Dear DVOC member,

We may be able to get loads of information about the National Audubon Society's Christmas Counts on the Internet, but we still have to get out into the field (or at least stare at the feeders) to participate. Here are some selected dates for the 1995-96 Christmas Count period. All birders are welcomed on these counts. Feel free to call the contact persons below.

Also, in keeping with his series of speakers on the Neotropics, Don Jones, program chair, is bringing in one of the true experts for this year's Annual Banquet. Please join us on Dec. 5, 1996, to hear Dr. Steven Hilty. Return the bottom portion of this newsletter to Ed Fingerhood with your banquet reservations as soon as possible.

The proposal to alter our program schedule in favor of more interactive, participatory discussions passed at the Oct. 17 meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

After 13 years of being DVOC newsletter editor, I am passing the baton — er, mouse — on to Megan Edwards, an experienced journalist.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Larus during that time.

Good birding,

Sandy Sherman

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Wyncote, Pa., Martin Selzer, 215-233-9090 (H).
Oceanville (Brigantine), N. J., Brian Mostetello, 201-871-7226. (H)

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Cape May, N.J., Louise Zemaitis, 609-884-2736 (W).

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Cash Bar: 6 p.m.; dinner: 7 p.m.
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Steven Hilty

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Please reserve _ _ spaces for:

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SATURDAY, JAN. 4

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Belleplain, N.J., Paul Kosten, 609-861-5827 (H).
Marmora, N.J., Ed Bristow, 609-641-4671 (H).
Moorestown, N.J., Tom Bailey, 609-426-4727 (H).
Bombay Hook, Del., Andy Ednie, 302-792-9591 (H).

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Dr. Hilty's topic for the evening:

"Dreams and Reality in the American Tropics"

Reservations must be received by Nov. 29.
For information, call Ed Fingerhood, banquet chairman, 215-637-2711

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