field trip will be on Sunday, May 24. The Inn will serve breakfast at 5 a. m., and we hope to be on the road before 6. In parties of not more than about four carloads, each with at least one leader and some with auxiliary leaders versed in plants and flowers, the field trips will cover southern Rockland County. At noon, all parties will rendezvous at Stony Point Battlefield Park for a picnic luncheon. The Inn will deliver box lunches to the site — including urns of fresh coffee. In the afternoon, those who wish may continue on a field trip in the northern portion of the county. The interior of the Interstate Park should yield Canada and Blackburnian Warblers on their nesting grounds and probably Brown Creeper and Pileated Woodpecker.

Rockland Audubon Society is making every effort to hold the registration fee to no more than \$1.50. Registration fee will not be required of persons attending only the annual dinner or the field trip, or both. The annual dinner, turkey with all the trimmings, will be \$5 per plate, including gratuity, and the box luncheon for the field trip picnic will be \$1.50 or \$2, yet to be determined. Tickets for both the dinner and the box luncheon must be purchased no later than when you register.

Advance registration at \$1.50 per person may be sent to Mrs. John C. Orth, Trailside Museum, Bear Mountain, N. Y.

Bear Mountain is at the crossroads of U. S. Routes 9-W and 6. It can be reached by West Shore Railroad trains and by the New York - Poughkeepsie buses of the Mohawk Bus Line, as well as by automobile.

THE YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER IN NEW YORK

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The Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) is a species of southeastern North America which has found its way to New York upon a few occasions. The two subspecies which have been reported from our state are the eastern form, *D. d. dominica*, and the so-called Sycamore Warbler, *D. d. albiflora*. These two subspecies breed east and west of the Appalachians, respectively. This paper will summarize the known records of both subspecies in New York, and discuss the problem of subspecific identification in the field.

Dendroica dominica dominica appears to have been collected in New