Evening Programs
Manhasset Public Library
30 Onderdonk Ave. at Northern Blvd. 7pm
Open to the public and free of charge
Handicap accessible
http://manhassetlibrary.org
Membership meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month, unless noted
Join us on the friendly walks
Saturdays
September - December and March - May
Wednesdays - year round.

Garvies Point Day
Saturday, August 5, 10 am - 4 pm
LIVE Wildlife
Nature craft, Nature films
Butterfly & Bird Garden Tour
Fun for the whole family! $5 per person

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
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Invasive Plant Removal at Garvies Preserve
Help Restore Garvies Preserve. Removing invasive plants from the Preserve is an important way to restore the natural balance. Light refreshments for our volunteers.
Sat. June 10 Mile-a-Minute Vine - Challenging!
This new to LI vine lives up to its other common name, Devil’s tear thumb.
Wear long pants and closed shoes, bring heavy work gloves. Call Veronica Natale 571-8010 for information.

Newsletter changes
Starting in 2017 we are changing to a quarterly newsletter. We have redesigned the website and have both a Facebook page and a group for more up to the minute information. www.northshoreaudbon.org

Help NSAS Cut Costs
One of our biggest expenses is printing and mailing the newsletter. You can opt to have the newsletter emailed to you as a pdf. Save paper and trees - PLUS you get the newsletter as soon as it is ready. We can also send you updates, cancellations and changes. Please send an email with your name and address to: nsaudubonsociety@gmail.com.

Garvies Point Museum
Children’s Summer Workshops 2017
July 5-Aug 17 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
First week is Weds, Thurs, Fri due to holiday.
Morning session (9:30-12:30) & Afternoon session (1-4) Hands-on workshops for children 5-10 years
Registration & pre-payment required
$100 per child per three 1/2-day session
FAMILY PLUS & HIGHER FRIENDS MEMBERS RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT!
Workshop themes:
Nature I: Pond study, beginner's birding, flowers & seeds.
Nature II: Beach ecology, exploring the woods, butterflies & bugs.
Geology: rocks, minerals, fossils, erosion, L.I. geology.
Native American: culture, games, fire, pottery, tools, survival skills, legends.

See you in September at our
Beach Clean up and Fall Family Fun Day at Garvies Point Museu and Preserve at Garvies Point

Thank You Whole Foods
for generously supplying the refreshments at our general meetings.
Whole Foods is located at Northern Blvd. and Port Washington Blvd.
My birder friend from North Carolina, Karen Hogan, recently introduced me to the US Fish and Wildlife Service website, www.fws.gov. Go to this website and click on the National Wildlife Refuges link and you can see a national map of refuges. Click on any refuge and you get much more information. Hogan says she lives on this website and it keeps improving.

I know NSAS members lead bird walks on the NWR that includes Stehli Beach and the nearby marshes, so I read about that refuge on this website, which I learned is part of the Oyster Bay NWR. Also included are lists of birds such as the many waterfowl during the colder months. The NY State map shows seven NWR on Long Island and three more in the rest of the state. This was all news to me. Teddy Roosevelt in 1903 established the first NWR to protect migratory birds on Pelican Island, Florida. Since then the number of refuges has grown to 562. Karen Hogan has been to 110 NWR since 2011, which is when she started birding. She and her sister intend to travel to the 460 NWR that people are permitted to visit. On Long Island, the Lido Beach Refuge requires a special permit to visit, and is not open to the public.

I also recommend looking at Karen Hogan’s website, www.birdingwithkarenandteresa.com, which describes each refuge she has visited, almost always with her sister, Teresa. They take photos and list the birds and Hogan also describes the trail system and plants and other animals besides birds. All her bird information is also on her ebird lists, which you can view at ebird.org. So if you are thinking of birding a NWR or looking for particular birds, check both websites. When the sisters plan a visit, Hogan often contacts the visitor’s center to ask questions about where to go, especially if the refuge is very large. She says the staff and volunteers are wonderful people and very helpful without exception. She also checks ebird lists from that area.

On Karen and Teresa’s website is a link to the NWR newsletter and Birding Wire newsletter from June 4, 2014 with an article by Susan Morse, a writer-editor in the Refuge System Branch of Communications, about Karen and Teresa after they had visited over 50 NWR. Here is a quote from that article, “At Pocosin Lakes Refuge, NC, Hogan filmed snow geese in flight. ‘I can’t imagine anyone seeing these amazing birds and not wanting to preserve them for future generations,’ she says, her voice breathless with emotion.”

Hogan, a scientist with a microbiology degree, hopes that by documenting all 460 NWR she can convince people of their value. She said that NWR, originally created to help wildlife thrive, are vital to wildlife’s existence in the US. So dedicated are the sisters that they spend every daylight hour when they visit a NWR, documenting what they experience. They arrive at dawn and leave at dusk, carrying food with them for quick meals. They have already spent $24,000 of their own money since 2011 and they need to still visit 350 more NWR. Money has become tight for them so they have to scale back the number of visits this year. Their website will grow slowly but they are determined to finish their mission.

Hogan feels that NWR are a wonderful gift to all Americans for which we should be grateful. She described to me her reaction after her first birding experience, which was at a North Carolina NWR, “This is amazing. This is federal land and we own it. It’s ours.” She added, “My first love is National Wildlife Refuges.”

From the sisters’ website here is a sample of Hogan’s description of her visit to Sacramento NWR on Dec. 22, 2014: “Driving less than 1 mile an hour with many stops and spending a great deal of time at each designated viewing area the 6 mile auto tour took us 7 hours to complete. Attempting to count the ducks and geese for our ebird list was overwhelming. There were huge flocks of Geese including Snow, Ross’s and Greater White Fronted in the water and they were constantly lifting from the water, flying overhead only to land again. It was a spectacular sight and the sign on the refuge entrance was correct; 250000 geese and 500000 ducks were definitely visiting the Sacramento NWR Complex. We saw Long-billed Curlew, Cinnamon Teal, and our first look at Nuttall’s Woodpecker on the Auto Tour. The scenery with the mountains as... Continued on next page
President’s Message Continued

a backdrop was beautiful making each group of ducks or geese taking off or landing an absolutely amazing sight requiring a photo to be taken. Teresa and I couldn’t get enough.”

Hogan worries that incidents, such as the recent attempt to takeover a NWR in Eastern Oregon by a group of extremists, portend future threats to NWR. She’s concerned that the Federal government could abandon NWR with pressure from people with special interests who want to develop the land. Another reason she worries about the continued existence of NWR is because when she visits she sees there is little or no funding. Her message to birders is; visit NWR’s and show your support. She guarantees you won’t regret it. For those of you who want to fi nd out more about the political situation involving NWR or help NWR here is a good website: http://refugeassociation.org .

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SUMMER LEADERLESS WEDNESDAY BIRD WALK SCHEDULE

Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Weather permitting, walks start at 9:30AM unless indicated otherwise ***. If in doubt, please call the trip leader. Please note: all phone numbers are area code 516 unless noted. In most cases, the contacts are also leaders for the respective walks. Go to our website at www.northshoreaudubon.org for directions.

We encourage carpooling, where possible. Please note there is a $10 per car fee at Sands Pt. Call leader for parking ideas.
Schedule note: *** indicates early official start time *indicates new parking location.
Summer Wednesday Leaderless Walks start in June.
Contact Wendy Murbach for information, 546-6303

June

6/7 Hempstead Harbor, Gerry Park and Cedarmere
6/14 Roslyn Museum
6/21 Clark Garden
6/28 Muttontown

July

7/5 Hempstead Lake State Park
7/12 Bailey Arboretum
7/19 Oceanside Marine Nature Center
7/26 Garvies Point

August

8/2 Planting Fields
8/9 Massapequa Preserve
8/16 Shu Swamp
8/23 Levy Park
8/30 Bayard Cutting Arboretum

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THANK YOU    By Ralph Cioff

I would like to thank first of all, Jennifer Wilson-Pines and all the Board members, for nominating my Great Egret Award. It was a great and unexpected honor to receive it.

Thanks to all of those friends and chapter members, who came to help make this unexpected presentation, I am so very humbled, amazed and appreciative to have such an honor bestowed upon me, to be thanked for something that I truly loved to do. It was so nice to see all of my special birding friends again.

I have the pleasure of seeing the framed Great Egret pictures and award hanging opposite my bed, where I can admire them every day. Thank you again Jennifer Wilson-Pines for doing all the groundwork to make this award possible.

Ed Note: Ralph was presented with the Great Egret Award for his over 50 years of dedication to Audubon. It is the highest recognition given to volunteers by National Audubon.

The text of his award read, “Ralph Cioffi has been an active member of North Shore Audubon for over 50 years. Ralph has served in many positions: President, Conservation Chair, Newsletter Editor, field trip leader and field notes compiler. He worked on many Chapter conservation efforts and wrote the first 30 years of NSAS history. In 1973 he took over the compiling of the Field Notes and continued for 43 years of detailed listings. Ralph’s encyclopedic knowledge and ability to ID a bird are renowned on Long Island and beyond. Ralph’s dedicated service to Audubon as a volunteer sets a high standard for others to follow.

About that encyclopedic knowledge, some years back when a call went out for suggestion for Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant ideas, one was “Download Ralph Cioffi’s brain.” Thank You Ralph for your many years of dedication to the chapter and preserving the natural environment of our region..

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Alley Pond Park NSAS walk; leaders Lenore Figueroa, Trudy Horowitz

4/19 25 species; YB Sapsucker, Blue-headed Vireo (FOS), Yellow Warbler (FOS), Rusty Blackbirds

Alley Pond Park NSAS walk; leader Rich Kelly

5/6 47 species; Wood Pewee (FOS), Swainson’s Thrush, Blue-winged Warbler (h), N. Waterthrush, Hooded W. (h), Canada W. (FOS), Scarlet Tanager

Alley Pond Park NSAS walk; leader Rich Kelly

South Shore

1/25 34 species; Redhead, Com Merganser, Great Horned Owl, Hermit Thrush Hempstead Lake SP NSAS walk

2/1 33 species; 6 Harlequin Ducks, 2 Tree Swallows

Point Lookout NSAS walk

2/2 17 Oystercatchers, Razorbill, Tree Swallow

Jones Beach St. Pk. Rich Kelly, Al Lindberg

2/22 38 species; N. Gannets, 2 Peregrine Falcons, 13 Oystercatchers, Horned Larks, 20+ Tree Swallows, Red-breasted Nuthatches, 150 Snow Buntings

Jones Beach St. Pk. NSAS walk

3/18 Cooper’s Hawk

Mineola yard John Ciesla

3/22 41 species; 9 Wood Ducks, Black Vulture (probable first park record), Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Tree Swallows, Hermit Thrush Hempstead Lake SP NSAS walk; leader Steve Schellenger


Oceanside NSAS walk; leader Ralph Matragrano

12/4 45 species; Laughing Gull, Forster’s Terns, Barn Swallows, Brown Thrasher

Jones Beach St. Pk. NSAS walk; leader Rich Kelly

4/27 34 species; 3 Surf Scoters Hempstead Lake SP Steve Schellenger, Barbara Garriel

5/4 40 species; Worm-eating Warbler Hempstead Lake SP Barbara Garriel

5/10 48 species; Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Forster’s Tern, Great-horned Owl, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Brown Thrasher, Blackpoll Warbler, N Waterthrush, Savannah Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak Hempstead Lake SP NSAS walk; leader Ralph Matragrano

Suffolk County

2/5 115 Ruddy Turnstones, Screech Owl Caumsett St. Pk. Rich Kelly

2/25 2 Turkey Vultures, Red-tailed Hawk building nest Caumsett St. Pk. Virginia Dankel
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**DATE**  | **BIRDS** | **LOCATION** | **OBSERVER**
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1/20 | Com Goldeneye, Red-throated Loons | Centre Island Beach | Jim Madden
1/20 | 500 Surf Scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, Com Goldeneye | Stehli Beach | Jim Madden
1/21 | imm King Eider | Centre Island Beach | Jim Madden
1/22 | Cooper's Hawk | Bayville yard | Jim Madden
1/24 | Red-breasted Nuthatch, Redwinged-Blackbird | Bayville yard | Barbara Garriel
1/31 | 25 Snow Buntings | Centre Island Beach | Jim Madden
2/5 | Gannet | Ransom Beach | Jim Madden
2/8 | 300 Long-tailed Ducks, Greater Yellowlegs, 7 Tree Sparrow, 22 Snow Bunting, C. Grackle | Stehli Beach | Jim Madden
2/8 | 30 Greater Scaup | Mill Neck Creek | NSAS walk
2/18 | Scaup sp., Long-tailed Ducks, Buffleheads, com Looon, Coots | Oyster Bay, Bayville | Lindy Nielsen
2/18 | 36 Snow Buntings | Centre Island Beach | Lindy Nielsen
2/27 | Red-shouldered Hawk | Bayville | Jim Madden
3/16 | Sharp-shinned Hawk | Bayville yard | Jim Madden
3/21 | Merlin | Stehli Beach | Jim Madden
3/22 | Great Egret (FOS) | Creek Beach | Jim Madden
3/24 | Osprey on platform | West Harbor Road | Lindy Nielsen
4/19 | 2 Forster's Terns (FOS) | Mill Neck Creek | Jim Madden
4/26 | Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Bayville yard/feeder | Jim Madden
4/28 | Blue-headed Vireo, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Black & white Warbler, Palm Warbler | Bayville-Harrison Williams Woods | Barbara Garriel
5/2 | E. Kingbird, Savannah Sparrow | Stehli Beach | Jim Madden
5/10 | Piping Plover nest | Stehli Beach | Jim Madden
5/1 | Osprey at nest | Leeds Pond | Donald Hecht
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**Muttontown**

2/27 4 Turkey Vultures, Com Raven  Muttontown Preserve  Rich Kelly

3/8 28 species; Turkey Vulture, Hairy Woodpecker, Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Cedar waxwing, Fox Sparrow  Humes Estate  Virginia Dankel

3/27 2 Ring-necked Ducks  Hoffman Center  Virginia Dankel

4/1 27 species; Black Vulture, Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwings, Rusty Blackbirds  Muttontown Preserve  NSAS walk; leader Ralph Matragrano

4/11 Killdeer, Palm Warblers  Hoffman Center  HC staff

4/15 23 species; DC Cormorants, Hairy Woodpecker, Tree Swallows  Muttontown Preserve NSAS walk; Lenore Figueroa

5/9 30 species; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, White-eyed Vireo, 5 Blue-winged Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak  Muttontown Preserve  Barbara Garriel

**Oyster Bay**

1/21 5 Towhees  Planting Fields Arboretum  Rich Kelly

2/25 300 Ring-billed Gulls – on playing fields in fog  Stillwell Woods  Rich Kelly

**Port Washington/ Sands Point**

2/19 Osprey (FOS)  Sands Point Preserve  Donald Hecht

3/6 2 Killdeer (FOS)  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

3/9 2 Yellow-throated Loons, 3 Fish Crows, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, 12 G Scaup, BayWalk Jennifer Wilson-Pines

3/26 23 Cedar Waxwings  Port Washington yard  Donald Hecht

4/3 2 Snowy Egrets (FOS) 15 Bufflehead, 1 DC Cormorant  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

4/5 2 Greater Scaup, 12 Bufflehead, 6 DC Cormorant, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, 3 Great Black-backed gulls  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

4/13 male Scarlet Tanager (FOS very early)  Port Washington yard  Donald Hecht

4/13 1 Black-crowned Night Heron, 4 Brant, 2 Killdeer  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

4/24 4 Green-winged Teal (Baxter Pond) 1 Great Egret  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

4/26 33 species; RW Swallow, House Wren, Catbird, Yellow Warbler  Sands Point Preserve  Rich Kelly

4/28 6 Forester’s Terns (small breeding colony) 4 Laughing Gulls (FOS)  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

5/4 Wood Thrush, Veery  Sands Point Preserve  Donald Hecht

5/9 Baltimore Oriole  Port Washington yard  Donald Hecht

5/9-20 Least Sandpipers Sheets Creek East & North flocks of 3-20  BayWalk  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

**SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE NSAS TERRITORY**

**Queens**

1/18 Pied-billed Grebe, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Coot  Oakland Lake  Virginia Dankel

3/9 2 adult Bald Eagles  Oakland Lake  Nancy Tognan


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