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Coyotes in Our Midst

The light of dawn is barely strong enough to disclose shape from shadow when a large animal slips quietly from the edge of the treeline, crosses the paved road, lopes along the side of an unoccupied cottage and disappears again behind the

hedges of a neighboring yard. When the animal crosses an open lot, the first rays of sun illuminate its reddish orange coat and outline its distinctive shape against a nearby home. An Eastern Coyote has just made its first sally on a day that will see it traverse several square miles of settled neighborhoods, open fields, salt marshes, shoreline and woodlands in the Town of Bourne.

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An Eastern Coyote has been a regular visitor to this Pocasset neighborhood since April.

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Coyotes are not native to Cape Cod but have flourished Cape-wide since first arriving in the 1970's. Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife agent Tina Maruzzi described the habits of the Eastern Coyote to a meeting of about two hundred residents and members of the Pocasset Village Association in July. She called coyotes "Edge animals who are omnivorous and crepuscular." She translated that to mean that coyotes prefer to work the borders of woodland and open space, preying on small animals who can be caught in the open. She said that they are opportunistic feeders, that eat a great variety of meat, insects, berries, fruit and sea creatures and that prefer the gray light of dawn and dusk (crepuscular) for their hunting and feeding. Coyotes are territorial with one family unit per territory. A territory can range in size from a neigh-

borhood to a 30-square-mile area.

The message from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to all communities dealing with coyotes is the same: "Don't make your neighborhood a comfortable feeding ground for coyotes and they won't waste time being nuisances." They advise citizens to make loud noises to frighten the coyotes and to keep food from being accessible to them outdoors. They urge that garbage, trash, and compost be kept in secure containers and not left outdoors for days before collection. Clear fallen fruit from around trees and feed your pets inside. Be aware that coyotes are attracted to areas that are attractive to rodents such as wood or brush piles, crawl spaces under buildings and under bird feeders.

Coyotes are on Cape Cod to stay. They are breeding success-

fully every year and because food is so plentiful, they are able to divide the available territory into smaller zones. If we don't feed the coyotes, if we reduce areas that attract rodents and small mammals, if we use negative reinforcement (scare them with loud noises), and secure our pets and livestock, then the coyotes will be forced to roam larger territories thus reducing their total population and making them a less common sight in our neighborhoods. Then perhaps we can live in harmony with a few of these beautiful creatures of the wild.

For more information on coyotes, visit www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/dfwcoy.htm on the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife web site.



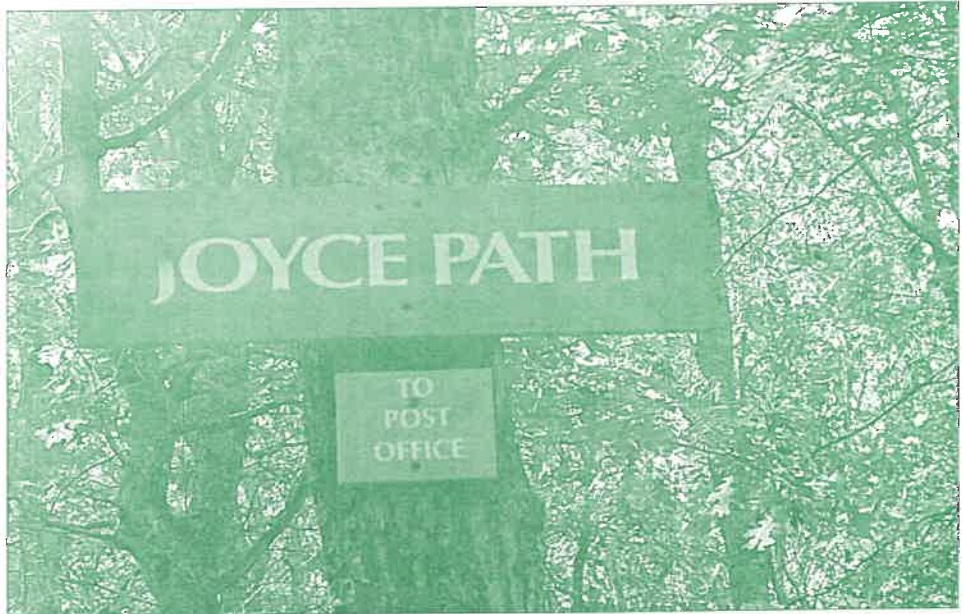
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Cataumet Crossing Route 28A

This rolling green parcel with historic picturesque house on the east side of Route 28A is being purchased to prevent the development of a proposed strip mall and to preserve the rural character of Bourne. The house is for sale by the BCT (to offset the total purchase price) and is zoned for business or residential use. **\$95,380.95 due 4/18/03.**

| CURRENT NEEDS & PROJECTS | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| PROPERTY | AMOUNT DUE | DUE DATE |
| Cataumet Crossing | \$ 95,380.95 (paid) | 10/18/02 |
| Joyce Property | \$ 10,350.00 | 11/24/02 |
| Cataumet Crossing | \$ 95,380.95 | 4/18/03 |
| Total Amount needed | \$201,111.90 | |



Joyce property sign, above, and trail, below.



Joyce Property

This is the final payment on the purchase of 1.4 acres from the Joyce family. This land adds to the green belt in the center of Cataumet. An already well-used trail winds through this woods with its magnificent white pines and connects existing trails on DeNormandie Woods and Broyer Conservation Area. **\$10,350.00 due 11/24/02**

HOCUS-POCUS? NO WAY!

How We Raise Funds for Open Space

To some it may seem like magic that the BCT always seems to have funds available to purchase land for open space. But it is not magic, it is hard work (fundraising), generosity (donors), and belief in what we do.

Our fundraising approach has always been a “soft sell” with our most important tool being this newsletter. Although a handy

donation, and in hopes that you will encourage others to contribute.

We have never listed our donors by the amount that they give. Donations small, medium, and large are important, because the number of donors shows foundations and other large donors the degree of local support. Further we recognize that a

specific project. It is always our hope that those who benefit the most will give the most.

The BCT sponsors some fundraising events—auctions, armchair auctions, art shows/ open houses, annual road races with the Cape Cod Roadrunners. Oh yes, watch for this year’s Christmas tree sale.

Some projects are made feasi-

ble by selling a portion of the property: for example, selling the buildings and a few acres at Briarwood to the Dexter School and selling the house with one acre at Cataumet Crossing (Route 28A).

The BCT receives gifts in many forms: cash (many are memorial donations), land, stocks, grants from foundations, bequests.

Once the BCT was a beneficiary of a life

insurance policy.

The BCT’s approach has been successful because our preserved woodlands, shore frontages, marshes, and trails speak for themselves and because we have a constituency that understands the value of open space and understands that it is everyone’s responsibility.



This tree on the BCT Lawrence Island property was the inspiration for the BCT symbol.

return envelope is provided, we never ask for money on the first page, but rather present a description of wildlife, BCT properties and their history, and other stories of interest.

The newsletter lists donors for several reasons: as a way of saying “thank you for your support,” as a way of reminding you if you have not made a recent

\$100 donation from one person may represent as much of a sacrifice as a \$50,000 donation from another. We trust that those who believe in the BCT will contribute as much and as often as they can.

In addition to the newsletter the BCT will send personal letters or meet individually with persons directly affected by a

Ways of Giving



Gifts to the Bourne Conservation Trust are charitable contributions with resulting tax benefits. The amount of the benefit depends on the kind and size of gift. A well-planned gift can combine financial and charitable objectives by providing tax benefits, thereby meeting personal and charitable goals.

SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated securities may save on capital gains taxes.



LIFE INCOME GIFTS

The transfer of cash, securities, or other property to a charitable trust will provide a life income to the donor, donor's spouse, or other beneficiaries. After the death of the last named beneficiary, the principal becomes available for use by the BCT.



Current tax deductions and eventual estate tax deductions provide a double benefit.

LIFE INSURANCE

The Bourne Conservation Trust can be named as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

CASH

Cash donations provide immediate funds for use by the BCT and can result in tax savings for the donor.

WILL

Naming the BCT in your will creates a gift and can reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.



BARGAIN SALE

By special arrangement, you may sell your property to the BCT for less than its fair market value (a bargain sale) and the difference is considered a charitable gift.



REAL ESTATE

Real estate can be given as an outright gift. Such donations have both real estate and income tax benefits.



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Please call (508) 563-2884 or write to the Bourne Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534-0203.

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The BCT is tax exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Within IRS guidelines, contributions may be tax deductible from your taxable income. Please consult your tax advisor for more information. (ID Number: 04 2737827).

DID YOU NOTICE?

Our changing BCT



Did you notice the prolific field of wildflowers on the Dimmick waterfront (surrounding the Ferne Robinson bench) overlooking Red Brook Harbor? Not long ago this area was a desert formed by the dredgings of Red Brook Harbor that were dumped there.

Did you notice
the new bench
on the Joyce Path
in DeNormandie
Woods?





Did you notice the beautiful planting on the stone entrance to DeNormandie Woods?

Did you notice the work being done at the traffic island in Cataumet Center (Scraggy Neck Road, Oak and Ocean Avenues)? Granite curbing is in place and the center will be planted. This is a joint effort of the Cataumet Beautification Committee (of the Cataumet Civic Associates) and the BCT.

WATCH FOR

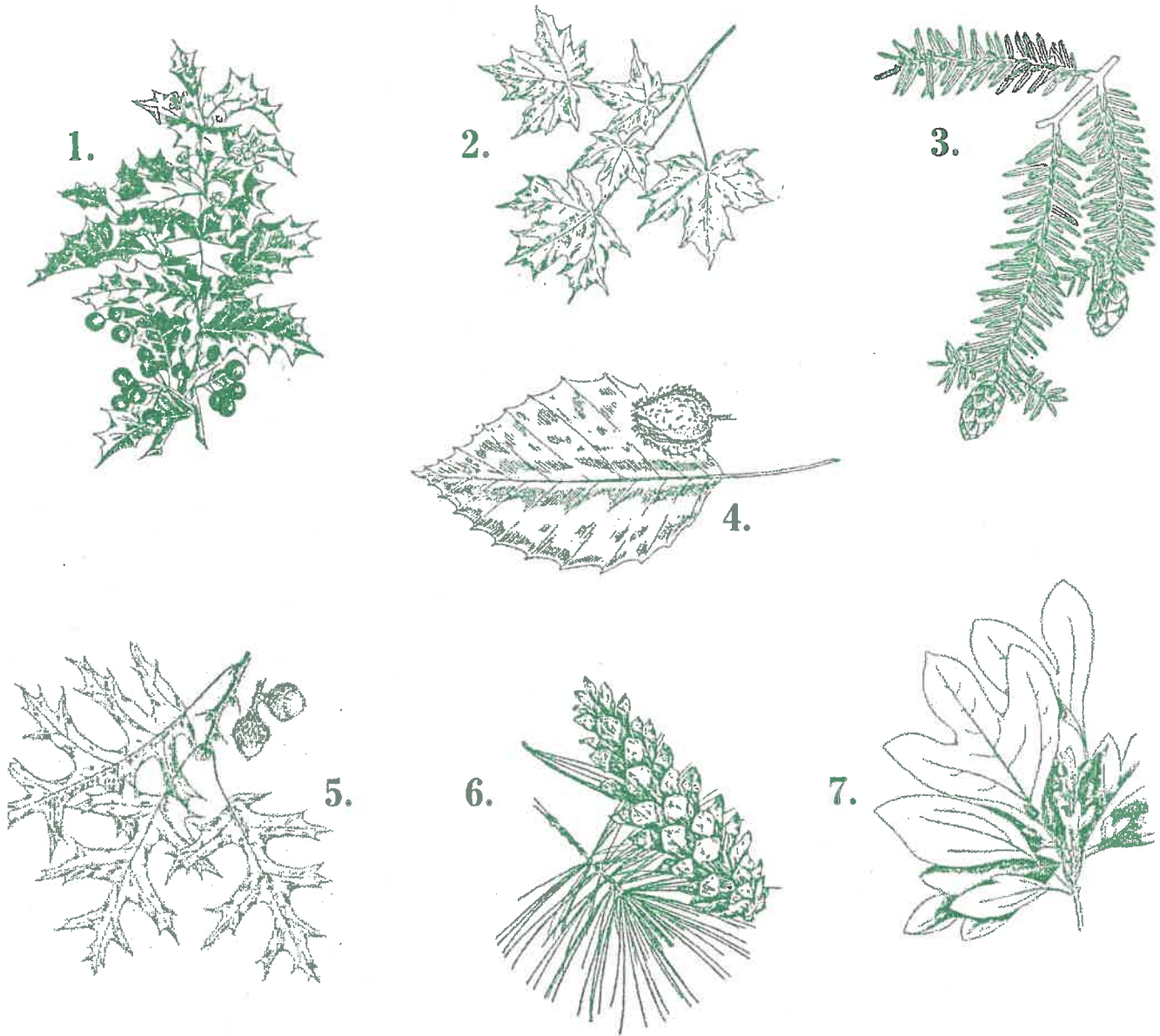
Trails on the newly Town-acquired acreage in Monument Beach abutting Monks Park and Briarwood. The BCT will work with the Town to develop interconnecting trails.



Did you notice the Railroad Depot at Post Office Square in Cataumet? Granite now defines the gardens, asphalt defines parking areas, new shrubs have been planted, and the grass has been maintained and mowed. This, also, is a joint effort of the Beautification Committee and the BCT with a grant from the Bourne Visitors Service Bureau.

Kahlin's Korner is dedicated to the memory of Kahlin Jespersen, a child full of sunshine and a love of nature, and also to all children for whom we preserve a part of the natural world.

How many can you identify?



ANSWERS: 1. Holly (American) 2. Maple (Sugar) 3. Hemlock 4. Beech 5. Oak (Scarlett) 6. Pine (White) 7. Sassafras

Kahlin's Korner is a regular feature of the Newsletter, featuring children's articles or drawings. Included will be activities that are fun and will also help children to understand their natural environment. We hope you will submit ideas for future issues. (BCT, Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534)

DOGS

In memory of "Heidi"
The Nickerson family
Zig and Corey

In memory of "Blue"
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In memory of "Please"
Mojo and Maggie

In memory of "Casey"
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Pete & Kris Fisher

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who would have been very pleased that the generosity of so many good friends will help to save from development some of the remaining natural spaces in this beautiful part of Cape Cod.

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THOMAS BARNES

After spending summers in Cataumet for many years, Tom and his wife, Jeannette, retired here in 1970. Cataumet was the perfect place for Tom to pursue his many hobbies: making miniature boats and furniture, researching genealogy, repairing antique furniture, building a model railroad layout, creating scrimshaw and wampum jewelry, tending his plants and gardens and supporting the work of the Bourne Conservation Trust.

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