

## BAEDEKER UPDATE

The Spring, 1976 issue of *The Kingbird* carried a short article announcing a major publication project: a birding baedeker for the entire state of New York. Since then, considerable progress has been made on this comprehensive guide, with the vast majority of the Federation member clubs participating *via* completed questionnaires detailing various aspects of their favorite birding sites. Although much of the text has already been written and many of the maps have been executed, there is still sufficient time before the planned 1979 publication to submit requested or promised site-questionnaires. If member clubs or individuals wish to submit information on their favored and most frequented haunts, we urge you to send it along without any further delay.

Presently we envision a 300-350 page book describing upwards of 250 specific sites with extensive information on each including directions, seasonal rating, specific "rare" avian specialties, local guides who can be called upon for assistance by traveling birders, full- or 1/2 day-tours prescribing how to bird to best advantage a particularly rich area, and of course, information on available accommodations in or near each site. As this project had its origin as a Federation undertaking, we are especially anxious to have every member club represented. A congratulatory note is due those who have so painstakingly done write-ups of their special places. Every contribution will enhance the value of work.

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