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
Bring your used toner & ink cartridges,
or old cell phones to the meetings.
Barbara Garriel will donate them to a green recycle
program, Recycle4Education to benefit the
Wolf Conservation Center.
Join us on the friendly walks.

November 24th, 2015
Preserving Plum Island for Future Generations
Chris Cryder
Mr. Cryder is the Special Projects Coordinator of Save the Sound. He is currently the Outreach Coordinator for the Preserve Plum Island Coalition. He will inform us on the past, present and future of this important island.

January 26th, 2016
FILM Winged Seduction, Birds of Paradise
A National Geographic presentation
National Geographic photographer Tim Laman and ornithologist Ed Scholes takes us on their journey to the jungles of New Guinea allowing us to view up close and personal the trials and tribulations of capturing for the first time on film many Birds of Paradise and their behaviors. You will feel as though you are right there with them (without the bugs, of course).

December: No Meeting,
Christmas Bird Count
Saturday Dec 19
See page 2 for details

Garvies Point
ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST
Saturday and Sunday,
November 21st and 22nd
10am to 4pm
Our celebration of Northeastern Native American culture is held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving. You can enjoy hands-on activities including pottery making, primitive fire-building and on-site cooking demonstrations with sampling, authentic Native American food displays and sampling, artifacts and tool technology, face painting with natural pigments, and use of the atlatl for spear throwing. Native American films will be shown hourly. Activities ongoing from 10 am - 4 pm. Fun for families, all ages welcome. Special program fee: $5.00 per person (under 5 free with adult) *No charge for current Friends members!

February 23rd, 2016
Sparrows and allies in the NYC Area
Joe Giunta
Mr. Giunta has been an avid birder in the NY region for over 25 years. He is the birding instructor for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and walk leader for many organizations including Nature Conservancy, NYC Audubon and Brooklyn Bird Club. He is the owner of Happy Warblers LLC, a birding and educational travel company. Joe will try to demystify these birds and their similar looking migration sparrow looking species for us.

Thank You Whole Foods for generously supplying the refreshments at our general meetings. Whole Foods is located at Northern Blvd. and Port Washington Blvd.
Governor Cuomo Vetos TNR Bill

Despite numbers of calls running higher from the cat people, Governor Cuomo vetoed a bill that would have codified TNR in State code. Below is the letter he sent to the Senate and Assembly.

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:
Assembly Bill Number 2778, entitled: “AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to community based initiatives for the purpose of trapping, neutering, vaccinating and returning feral cats to the area from which they were trapped”

NOT APPROVED
This bill would allow for the diversion of up to twenty percent of the State’s Animal Population Control Program Fund (APCPF) to be used for community-based initiatives to trap, spay, neuter, vaccinate, and return feral cats to the area where they were found. Such programs are referred to as Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) programs. Although the goal of this bill is laudable, it is problematic for several reasons. First, I cannot support diverting APCPF funds from existing programs that have already proven effective for humanely controlling feral cat populations. Second, a central tenant of TNR programs is the release of feral cats into the wild. However, that conflicts directly with Agriculture and Markets Law section 374(5), which makes the release of such animals a misdemeanor offense, and would create uncertainty as to the legality of releasing trapped animals.
Third, the prevailing science suggests that TNR programs are not guaranteed to reduce feral cat populations, and, even if they do, may take many more years to do so than existing programs. Finally, the return of feral cats to the wild must be balanced against the impacts these cats can have on wildlife, including on threatened and endangered species, habitats, and food sources for native predators. I am therefore constrained to veto this bill.
The bill is disapproved.
(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

Annual Northern Nassau Christmas Bird Count
Sat December 19

It’s that time of year again when groups of experienced birders hit the trails and feeders to count as many birds as they can pound out in a 24 hour period. You will see us with binoculars in hand along roads, scouring beaches, parading through backyards (with permission of course) all in the name of the National Audubon Society annual Christmas Bird Count. You can find lots of neat information about this 100+ year old citizen science project on the NAS website so anything you ever wanted to know about winter bird activity is easily at your fingertips.

If you consider yourself a good birder able to identify 75+ common species of bird and you have nothing better to do on December 19, give Mary Normandia a buzz and she’ll incorporate you into a designated area so you can help count and join in the fun. Bring lunch and be willing to car pool and get cold. The count circle starts around Manhasset Bay to the west, up through Lloyd Neck to the east, and down south into Westbury. The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay Cove will host the compilation and covered dish dinner to follow. We are privileged to have North Shore, South Shore and Huntington Audubon Societies take part in this once a year event. Count starts at midnight on 12/21 and ends at dusk when we meet at the T.R. Sanctuary to warm up and brag. Call if you are interested or if you would simply like to report your backyard feeder birds into the totals.
Mary Normandia 516-965-2282

WE NEED FEEDER COUNTERS!

Bird from the comfort of your home. Backyard birds are woefully under counted. You can call or email your results to your Count area leader before the compilation.

Count Areas
Area 1 Port Washington to Manhasset
Area 2 Roslyn to Garvies Point
Area 3 Glen Cove to Lattingtown
Area 4 Bayville
Area 5 Mill Neck
Area 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 will be lead by the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society.
Area 8 Brookville
Area 11 Muttontown Preserve.
Area 14 in and around Stillwell Woods
Fall Winter 2015 BIRD WALK SCHEDULE

Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Weather permitting, **walks start at 9:30am unless noted**. If the weather is doubtful, please call the trip leader. Area code is 516 unless noted. Go to our website at [http://www.northshoreaudubon.org](http://www.northshoreaudubon.org) for directions. Think Green! We encourage carpooling where possible.

### November

- **Wed. 11/4** Point Lookout (SE corner of parking lot) & Lido Beach Preserve 509-1094 Rich
- **Sat. 11/7** Massap. Pres. LIRR Pkg. lot 621-6678 Joyce
- **Wed. 11/11** Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 785-3375 Ralph
- **Sat. 11/14** Stehli Beach, West End of Bayville 628-1315 Lindy
- **Wed. 11/18** Nassau Fine Arts Museum 883-2130 Peggy
- **Sat. 11/21** North Shore Duck Walk meet at Macy’s in Manhasset 767-3454 Jennifer
- **Wed. 11/26** No walk Thanksgiving Eve! Happy Thanksgiving!

### Wednesday Winter Walks With Wendy 546-6303

**December**

- **12/2** Caleb Smith Park
- **12/9** Mill Pond Wantagh
- **12/16** Gerry Park and Cedarmere
- **12/19** **Sat** [XMAS BIRD COUNT Details on page 2](#)
- **12/23** Hempstead Lake
- **12/30** Stehli Beach

**January 2016**

- **1/6** Jamaica Bay WR
- **1/13** Twin Lakes Preserve, Bellmore
- **1/20** St John’s Pond
- **1/27** Point Lookout

**February**

- **2/3** Target Rock NWR
- **2/10** Cow Meadow Park, Freeport
- **2/17** Planting Fields
- **2/24** Coast Guard Station

**March**

- **3/2** Sagamore Hill
- **3/9** Bayard Cutting Arboretum

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Top 10 Foods for Winter Bird Feeding
by Bill Thompson, III | Editor, Bird Watcher’s Digest

Winter: ’tis the season for feeding birds all across North America, especially in those regions where it gets mighty cold and snowy. If you are just getting started in bird feeding, or if you are frustrated by a lack of success in attracting winter birds to your feeders, the first thing you need to determine is whether you are feeding the right foods. If you are not giving the birds what they want, you might not have many birds.

The following 10 foods are extremely popular with backyard birds all across North America. If your favorite bird food is not on this list, please let me know. After all, I am not omniscient. I’m just a guy living in Ohio who likes to feed birds.

1. Homemade bird treats. You can come up with your own recipes for winter bird treats. Smear peanut butter on a tree trunk, and poke some peanut bits into it. Melt suet in your microwave, and pour it into an ice-cube tray to harden. Before it solidifies, add peanut bits, raisins, apple slices, and even melon rinds, and watch your birds chow down. If you want to feed raisins, chop them up and soak them in warm water first to soften them up a bit.

2. Fruit. Humans are supposed to eat at least three servings of fruit every day. Fruit is also an important dietary element for birds, but it can be hard to find in many areas in midwinter. Set out grapes, slices of citrus fruits, apple or banana slices, and even melon rinds, and watch your birds chow down. If you want to feed raisins, chop them up and soak them in warm water first to soften them up a bit.

3. Mealworms. Most feeder birds, except goldfinches, will eat mealworms if you offer them. Mealworms are available in bait stores, or by mail order. Don’t worry, they aren’t slimy and gross. In fact, they aren’t even worms; they are larval stage of a beetle (Tenebrio molitor), if that makes you feel better.

4. Cracked corn. Sparrows, blackbirds, jays, doves, quail, and squirrels are just a few of the creatures you can expect at your feeders if you feed cracked corn. Fed in moderation, cracked corn will attract almost any feeder species. Squirrels love corn—cracked or otherwise—best of all.

5. Safflower. This white, thin-shelled, conical seed is eagerly consumed by all the small finches—goldfinches, house, purple, and Cassin’s finches, pine siskins, and redpolls. You need to feed thistle in a specialized thistle feeder. A potential problem with thistle: it can go rancid or moldy quickly in wet weather. All thistle seed is imported to North America, and it is all supposed to be sterilized prior to entry into the United States and Canada.

6. Nyjer/thistle seed. Although it can be expensive, Nyjer, or thistle, seed is eagerly consumed by all the small finches—goldfinches, house, purple, and Cassin’s finches, pine siskins, and redpolls. You need to feed thistle in a specialized thistle feeder. A potential problem with thistle: it can go rancid or moldy quickly in wet weather. All thistle seed is imported to North America, and it is all supposed to be sterilized prior to entry into the United States and Canada.

7. Good mixed seed. Is there such a thing as BAD mixed seed? You bet! Bad mixed seed has lots of junk seeds that most birds won’t eat. Bad mixed seed can include dyed seed meant for pet birds, wheat, and red milo. Good mixed seed has a large amount of sunflower seed, cracked corn, white proso millet, and perhaps some peanut hearts. The really cheap bags of mixed seed are sold at grocery stores. You can even buy the ingredients separately and create your own specialty mix.
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Join the For The Birds! Program

The Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Oyster Bay is looking for some terrific people to assist their instructors with educating students about birds. TRAC will offer you free training (it’s easy!) and a looseleaf binder with the actual program full of exciting ideas. They provide everything and are the main instructors. You assist as a leader while small groups of children rotate to you each 10 minutes. You decide how much time you can volunteer. It is a wonderful program and opens the eyes of students who rarely get outside. You would be amazed how excited they get on their first bird walk around their school and start to identify blue jays, cardinals and sparrows. Come join the fun! Contact Educational Director of For the Birds, Diana N. at 516-922-3200.

Wonderful Websites

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Huntington/Oyster Bay Audubon www.huntingtonaudubon.org  
Audubon NY www.ny.audubon.org/  
LI Birding www.libirding.com  
Garden City Bird Sanctuary www.gcbirdsanctuary.org/  
American Bird Conservancy www.abcbirds.org/  
American Birding Association www.aba.org/  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology www.birds.cornell.edu  
E Bird www.ebird.org  
Birding on the Net www.birdingonthe.net  

Injured Wildlife
Volunteers For Wildlife www.volunteersforwildlife.org/  
STAR Foundation www.savetheanimalsrescue.org/  

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- CIB = Centre Island Beach
- CITP = Centre Island Town Park
- DP = Dosoris Pond
- FFS Flora & Fauna Survey
- FPM = Fox Point Marsh
- GPP = Garvies Point Preserve
- HC = Hoffman Center
- HH = Hempstead Harbor
- LB = Lattingtown Beach
- MNC = Mill Neck Creek
- MP = Muttontown Preserve
- MPF = Massapequa Park Preserve
- PB = Pryible Beach
- PFA = Planting Fields Arboretum
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- RB = Ransom Beach
- SB = Stehli Beach
- SJM = St Josophnts Monestary
- SPP = Sands Point Preserve
- SSP = Shu Swamp Preserve
- WP = Welwyn Preserve

### Date | Birds | Location | Observer
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**Lattingtown**

**Locust Valley**
10/17 | ++Am. Robins, Sharp Shinned Hawk | Piping Rock Country Club | Barbara Connolly

**Manhasset**
10/7-10 | 50+ Double-crested Cormorants, 100+ Canada Geese, 50+Mallards, 2 Great Blue Herons, 8 Great Egrets, 12 Snowy Egrets, 50+ Laughing Gulls out of breeding plumage, 12 Least Terns, 3 Osprey feeding in tree | Leeds Pond | Jennifer Wilson-Pines

**Mill Neck,**
10/16th Bald Eagle | | Beaver Lake | Barbara Connolly

**Muttontown**

**Port Washington/ Sands Point**

**South Shore**
Date  Birds                                               Location  Observer

* Peggy and Rich only - prior to trip, ** Wendy independently  Jones Beach  NSAS Field Trip
Oceanside Marine Nature Center NSAS Field Trip

Suffolk County

* Stacy and Kurt only - prior to trip ** Rich only - prior to trip Caumsett SP  NSAS Field Trip

Queens


The Field Notes look a little skimpy this issue, and maybe not quite in the right order, because our highly esteemed Field Notes compiler, Ralph Cioffi, is under the weather. The notes had to be pieced together from various emails, so any mistakes are the editor’s. Until Ralph is feeling better and able to resume organizing the Field Note, please send your sightings to:
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