

and banquet rooms and accommodations enough for our biggest gathering, which we anticipate. Special rates have been granted us (this is a luxury resort hotel). It is centrally located for field trips to some of Long Island's most productive areas, such as Tobay, Jones Beach, Hempstead, and Jamaica Bay. A pelagic (offshore) trip is planned with upstate members in mind. Jaegers, shearwaters, and petrels are possible. Full details will be sent you in due time. This is just advance notice to reserve the week-end of May 21-22, 1966, for this unusual event.

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NEST CARD PROGRAM

The North American Nest Card Program is winding up the 1965 nesting season, and many cards have already been returned. There are still many cards in the hands of the individual recorders, however, and these should be returned to us as quickly as they are completed. We are preparing the data for transferral onto IBM cards, and a large bulk of material is needed for the first run, to be started soon.

Regional Centers may determine for their members whether their cooperators should return the cards to the center first, in order to complete local records, or whether they may be sent directly to us as they are completed.

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As many readers are aware, the nest record card program has now been launched on a continent-wide basis. This does not mean, however, that the program is any less important within New York State. Mr. Robert Arbib, President of the FNYSSBC, announced at the recent annual meeting in Syracuse that the Federation has high hopes that the long-projected state bird book will soon be started. In this the nest record card program will play an important role; the more so because, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Donald McChesney, the data is being transferred to punched cards wherefrom rapid analysis can be made. It is therefore urged that members of the Federation support the program by returning completed cards on all nests found. Cards and instruction sheets can be obtained from the secretary of your local club or direct from the Laboratory of Ornithology.

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