

# Through the Eyes of a Young Naturalist

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This book is an anecdotal and nostalgic account of the outdoor and natural history experiences of the author as a youngster, teenager, and young adult in New Jersey between 1951 and 1971. It documents the author's changing interests and environmental ethic, as well as some dramatic changes that have occurred with New Jersey's natural resources -- changes that he personally experienced.

Through various hunting, trapping, fishing, camping, hiking, birding, and botanizing activities, the author takes the reader through much of the New Jersey countryside. The book begins with the ornithological adventures of a young birder as he and a friend explore for the first time a small South Jersey pond and its interesting cattail marsh. As the boy grows older, he meets new friends and his outdoor interests change to hunting, trapping, fishing, and camping. The author describes many of these exploits in "On Tidewater Territory" and "Down Lebanon," including the sad demise of the stream of streams.

In the "To the Gap and Beyond," the author's expanding outdoor interests take him to North Jersey along the Appalachian Trail and its dandy Dunnfield Creek and pristine Sunfish Pond, then to the Big Flat Brook. A number of birding and botanizing adventures associated with the author's boyhood pond, the unique Pine Barrens, the Hackensack Meadows, the Jersey Coast, and other areas are presented in "Of Birds and Botany." "Evolving Ethics" elaborates the author's personal perspective on the outdoors and the public's changing attitudes towards one of his favorite natural environments -- wetlands.

The book is written for a wide variety of outdoor and natural history enthusiasts, both young and old, amateur and professional.

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