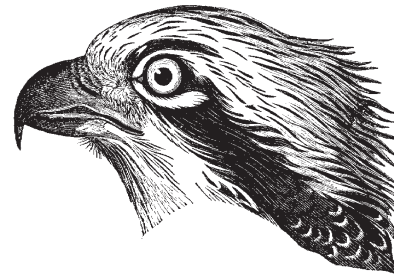


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## Evening Programs

Manhasset Public Library  
30 Onderdonk Ave. at Northern Blvd. 7pm  
Open to the public and free of charge

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<http://manhassetlibrary.org>

Membership meetings are the

4th Tuesday of the month, unless noted

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November 27, 2018

Bird and Butterflies

## Sweetbriar Nature Center in Smithtown

Get a close up view of the outdoor enclosed Butterfly Vivarium which is open from June-Sept. How do the birds and bees interact? Sweetbriar Nature Center provides natural science education services and experiences, engage in native wildlife rehabilitation services and encourage responsible decision making, appreciation, and respect for the unique wildlife and ecosystems found on Long Island.

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Sat & Sun, Nov 17 & 18 • 10am – 4pm

## GARVIES POINT MUSEUM & PRESERVE NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST

This celebration of Northeastern Native American culture has been held for over 35 years. Demonstrations & hands-on activities will be on-going, including pottery-making, authentic native food displays with sampling, medicinal plant displays, Native American tools & artifacts, corn-grinding, natural face painting, using an atlatl, plus primitive fire-building & on-site cooking, and films on Native American culture/legends. Held rain or shine, activities are both indoors & outside. There are a variety of native foods to sample, but bring a bag lunch and spend the day. \*\$5.00/child 5-12 years/seniors, \$8.00/adult; includes all activities & museum admission. Free for current members.

## Garvies Point Museum and Preserve INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY and Live Animal Presentation

Sat, Sept 15 • 10am – 12pm

Volunteers must register by Sept 12

An estimated half million volunteers will join across the world in 119 countries to participate in cleaning the world's coastlines and collecting data. All are welcome to do their part & help clean up our shoreline along Hempstead Harbor. Participate in citizen science. Scouts Welcome. Light refreshments & complimentary live animal presentation for our volunteers.

## Manhasset Bay Clean Up at Manorhaven Beach Park Sat. Sept 29, 9:30-11

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October 23, 2018

## Fall Warbler Migration on Long Island Joe Giunta

Mr. Giunta, a native New Yorker, has been an avid birder in the NY region for nearly 30 years. He is the birding instructor for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and has lead bird walks for many organizations including Nature Conservancy, NYC Audubon, Brooklyn Bird Club and on occasion NSAS when we can get him to squeeze us in his busy schedule. Tonight he will highlight fall warblers in their fall feather colors as we try to better grasp identifying them among the fall foliage.


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**NOTE** Field Note sightings should now be sent to Lindy Nielsen.

NSAS offers members a quarterly print newsletter, or pdf email delivery, redesigned website and both a Facebook page and a group for more up to the minute information. [www.northshoreaudbon.org](http://www.northshoreaudbon.org)

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From the President: Peggy Maslow  
News Summaries: International, National,  
Long Island, AudubonNY, NSAS,  
All the links below are listed on our Facebook  
group, North Shore Audubon Society.

## International

### Choosing Animals Over People

Sometimes I feel defensive because I volunteer to help birds and not people. So I was thrilled with the April 8, 2018 Opinion in NY Times, "Choosing Animals Over People," by Nicholas Kristof, which I will summarize very briefly. Kristof argues that, "Compassion for other species can also nurture compassion for fellow humans." Also in many parts of the world conservation programs hire local people and support the local economy.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/07/opinion/sunday/wildlife-central-african-republic.html>

## Climate Change

NY Times Magazine, August 5, 2018, covered the history of the struggle to reverse the effects of carbon dioxide emissions. This is, of course, an international problem that NSAS takes seriously. For those who wish to read more I highly recommend reading this publication.

## National

### Endangered Species Act

"Donald Trump has Endangered Species in His Sites," From the NY Times editorial, July 22, 2018  
The editorial is too long for me to adequately paraphrase or summarize it. The Interior Department proposes to weaken the law that saved the bald eagle, gray wolf and other species from extinction.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/22/opinion/editorials/zinke-interior-endangered-species.html>

Alaska- Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced plans to modify the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, commonly known as the Roadless Rule. It prohibits roads and logging in Inventoried Roadless Areas on National Forests nationwide with some exceptions for safety, mining, and utility projects. Changes could put birds, fish, and other wildlife at risk. They are the true engines of economic growth in Southeast Alaska, and they all benefit from intact old-growth forests.

## Trump Administration Proposes Gutting Vehicle Fuel-efficiency, Tailpipe Pollution Standards

WASHINGTON— The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Environmental Protection Agency issued a proposed rule today that would freeze fuel-efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks after model year 2020. The proposal also seeks to revoke California's ability to maintain its own standards at the more stringent levels set in 2012.

"This is one of the Trump administration's deadliest proposals yet," said Vera Pardee, senior counsel at the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate Law Institute. "It would lock us into decades of toxic and planet-warming emissions from new gas-guzzlers on our roads. From power plants to cars to oil and gas drilling, Trump is hell-bent on dismantling every protection against fossil fuel pollution, no matter the body count he leaves behind."

## Background

In January 2017 the EPA issued a mid-term evaluation concluding that the existing fuel-efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for model years 2022-2025 were readily achievable. The EPA found that the standards created overwhelming benefits for the public, including nearly \$92 billion in savings at the pump over the lifetime of vehicles meeting the standards, and if anything could be strengthened.

On April 2, 2018 the EPA announced it was withdrawing that mid-term evaluation to weaken the standards. The Center, along with six other environmental groups, filed a legal petition challenging that decision.

Projections indicate that freezing the standards at 2020 levels would result in Americans burning up to 881,000 more barrels of oil per day by 2035. That increase is more oil than the U.S. currently imports daily from Saudi Arabia.

Fossil-fuel vehicles are now the nation's largest source of greenhouse gas pollution. They also emit pollutants that cause smog and ground-level ozone that lead to asthma, other serious health problems and higher rates of pollution-caused death.

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FALL WINTER 2018  
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/](http://www.northshoreaudubon.org/) for directions. We would like to encourage carpooling, where possible. Please note there is a per car fee at Sands Pt. Call leader for parking ideas.

Schedule note: \*\*\* indicates 8 am official start time

\*\* indicates need for FREE parking permit

\* indicates Parking fees

**September**

- Sat. 9/1 Garvies Point Preserve Leaderless walk
- Wed. 9/5 8am \*\*\* Hempstead Lake State Park 987-8103 Steve
- Sat. 9/8 \*Sands Point Preserve 628-1315 Lindy PARKING FEE
- Wed. 9/12 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 767-3454 Jennifer
- Sat. 9/15 Alley Pond Park 767-3454 Jennifer
- Wed. 9/19 Garvies Point Preserve 621-6678 Joyce
- Sat. 9/22 8am\*\*\*Deserversky Center NYIT campus 404-1984 Elizabeth
- Wed. 9/26 St. Josaphat's 628-9022 Barbara
- Sat. 9/29 8 a.m.\*\*\*JFK Preserve at Tobay Beach 883-2130 Peggy  
Participants may consider going to JBCGS for a leaderless walk after the bird banding demonstration and walk at JFK.

\*\*FREE parking permit required:

<http://oysterbaytown.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/JFK-Permit-Application.pdf>

**October**

- Wed. 10/3 8am \*\*\* Hempstead Lake State Park 987-8103 Steve
- Sat. 10/6 Garvies 628-1315 Lindy
- Wed. 10/10 Caumsett State Park 628-1315 Lindy
- Sat. 10/13 Upper Francis Pond and Bailey Arboretum 767-3454 Jennifer
- Wed. 10/17 Planting Fields Arboretum 621-6678 Joyce
- Sat. 10/20 Oceanside Preserve 785-3375 Ralph
- Wed. 10/24 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 785-3375 Ralph
- Sat. 10/27 8am\*\*\* Humes Estate 628-9022 Barbara (People may come later and catch up with the group. Please let leader know in advance.)
- Wed. 10/31 Sands Point 883-2130 Peggy PARKING FEE

**November**

- Sat. 11/3 8 am\*\*\* Nassau Fine Arts Museum 883-2130 Peggy
- Wed. 11/7 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 785-3375 Ralph
- Sat. 11/10 8am \*\*\* Point Lookout (SE corner of parking lot) & Lido Beach Preserve 987-8103 Steve
- Wed. 11/14 Stehli Beach, West End of Bayville 628-1315 Lindy
- Sat. 11/17 North Shore Duck Walk meet at Macy's in Manhasset 767-3454 Jennifer
- Wed. 11/21 Thanksgiving Eve! Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sat. 12/15 North Nassau Christmas Bird Count



Check our website and Facebook pages for updates and changes to programs and walks.

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT**

**Bayles Garden Center**

88 S. Bayles Ave., Port Washington is offering a special discount to NSAS members.

20% off on seed and feeders, excluding sale items. Bring in your National Audubon membership card, or this NSAS newsletter.

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# Stehli Beach Baby Bonanza – Summer 2018

By Jill Vomacka

In my first year of retirement I promised myself I would again get involved with observing and appreciating nature. I joined the NSAS and became a volunteer steward for the area from Glen Cove to Bayville. My first Spring, I was amazed at the number of Least Terns at Stehli Beach that were nesting and found myself observing their behaviors for hours. At that time there were three Piping Plover nest enclosures but over 200-300 Least Terns darting, diving, and squawking at anyone and everyone coming within 30 feet of any nest. (I do believe in the early days of military air force, pilots must have watched these birds to gain flight maneuver insights, they had amazing accuracy when dive-bombing predators (human or animal) getting too close to their nest.) However since that first spring of 2009 the Least Tern population has drastically decreased to the point where there were no nesting Least Terns until this spring. For the past eight years the terns would come 40-50-60 adults, stay for 2-3 weeks and then leave. No nests. Just rest, eat a little and move on to better pastures.

Why this happened is a mystery. Perhaps there were not enough fish to sustain the colony. Perhaps the beach had flooded one of those years and spooked them off. Whatever the cause, I believe that they moved on to nesting on islands off the Connecticut shore.

BUT this summer....they stayed!!! From late April to late July. There were over 50 nests and over 130 adults. I was privileged to see a newly born chick, maybe 1 and 1/2" long...the cutest chick wiggle out of the egg and get covered by its mothers downy feathers to keep it cool in the 98\* heat! I watched as the chicks waddle to find shade among the blades of grass and line up in the shade of the poles that held nesting enclosure lines. I watched parents feed their chicks and en-mass 30-50 chicks at the same time waddle and run across the nesting area to exercise their legs and featherless wings getting ready for the next stage. But as a group I was wondering where are they running? It's 7:30 P.M. Do their parents know where they are? A few days later some chicks were ready to try to fly....with a running approach, they flap, get off the ground for a foot, then crash into a plant or the sand....rest and try again with a parent watch-

ing of course... you could only imagine what the adult was saying..."Now flap faster and keep your head up and land feet first by Mom over there." A few days later the chicks were flying for longer distances, but still plopping into grasses and having hard landings. Eventually the landings got smoother and now parent and chick were flying over the enclosure area about 3-4 feet off the ground. They were flying in ovals making sharp turns and dips and eventually flying 10 feet above the enclosure area. Resting and repeating this over and over. Then the fledglings were flying without the larger parent birds. Then a parent would fly with the fledgling to the shallow surf and teach them to hover, and dive for food. If they could not fly after getting wet they could walk out of the water then fly and try again. Until they gained the skill to fly, dive, get food, and FLY out of the water. This was absolutely amazing to watch. I spent hours here getting most of it on film and enjoying every second.

Our Shore Bird Researcher from TR Nature Center in Oyster Bay did a terrific job in setting up enclosures that had 2 walkways allowing beach goers and fishermen access to the water without damaging the nesting area. From what I observed most people kept their dogs at home or at least kept them on leashes so they did not disturb the birds too much.

We had two Piping Plover Nests. I only observed one family of two chicks successfully fledge and then they disappeared. It was a great summer at Stehli Beach!

I can't wait until next year!



## Upstate Grasslands Protected

The legislation providing for the payment of taxes on State-owned land in the towns of Argyle, Fort Edward, and Kingsbury in Washington County was signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

Washington County contains the last remaining large, contiguous grasslands in eastern New York, and is home to the Fort Edward Grasslands Important Bird Area (IBA). This 13,000 acre grasslands complex, comprised of working farms and grassland areas, provides important habitat for many bird species, including Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Sedge Wrens, as well as threatened and endangered species such as the Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl and Upland Sandpiper. The Short-eared Owl and Upland Sandpiper occur in less than 5% of New York State and are primarily threatened by habitat loss. This makes the protection of these grasslands critical, as these species continue to decline despite current conservation efforts.





**Garvies Point Museum & Preserve**

50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove 571-8010

Closed Sunday & Mondays

Movies, walks and gallery talks included with admission to the Museum. \$4 adults, \$2 children 5-12 Unless noted films and crafts included with admission [www.garviespointmuseum.com](http://www.garviespointmuseum.com)

**Nature Films Tues thru Sat. check website for schedule**

**Sept 8 & 22 FALL BIRD-WATCHING WALKS** Included Our preserve is known for the varied migratory birds. A feast of berries, especially from Aralia trees attract an abundance of birds. Our outer exhibit hall deck offers a spectacular eye-level view of birds! Join us for a short tour to observe these beautiful creatures Feel free to BYOB, binoculars! We have some available if needed.

**Sat, Sept 15 • 10am – 12pm**

**Volunteers must register by Sept 12**

**INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY and Live Animal Presentation**

**Raptors of Long Island**

An exciting chance to meet our live hawks, owls, and falcons. Learn about the many adaptations that make these animals some of the most skilled hunters on the planet. Get closer than you've ever been before to some incredible birds of prey.

**Sat, Sept 29 • 2 – 3pm Included**

**NATIVE AMERICAN EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANT WALK**

Join us for a walk through our preserve and gardens as we identify & discuss native plants used by prehistoric Native American groups of the Northeast for their food & medicinal uses.

FILM: "Plants and the Cherokee" (30 mins.)

**Sat, Oct 13 • 2 – 3pm**

**NOCTURNAL ANIMALS!!**

Meet native animals that prefer the darkness & quiet of night to perform their daily tasks! Advance registration required. \*\$10/adult \$5/child 5-12 years. \$8/adult member \$3/child member.

Includes Nocturnal Animals program, light refreshments & museum admission. Recommended ages 5

**Sat, Oct 20• 2pm – 3pm Included**

**AUTUMN FOLIAGE TOUR**

Why do leaves change color? How do trees prepare for winter? Uncover the answers as we enjoy the beautiful fall colors of our preserve! Fun for all ages.

FILM: "Fall Color Trees" (30 mins.)

**Sat, Oct 27 11am – 3pm, ongoing**

**HALLOWEEN BAT CRAFT**

\$5.00 per participant, in addition to museum admission.

FILM: "Animal Adventures: Bat Adventures" (30 mins.)

**Sat & Sun, Nov 17 & 18 • 10am – 4pm**

**NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST See cover for details**

**Sat, Nov 24 • 11am & 2pm Program & craft included**

**POPCORN & A MOVIE: ICE AGE**

Join us for our feature film: 20th Century Fox's ICE AGE, enjoy some popcorn and juice (Film is 81 mins.)

**DINOSAUR ORIGAMI • 10am – 4pm, ongoing**

**FRIENDS OF GARVIES POINT MUSEUM & PRESERVE** Membership Application

Some benefits of membership-

Free admission to Garvies Point Museum & Preserve Discount in the gift shop, Notices of special events and programs, Invitations to MEMBERS ONLY events and programs.

Make your tax-deductible donation payable to:

Friends of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

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50 Barry Drive Glen Cove, NY 11542

**I would like to join the Friends at the level indicated:**

\$25 individual

\$35 family

\$20 senior/student

\$100 corporation

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**Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary**

134 Cove Rd., Oyster Bay (516) 922-3200

<http://ny.audubon.org/about-us/centers-sanctuaries-chapters/theodore-roosevelt>

Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary was founded in 1923. Today, through high-quality programs and a professional staff, TR provides natural science education to children and adults on Long Island and beyond. Most programs are family friendly. **Call for fees and to reserve programs.**





## FIELD NOTES

**Abbreviations for common locations:** **CC**= Captin's Cove, **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, **MPB**=Morgan's Park Beach, **MP**= Muttontown Preserve, **MPP**=Massapequa Park Preserve, **PB**=Pryible Beach, **PFA**=Planting Fields Arboretum, **PRCC**=Piping Rock Country Club, **RB**=Ransom Beach, **SB**=Stehli Beach, **SJM**=St Josphaps Monestary, **SPP**=Sands Point Preserve, **SSP**=Shu Swamp Preserve, **WP**=Welwyn Preserve, **FOS**= first of season, + = many, F =female, M=male, A=adult, imm.=immature, J=juvenile

Date	Birds	Location	Observer
<b>Bayville</b>			
5/14	Nesting Piping Plover	Stehli Beach	Jill Vomacka
6/5	Bald Eagle - fledged	off Bayville marina	Jim Madden
6/16	Bald Eagle (a)	off Bayville marina	Lindy Nielsen, Rich Kelly
<b>Glen Cove</b>			
7/4	Least, Common, and Forster's Terns	Welwyn Preserve	Rich Kelly
<b>Great Neck</b>			
6/30	Great Egret, Cedar Waxwing	Udall's Cove	Virginia Dankel
<b>Locust Valley</b>			
7/11	20 species; Am Crow, Fish Crow, Pine Warbler, Chipping Sparrow	Bailey Arboretum	NSAS walk
<b>Mill Neck</b>			
6/6	37 species; D-c Cormorant, Great Egret, Green Heron, Rough-winged Swallow, Cedar Waxwing	Shu Swamp/Lower Francis Pond	NSAS walk
<b>Muttontown</b>			
5/16	19 species; R-t Hummingbird, Blue-winged warbler, Blac&White W., Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Muttontown Preserve	NSAS walk; leader Lindy Nielsen
5/23	46 species; Olive-side Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Swainson's Thrush, Blackpoll, Black-throated Blue Warbler	Hoffman Center	NSAS walk; leader Barbara Garriel
<b>Oyster Bay</b>			
5/30	30 species; Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Barn Swallow, House Wren	Planting Fields Arboretum	NSAS walk; leader Nancy Tognan
6/25	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Planting Fields Arboretum	Rich Kelly
<b>Port Washington/ Sands Point</b>			
6/23	Green Heron	Manhasset Bay	Jennifer Wilson-Pines
June-August	Pair of Com Ravens, breeding, with 2 juv	Manorhaven area	Jennifer Wilson-Pines
June-August	Breeding colony of Forsters Terns 30+A,. 2 fledged juv seen	Manhasset Bay	Jennifer Wilson-Pines
<b>Roslyn</b>			
5/16	Com. Raven	William Cullen Bryant Preserve	Rich Kelly
5/26	30 species; Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, B. Kingfisher, Cedar Waxwing, Baltimore Oriole	William Cullen Bryant Preserve	HSAS walk; leader Joyce Bryk
6/27	19 species; Chimney Swift, E. Kingbird, Warbling Vireo (h), Barn Swallow	Gerry Park	NSAS walk
6/27	13 species; D-c Cormorant, Gr Egret, Osprey, Forster's Tern, Yellow Warbler	Cedarmere	NSAS walk

### SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE NSAS TERRITORY

<b>South Shore</b>			
6/13	18 species; Glossy Ibis, American Oystercatcher, Gull-billed Tern, Roseate Tern	Nickerson Beach	NSAS walk; leader Stephane Perrault
6/13	13 species; Greater Scaup, Forster's Tern, Purple Martin, Boat-tailed Grackle	West Marina, Point Lookout	NSAS walk; leader Stephane Perrault
6/13	37 species; Little Blue Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Clapper Rail, Least Tern	Lido Passive Nature Area	NSAS walk; leader Stephane Perrault
6/20	28 species; Green Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Peregrine Falcon, Least Tern	Oceanside	NSAS walk
7/18	28 species; GB Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Least & Forster's Tern	Cow Meadow	NSAS walk

**Email sightings to Lindy Nielsen [twostepindyl@optonline.net](mailto:twostepindyl@optonline.net)**



7/18 18 species; Green Heron, Am. Oystercatcher, Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Oceanside NSAS walk

**Suffolk County**

5/24 E. Bluebird

Caumsett St. Pk. Peggy Maslow, Virginia Dankel

6/25 **Black-bellied Whistling Duck**

Nissequogue River State Park Lindy Nielsen, Sheila Meehan

**President's Message Continued from page 2**

The above was a press release from The Center for Biological Diversity, a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 1.6 million members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.

**American Birding Expo September 21-23**

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Philadelphia

For information go to:

<https://www.americanbirdingexpo.com/>

The American Birding Expo is North America's most extensive gathering of birding-related products, services, companies, destinations, and organizations. Whether you're a world-traveling bird chaser, a starting out bird watcher, or only interested in the birds in your backyard, the Expo has everything you need! Free morning walk, speakers. Entry to the Expo is just \$10\* for the entire weekend.

**Long Island**

Jones Beach Cat Colony to be fenced in by December 30 and totally removed by March 31, all legally. In the August 9th issue of Newsday, was written, "Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey said in a statement that the cats did not belong at Jones Beach." For a copy of the article see it posted on our Facebook page using that date. Thank you to Don Hecht for bringing it to our attention.

**Plum Island**

Updates on Plum Island will be posted on both our Facebook group and page. As of this writing now one is allowed to visit and there has been no sale or threat of one.

**AudubonNY**

Several Long Island, Connecticut, and NYC chapter representatives, including NSAS met with Audubon staff, including executive director, Ana Paula Tavares, in Port Jefferson to discuss how to improve Long Island Sound health and the wildlife that exist there. We were asked to envision the area in 20 years. Jennifer Wilson-Pines said "Sound Pollution Free", and I said, "at meetings there would be no plastic garbage because every participant at meetings would bring their own mugs, plates and utensils."

**NSAS**

Jennifer Wilson-Pines discovered a hummingbird moth

at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve on August 4 while leading a butterfly walk for Garvies Point Day. See a video on our Facebook page.

As of this writing, there is \$40 left of the \$1000 National Audubon Burke Grant giving \$5 off every \$25 you spend on native plants. Bayles Garden Center also offers a 20 % discount to NSAS members for native plants. If you want me to come to your property to do a Bird-Friendly Habitat Certification, I also help you plan your yard and purchase native plants from Bayles or a wholesaler

\$4000 has been spent on native plants since May 5 and I am sure the discount was an incentive. Also, because of the First Annual Native Plant Sale at Garvies Point this May and the Bird-Friendly Habitat Certification program, people were encouraged to buy native plants. Thank you to all those who helped and who bought native plants. Speaking of native plants, several people deserve a thank you for doing maintenance on one of two of the native plant gardens NSAS established previously with collaborative AudubonNY grants. Thank you Jeanne Millspaugh, Tanya Cluesner, Virginia Dankel and Barbara Mallon. Also Barbara Garriel deserves special mention for transforming her yard into a bird-friendly habitat with mostly native plants which was an enormous amount of work.

Cow Neck Historical Society is slated to receive our newest native plant garden this Fall, funded by an AudubonNY collaborative grant.

NSAS will fund with a Myron Blumenfeld Sierra Club Foundation grant several worthy projects: Sands Point Preserve and PWGreen at Guggenheim Preserve will get several new bird houses. Guggenheim Preserve will be restored to mostly a meadow and Baxter Estates Pond in Port Washington will have more native plants. Most importantly this one time grant will help a deserving Westbury elementary school, Powell Street Elementary School, receive the For the Birds Program administrated by Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay.

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