The article focuses on commuting in the New York City beachside community of the Rockaways. It explores the connections between infrastructure development, ecological change, and commuting practices. The imperative to transport people to and from the Rockaways transformed and, in many ways, enriched the wildlife of the bay. The city’s bays and harbors decisively shaped the journey to work, first on subways and later on ferries that provide one of the most dramatic commutes in the entire country.