

10-20 individuals during Nov along the coast. White-winged Crossbill: 8 Nov 16 Fire Island Light (PB, RP)—this season's only report. Clay-colored Sparrow: netted and banded at Brookhaven on Oct 31 (DP). Snow Bunting: max 1000+ Nov 18 at West End, Jones Beach State Pk (BC)—an extremely high count for so early a date.

Note: Please send spring reports by June 8.

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1973 FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Small cabins of native wood and lodges with rooms lined with the rarest of veneers sit side by side. The Forstmann Estate, acquired by the YMCA from the Forstmann woolen industry family, is in the heart of the Catskill Forest Preserve. Biscuit Brook's crystal clear waters begin at over 3,000 feet beneath a moss-carpeted and leaf-littered hardwood forest falling rapidly to 2,000 feet as it cuts through our camp.

The N.Y.S. Federation of Bird Clubs will convene at this "Frost Valley YMCA," May 18-20, for its annual meeting. The YMCA facility, at the base of Doubletop Mountain, often serves as a site for environmental education programs. The Sullivan County Audubon Society, in cooperation with the YMCA, expect to make this one of your most memorable weekends.

Tentatively, only two long (time or distance) field trips are planned; one to Slide Mountain—the highest of the Catskills and the chance to glimpse an elusive thrush; and a second to the Basherkill previously described in the May 1972 *Kingbird*. All other trips will take place on the many trails in the vicinity of camp. We expect that the weekend's bird data collected by Federation members and collated by the Sullivan County Audubon Society will add to later programs of this fine environmental education center.

The costs of the weekend should be about \$30/person. This includes both room and board. Our greatest difficulty is one of room assignment. We are committed to cabins and lodges with varying degrees of privacy. Many rooms serve from 4 to 8 persons although *a few* are available which serve 2 or 3. Upon reading this, please contact other club members and consider a group room reservation. It will make our job easier and we would be most appreciative.

May 18 will be here soon and the Sullivan County Audubon Society looks forward to meeting and sharing with you the natural wonders of this Catskill paradise.

Martin Borko, President, Sullivan County Audubon Society