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Membership meetings are the

4th Tuesday of the month, unless noted

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The North Nassau Christmas Bird Count
Stéphane Perreault
November 26

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the longest running Citizen Science Project in North America. Data has been collected by the Northern Nassau CBC for more than a half-century, thus contributing to the sciences of Ornithology and Conservation. This presentation will allow us to share some fascinating local CBC data, winter population trends, and cycles. This presentation is sure to entertain those who already participate, as well as those curious about this important citizen science project.

A graduate of McGill University, Stéphane participated in field research on the American redstart, Yellow warbler, Red-breasted merganser, and Cattle egret. Stéphane moved to Long Island in 1994, where he remained an avid birder. Although his career has been focused on Biochemistry, he has been conducting professional bird surveys for the Seatuck Environmental Association since 2015.

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NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

10am – 4pm, all activities are ongoing

Demonstrations & hands-on activities will be on-going, including pottery-making, authentic native food displays with sampling, medicinal plant displays, primitive tools & artifacts, corn-grinding, face painting with natural rock, using an atlatl, fire-building without matches & on-site cooking; help make a dugout canoe. Films on Native American culture/legends. Held rain or shine, activities are both indoors & outside. There are a variety of native foods to sample, we recommend you bring a bag lunch and spend the day! *\$5.00/child 5-12 years & seniors, \$8.00/adult; Free for current members.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP & FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, September 21 • 10am – 12pm

Garvies Point Museum & Preserve

Volunteers must register by Sept 18

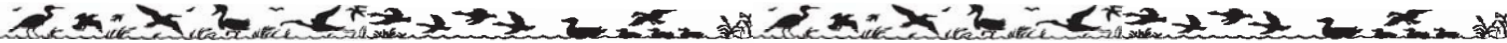
An estimated half million volunteers across the world in 119 countries participate in cleaning the world's coastlines. All are welcome to do their part & help clean up our shoreline along Hempstead Harbor. Light refreshments & complimentary live animal presentation for our volunteers. Please wear sneakers and dress for the weather!

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Barn Owls of Jamaica Bay
Don Riepe
October 22

For its size, Jamaica Bay has the largest number of nesting barn owls in New York State. In the early 1980's, as a park ranger, I helped build and put up the many owl boxes in remote areas of the Jamaica Bay Refuge. With help from American Littoral Society, volunteers and raptor bander Chris Nadareski, we have placed about 20 of these boxes. Each year, we band roughly 18-30 owlets. Although rather odd in appearance, the owlets will grow up to be strikingly beautiful barn owls. A study of pellets undertaken by the National Park Service showed their major prey as Norway rats and meadow voles (Cook 1986). Since Jamaica Bay has ample shoreline, upland and three closed landfills, these mammals are abundant. Providing nesting habitat for the bay's barn owls helps to assure their future as a top predator in New York City.

Don retired in 2003 from the National Park Service where he worked as a naturalist ranger and manager of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in NYC. Currently employed as Jamaica Bay Guardian and Director of the Northeast Chapter for the American Littoral Society, Don has written many articles on natural history and his photographs have been published in journals including Scientific American, National Wildlife, Audubon, and The New York Times. He has an M.S. in Natural Resources Management from the University of New Hampshire and has taught a course in Wildlife Management at St. John's University. A long-time member of the Port Authority's Bird Hazard Task Force, he also serves on the advisory board of NYC Audubon and is co-chair of the Brooklyn/Queens Jamaica Bay Task Force.





From the President Peggy Maslow
I just sat down on the plane flying back to New York from Milwaukee with my laptop. I am returning from the National Audubon Convention that just ended. The next convention will be in July 2021 in Tacoma, Washington, if you're interested.

While I participated on a pre and a post bird field trip, in between I spent time at excellent sessions or meetings. I am inspired to form three committees: Promoting diversity, Native plants in public spaces, and Fund-raising for educational programs from for-profits.

I need volunteers to join these committees. Eva Turel, also our NSAS treasurer, will be the chair of the Promoting Diversity committee and she already has plans. I will join her on this committee and I am hoping you will contact Eva and join us. Jennifer Wilson Pines has already agreed to be the chair of Native Plants in Public Places committee which involves forming a coalition with other groups to petition government agencies such as Department of Transportations to plant native plants. She is hoping to involve many others in this coalition and will need volunteers from NSAS. North Carolina Audubon recently petitioned their legislature to pass a bill mandating that the DOT use only native plants. So it has been done before. Finally I attended a meeting on how to get funding from For-Profit entities and would like to find funding for educational programs for Garvies and Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary programs. I need a chair for this committee as well. We need to reach out to young people with programs.

Another meeting explained wind power and wind turbines which will be needed in huge numbers to wean us off fossil fuels. I was told the average bird kills are 3.2 birds per turbine per year. I also spoke to Sue Elbin, of NYC Audubon who suggested we check targeted buildings for bird strikes regularly. If we record many bird strikes we need to document this and then contact the building management to suggest window treatments. So if there are glass buildings in your neighborhoods it would be helpful to regularly check for bird strikes early in the morning during migration especially. We should probably have a committee to investigate

buildings. Is anyone interested in this volunteer job?

We all love birds and bird walks but we need to volunteer in other activities as well to help birds thrive. So please let me know where you want to help in the three committees that I suggested and we could add more if you have ideas for helping birds and the environment.



October Big Day October 19

Global Big Day has become a May tradition for tens of thousands of eBirders: 24 hours to put your favorite park/county/state/province country/continent on the global birding stage. Last year we couldn't wait a full year between Global Big Days, and October Big Day was born. On October 19, October Big Day is back! Can we beat last year's total of 6,331 species on a single October day?

How to participate

- Get an eBird account: eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by millions of birders. It's what allows us to compile everyone's sightings into a single massive October Big Day list—while at the same time collecting the data for scientists to use to better understand birds. It's 100% free.
- Watch birds on October 19: It's that simple. You don't need to be a bird expert, or go out all day long. Even 10 minutes in your backyard will help. October Big Day runs from midnight to midnight in your local time zone. You can report birds from anywhere in the world.
- Enter what you see and hear on eBird: You can enter your sightings via our website or—even easier—download the free eBird Mobile app. You can enter and submit lists while you're still out birding, and the app will even keep track of how far you've walked, so you can focus on watching birds. While you're downloading free apps, try out the Cornell Lab's Merlin Bird ID app for help with identification. Please enter sightings before October 23 to be included in our initial results announcement.
- Watch the sightings roll in: During the day, keep an eye on how the lists are growing in different parts of the world. Follow along with sightings from more than 150 countries. Stats will be updated in real-time on our October Big Day page.

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



North Shore Audubon Society FALL 2019 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 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

- Wed. 9/4 Hempstead Lake State Park 628-1315 Lindy
- Sat. 9/7 Garvies 628-1315 Lindy
- Wed. 9/11 Sands Point 883-2130 Peggy
- Sat. 9/14 **No NSAS walk**
see QCBC calendar <http://www.qcbirdclub.org/calendar>
- Wed. 9/18 Humes Estate 628-9022 Barbara
- Sat. 9/21 *****8 a.m.** Valley Stream State Park 578-6324 Bobby B
- Wed. 9/25 Garvies 718-343-1391 Lenore
- Sat. 9/28 Dual start times *****8am/9am** NYIT de Seversky Mansion
404-1984 Elizabeth deNapoli
- Wed. 10/2 Alley Pond Park 347-251-5841 Trudy
- Sat. 10/5 Hempstead Lake State Park 628-1315 Lindy
- Wed. 10/9 St. Josaphat Leader TBA-check website
- Sat. 10/12 Garvies 718-343-1391 Lenore
- Wed. 10/16 Caumsett State Park 628-1315 Lindy
- Sat. 10/19 Marine Nature Study Area of Oceanside 785-3375 Ralph
- Sat. 10/19 **OCTOBER BIG DAY** see page 2 for details
- Wed. 10/23 Hempstead Lake State Park 522-4394 Ed Becher
- Sat. 10/26 **8am***** APEC 423-0947 Stephane
- Wed. 10/30 **####**Sands Point 767-3454 Jennifer Call to carpool
- Sat. 11/2 Upper Francis Pond and Bailey Arboretum Shelly
- Wed. 11/6 Planting Fields Arboretum 621-6678 Joyce
- Sat. 11/9 Point Lookout (SE corner of parking lot) & Lido Beach Preserve **leaderless**
- Wed. 11/13 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station 785-3375 Ralph
- Sat. 11/16 Nassau County Museum of Art 883-2130 Peggy
- Wed. 11/20 Stehli Beach, West End of Bayville 628-1315 Lindy
- Sat. 11/23 North Shore Duck Walk meet at Macy's in Manhasset
767-3454H/941-7434C Jennifer
- Wed. 11/27 Thanksgiving Eve! Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sat. 12/21 North Shore Christmas Bird Count details to follow



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.**

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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As Ospreys Recover, Their Nests Are Sparking Fires and Power Outages

By Lexi Krupp Adapted From Audubon Magazine

Just after lunchtime one day in March, the power failed at a Department of Motor Vehicles office in North Carolina when a nearby utility pole caught fire. In May, on Cape Cod, students sat in the dark as the local energy company shut off the school's power after a minor blaze erupted on a power line half a mile away. Two weeks later in a nearby town, power flickered off when a roadside line burst into flames, briefly leaving more than 3,500 homes and businesses without power.

These fires all started the same way: A pair of Ospreys built their nest on top of a utility pole. When a stray stick, excrement, or the birds touched the wrong piece of equipment, an electrical current formed. The heat from the connection sprouted a flame that reached the birds' nest—a pile of kindling waiting to catch.

There is no official count of how often Osprey nests spark electrical fires, but according to local news reports, thousands of buildings from Prince Edward Island to Oregon lose power each year due to nests built in the wrong places. Ospreys themselves often fall victim to the flames. Last year nest-bound chicks, too young to fly, perished on top of a utility pole on Long Island, New York, trapped by an electrical fire. This year, a Long Island homeowner reported still-intact eggs that toppled to the ground after a quick blaze, according to Aaron Virgin, a wildlife expert who coordinates surveys of the region's Osprey population.

Energy companies, tasked with providing reliable power to their customers and under public pressure to accommodate the birds, have had their hands full. "We don't like dead Osprey; we don't like flaming poles," says Misti Sporer, an environmental scientist at Duke Energy, a large utility based in North Carolina.

The increase in Osprey nesting on power lines is born of a success story. The species' population crashed in the 1960s when the pesticide DDT was sprayed to deter mosquitoes. The chemical worked its way up the food chain, causing raptors to lay eggs with shells so thin they cracked before hatching. After public outcry and lengthy legal battles, the Environmental Protection Agency finally banned the pesticide in 1972.

In recent years, Ospreys have flourished and their nesting range has expanded over the coasts, the Great Lakes, and the West. In 2001, biologists estimated there were more than 16,000 pairs in the United States, with far more today as their numbers continued to climb. Nearly 9 in 10 pairs build their nests on human made structures, according to 2014 research by the National Wildlife Research Center.

Decades ago, most Ospreys nested in trees and dead snags. When the species recovered from near-extinction a lot of those trees were gone. At the same time, electricity infrastructure, including tall utility poles out in the open, expanded. "Ospreys homed in on those," Alan Poole, says. "It's like somebody designed

the perfect nest site for them."

Many utility companies have struggled to keep up with the birds' expanding numbers. Some have launched public monitoring programs to get a better handle on where birds are nesting. Others are working to design artificial platforms to keep the birds away from electrical equipment. One Ohio utility use drones to survey their equipment for active nests.

Complicating the problem is that the birds remain committed to their nest site even after disaster strikes. Sporer from Duke Energy, who chairs the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee industry group, remembers when a nesting male was electrocuted and died. "Within a day, the female had another mate and they were attempting to rebuild the nest on the same pole," she says. Her company sent out a lineman to discourage the new pair, thinking they'd move to another site. The birds had other plans. "They were dead set on this pole," Sporer recalls. The utility did what any would do in an ideal world: It shut off the power line, insulated its wires, and installed a nesting platform for the birds. In two days, the pair had finished building a nest on the new site. Crucially, the company discovered the nest and insulated wires early in the season, before the pair had laid eggs. Once there are eggs or chicks, nests are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Utilities can trim dangling branches and cover exposed wires, but they need a special permit to remove a nest.

Utilities can't find and relocate every nest built on their equipment—there are too many birds and not enough resources to construct and maintain a nest platform at every site. Duke Energy now has a 24-hour employee hotline to manage any problems from the nesting birds.

But when the company can act swiftly, doing so saves it headaches and money in the long run. It's more expensive for a company to respond to a power outage than to retrofit a utility pole. It saves customers money by proactively responding to nest reports or nests that crews find on their own.

In Oregon's Willamette Valley, a mid-size utility company called Consumer Powers Inc., has been working to manage nesting Osprey for more than 15 years. They think they've nearly perfected the art. Linemen build an entirely separate, taller nesting structure a few feet away from the operating utility line to entice the birds. It's outfitted with a metal platform that won't rot over time, and even a little perch to give Osprey parents the chance to get a break from the kids. Installing one of these structures runs the company between \$3,000 to \$5,000, but the price is well worth it.

In other parts of the country, utility companies are just beginning to experiment with alternative nesting platforms to contend with the growing numbers of Osprey. As certain areas have become saturated, Osprey are spreading to new sites. "I wouldn't want to be working for a utility company and be the Osprey point-man for the next 20 years," says Poole, the ornithologist. "They're going to have their hands full."



Family Fun Events

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

Nature Films Tues thru Sat. check website for schedule

Programs & crafts included with museum admission \$4/adults, \$2/children 5-12 years, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, September 7, 14, & 28 • 10am

FALL BIRD-WATCHING WALKS

Our preserve is known for the variety of migratory birds that visit in the fall. 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 these magnificent birds! Join us for a short tour to observe these beautiful and fascinating animals. Feel free to BYOB, binoculars, that is! We have some available if needed.

Saturday, September 21 • 10am – 12pm

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY

See cover for information

Saturday, September 28 • 11am & 2pm

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.); 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Saturday, October 26

CREEPY CRITTER CRAFT•10am – 4pm, ongoing

FILM: A MURDER OF CROWS (1 hr.) • 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Much superstition surround ravens and crows. But new research has shown that they are among some of the most intelligent animals on earth.

**Saturday, September 28, October 19, & November 9
FALL PLANT CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER DAYS • 10am – 2pm**

Help remove non-native invasive plants from our nature preserve. Light refreshments for our volunteers. Please RSVP

Saturday, November 2 • 11am & 2pm

FALL FOLIAGE WALK

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

FILM: Fall Color Trees (30 mins.) • 11am, 1pm, 3pm

NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24

See cover for information

Saturday, November 30 • 11am & 2pm

POPCORN & A MOVIE: A BUG'S LIFE

Join us for our feature film: A BUG'S LIFE.

Plus, enjoy some popcorn and juice while you watch! (film is 95 mins.)

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Manorhaven Preserve Update

By Patricia Valente

After two years and a lot of work by many volunteers and dedicated Master Gardeners, the LI Native Plant Garden in the Manorhaven Preserve continues to carry the Master Gardener mission to the Port Washington community. A neglected, invasive-covered greenspace has been replaced by an inviting, educational native garden. This month, Peggy Maslow, President of the North Shore Audubon Society, visited the Manorhaven Preserve and conferred its 'Certified Bird Friendly Habitat' award to the LI Native Plant Garden. The garden was evaluated on a number of criteria which included butterfly friendliness, percentage of scrubs and flowers native to the area, natural pruning and other conservation practices. Local Master Gardeners Pat Valente and Barbara Mallon pointed out the native magnolia trees, buttonbush and blueberry bushes and white turtleheads, red cardinal flowers and the very impressive NY Ironweed which were in bloom.

With the backdrop of visiting butterflies and birds that could be heard chirping in the background, a young visitor to the garden was taking photos and referencing the educational signs which highlight the benefits of the native plants and CCE-Nassau's contribution. Fortunately for the community and Master Gardeners, there will be another phase to the LI Native Plant Garden with unused funds.. This garden continues to show the many benefits that grow when Master Gardeners partner with local villages, community sponsors and volunteers. Impressed by the considerable knowledge and skills offered at EMF, the Village of Manorhaven reached out to CCE-Nassau for guidance about the process of becoming a Tree City.



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
Albertson			
7/10	18 species incl: Mourning Dove, Red-Bellied Woodpecker w/1 fledgling, Downy Woodpecker, N. Flicker, Warbling Vireo, W/B Nuthatch, Carolina & House Wrens, Chipping & Song Sparrows, Am. Goldfinch.	Clark Gardens	NSAS walk
Bayville			
6/1	The Eagle chick has been seen "branching".	Creek Beach	Jim Madden
6/3	The Eagle chick has fledged!	Creek Beach	Jim Madden
6/7	9 species incl: Piping Plover, ++ Least Terns, Osprey, Carolina Wren, Song Sparrow, Yellow Warbler(H), Willow Flycatcher.	Stehli Beach	Barbara Garriel
6/26	23 species incl: Piping Plover (2 A/3Imm), Killdeer (2 pairs/1 w/3 Imm), Spotted Sandpiper, 100 + Least Terns/2 Young, Great & Snowy Egrets, Osprey (2 Adults/2 Young), E. Kingbird, Tree Swallows, Am. Goldfinch, R-W Blackbird, Yellow Warbler. Stehli Beach	Barbara Garriel, Shelly & Nick Ventresca	
6/27	Female or Immature Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	Garden	Jim Madden
7/2	Chimney Swift	Flying over a street	Jim Madden
7/15	Killdeer w/1 fledgling	Stehli Beach	Jim Madden
8/11	Imm/Female Ruby-Throated Hummingbird	Garden	Lindy Nielsen
Glen Cove			
8/14	15 species incl: Osprey, Great Black-Back Gull, Downy Woodpecker, N. Flicker, Raven (H), W/B Nuthatch (H), Carolina Wren (H), Catbird, Am. Goldfinch.	Garvies Point Preserve	NSAS walk
Mill Neck			
7/12	Chimney Swift	Shu Swamp area	Lindy Nielsen
7/26	Female/Imm. Hummingbird	Shu Swamp area	Lindy Nielsen
Muttontown			
5/4	36 species incl: Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, Blue Headed Vireo, Am. Crow, Barn Swallow, W/B Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, W/T Sparrow, E. Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Warblers Blue-Winged, B&W, Com. Yellowthroat, Am. Redstart, N. Parula, Yellow, Yellow-Rumped, B/T Green, Scarlet Tanager.	Muttontown Preserve	NSAS walk
5/22	33 species incl: Black-Billed Cuckoo(H), Turkey Vulture, Great Horned Owl, N. Flicker, E Wood Pewee, E. Kingbird, Tree Swallow, Veery, Wood Thrush, W/T Sparrow, E. Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Warblers... Blue-Winged, Com. Yellowthroat, Am. Redstart, N. Parula, Yellow, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Rose-Breasted Grosbeak,	Muttontown Preserve	Barbara Garriel, Shelly & Nick Ventresca.
5/22	26 species incl: Canada Geese, Osprey, Red-Tailed Hawk, R/T Hummingbird, N. Flicker, Great-Crested Flycatcher, Red-Eyed Vireo, B/C Chickadee, W/B Nuthatch, Carolina Wren(H), Wood Thrush(H), Brown Thrasher, Warblers... Blue-Winged, Yellow, Com. Yellowthroat, E. Towhee, Rose/Breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole.	Muttontown Preserve.	NSAS walk
7/24	18 species incl: Red-Eyed Vireo, Imm Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, Young Tufted Titmouse, W/B Nuthatch, House Wren, Wood Thrush, Am. Goldfinch, E. Towhee, Blue-Winged Warbler, Com. Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler.	Muttontown Preserve	NSAS walk
Locust Valley			
5/23	39 species incl: Chimney Swift, Osprey, N. Flicker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, N. Rough winged Swallows, W/B Nuthatch, House and Carolina Wrens, Swainson's Thrush, Cedar Waxwings, Chipping Sparrow, E. Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, N. Waterthrush, Warblers.... Am. Redstart, N. Parula, Magnolia, Bay-Breasted, Blackburnian, Yellow, Blackpoll, B/T Green, Scarlet Tanager.	Bailey Arboretum	Barbara Garriel, Shelly Ventresca

Email sightings to Lindy Nielsen twostep@optonline.net

Date	Birds	Location	Observer
6/19	Black-Crowned Night Heron, Mourning Dove, Chimney Swift, R/B Woodpecker(H), Warbling Vireo(H), Blue Jay(H), Tree Swallow, B/C Chickadee(H), Carolina Wren, House Wren(H), Am. Robin, Catbird, Chipping Sparrow(H), Song Sparrow(H), N. Cardinal, R/W Blackbird, Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Am. Goldfinch. House Sparrow, We saw a Male Yellow Warbler feeding a young Cowbird.	Bailey Arboretum	NSAS walk

Oyster Bay			
5/30	Song Sparrow, House Wren, Red-Winged Blackbird, N. Flicker, Red-Tailed Hawk, N. Mockingbird, Baltimore Oriole.	Planting Fields SP	NSAS walk

Roslyn			
5/25	Canada Geese, Mallards, Great Egret, Osprey, Red-Tailed Hawk, Mourning Dove, Chimney Swifts, Red-Bellied Woodpecker(H), N. Flicker(H), Blue Jays, Raven(H), Tree and Barn Swallows, B/C Chickadee(H), W/B Nuthatch, Carolina Wren(H), Am. Robin, Gray Catbird, N. Mockingbird, Cedar Waxwings, Com. Yellowthroat, B&W, and Yellow Warblers, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, N. Cardinal, R/W Blackbirds, Com. Grackle, Am. Goldfinch. Nassau County Fine Arts Museum		NSAS walk
8/7	14 species incl: Osprey, Mallard, Barn Swallow, Am. Goldfinch, Red-Winged Blackbird, Yellow Warbler, Carolina Wren.	Gerry Park	NSAS walk
8/7	16 species incl: Mute Swan, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Laughing Gull, Forster's Tern, Great Blue Heron, Great & Snowy Egrets, Tree & Barn Swallow, N. Mockingbird, Am. Goldfinch.	Lumber Road Slough	NSAS walk
8/7	15 species incl: Mute Swan and 4 Young, Osprey, Laughing Gull, Great Black-Back Gull, Forster's Tern, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Osprey, Barn Swallow, Am. Goldfinch, Catbird, Am. Robin.	Hempstead Harbor Shoreline Trail/Newburger Cove.	NSAS walk

SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE OF NSAS TERRITORY

Nassau			
6/14	Mute Swans, Baltimore Oriole, E. Kingbird.	Massapequa Lake Preserve	NSAS walk
7/3	22 species incl: Clapper Rail(H), Am. Oystercatcher, Yellowlegs, several Willets(1 leucidic), Least & Forster's Terns, Great & Snowy Egrets, Yellow-Crowned Night Herons (1 imm.), Glossy Ibis, Osprey, Tree & Barn Swallows, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Red-Winged Blackbird, Yellow Warbler.	Oceanside Marine Naure Center	NSAS Walk
5/13	Iceland Gull	Jones Beach/West End	Rich Kelly
7/17	38 species incl: Com Eider, Black Scoter, Am. Oystercatchers, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Laughing Gulls, Great Black-Backed Gull, Least, Common & Royal Terns, Black Skimmer, Com. Loon, Black-Crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis, Cedar Waxwings, E. Towhee(H), Comm. Yellowthroat.	Jones Beach/West End	NSAS walk
8/6	Osprey, Semipalmated Plover, Piping Plover, Am. Oystercatcher, Com. Tern/ w chick, Blk. Skimmer.	Jones Beach/West End, Nickerson Beach	Jennifer Wilson-Pines

Queens			
5/20	18 species incl: Warbling Vireo, Red-Eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Cedar Warblers...B&W, Am. Redstart, N. Parula, Magnolia, Blackpoll.	Alley Pond Park	Barbara Garriel.
6/27	19 species incl: Green Heron, Great Egret, E. Kingbird (in a nest), Barn Swallows, R-W Blackbirds, Song Sparrow, Osprey, Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler.	Oakland Lake	NSAS walk
6/27	16 species incl: Great Egret, Marsh Wrens, Mallard Hybrid, Barn and Tree Swallows, B-C Night Heron, R-W Blackbird, Osprey, Carolina Wren, Yellow Warbler	Alley Pond Environmental Center	NSAS walk
7/31	40 species incl: Mute Swan, Mallard (chick misplaced by parents), Greater Yellowlegs, Ruddy Duck, Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, G. Black-Backed Gull, Forster's Tern, Great & Snowy Egrets, GB Heron, Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron, Osprey, Glossy Ibis, Barn Owl, Willow Flycatcher, House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Ceder Waxwing (some fledglings), Am. Goldfinch, E. Towhee, Boat-Tailed Grackle (some fledglings), Yellow Warbler.	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.	NSAS walk.

Suffolk			
5/13	Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-Backed Gulls	Robert Moses SP	Rich Kelly
8/01	Semipalmated Plover, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderlings, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Short-Billed Dowitcher, Least Tern.	Moriches Bay Shoreline	Nancy & Louis Tognan

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