

intendent then delivers a copy of the map and description to the Attorney General who certifies to him who the owners are, and the Superintendent notifies the owners by serving upon them a notice of appropriation.

If a utility wants to build an overhead power line the Public Service Commission has the sole discretion on whether to hold hearings or give notices prior to condemnation.

Mr. Like said that the Board of Commissioners of the Land Office can grant lands under water to adjacent upland owners for dredging, filling, etc., with only a newspaper notice required once a week for six weeks in a newspaper somewhere in the county involved. No public hearing is required.

This practically unrestrained condemnation power probably has evolved from the eminent domain concept whereby the government—federal, state or local—can acquire property if it is in the interests of the people. But now with our growing appreciation of other values, what is good for the people may well be disputed.

On Long Island a proposed state road widening would not only plough through a salt marsh, but would decimate the historic route over which General George Washington traveled on his journey to thank the people of Long Island for their support in the American Revolution. Which represents the good for the people—a marsh important for fishing and an historic reminder or more traffic accommodation? In the face of conflicting values, some check must be applied to unbridled condemnation on the say-so of a particular agency.

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FIELD NOTES

Additional Hybrid Flicker Records: This note supplements two previous notes on the occurrence of hybrid flickers in New York State (Reilly, *Kingbird* 11(2):89, 1961; Wilcox, *Kingbird* 11(4):200, 1961).

A female banded by Frank Clinch on July 20, 1965 was found dead Aug 12, 1965 in Watertown. Two color slides made by Cecil Dake clearly show the following characteristics: red nape, salmon-red primaries, yellow secondaries, salmon-red tail feathers and no mustache.

On September 18, 1966 a presumed immature male was banded by Clinch with the following characteristics: red nape, the two outer primaries yellow on each wing, varying amounts of both salmon-red and yellow on other wing feathers, the outer tail feathers salmon-red, the two central tail feathers yellow, a trace of black mustache.

Another flicker showing some salmon-red was found dead in Watertown by Don Blais about 1965 but no details are available.

The very small number of flickers (19) banded by Clinch in the past nine years is insignificant for comparison but all have been normal yellow-shafted as have been any others that were carefully observed in Region 6 by Clinch or the writer.

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