When we resume evening programs, they will be held at the Glen Cove Public Library

4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove

ZOOM MEETINGS
Registration links to our Zoom meetings will be posted on our Facebook group and page and on the website calendar the month of the meeting, northshoreaudubon.org/calendar. You must have a free Zoom account (Zoom.us) Recordings of the program will be posted to the North Shore Audubon Youtube channel.

North Nassau Christmas Bird Count
Saturday, December 19

It's that time of year when birders hit the trails to count as many birds as they can in a 24 hour period. This year will be different due to COVID-19. Audubon is requiring COVID safety - meaning masks, social distancing practiced and car pooling is only with people with whom you have previously created a pod.

We are asking for lists on ebird since there will not be an in person compilation dinner. We will have a festive Zoom that evening where bragging is encouraged.

If you consider yourself a decent birder, call if want to join, or find your area for your backyard feeder birds. Jennifer Wilson-Pines H 516-767-3454 C 516-941-7434 jwpines@gmail.com

The Count starts at midnight and ends at dusk. It's rain or shine or snow. The circle runs from Manhasset Bay to the west, Lloyd Neck to the east, and down south into Westbury.

WE NEED FEEDER COUNTERS! Bird from the comfort of your home. Backyard birds are woefully under counted. You can text or email your results to your Count area leader before the compilation.

February 23, 7pm
Plum Island
Louise Harrison

Louise, the New York Natural Areas Coordinator for Save the Sound will present the region’s unified vision for the future of Plum Island after the federal government ceases its activities at the animal disease center there. The Preserve Plum Island Coalition (PPIC) which includes North Shore Audubon - engaged nearly two hundred stakeholders from a variety of sectors and disciplines in a two-year effort called Envision Plum Island. Save the Sound and The Nature Conservancy merged hundreds of ideas into an overall vision and plan for transfer of the island into conservation status.

Thank you to the generous donors to our Annual Appeal. Your donations will keep our many programs available. Donations are still gratefully accepted and additional donors will be thanked in the next quarterly issue. A $100 donation includes a one year Chapter membership.

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Ira & Carole Pittelman
Dr. Carol Poll
Linda Sullivan
Dorothy & Bill Titus
Nancy & Louis Tognan
James Wellington
Sally Zwieback
The President’s Corner
Jill Vomacka

Happy Holidays NSAS members! I want to introduce myself to you all. My name is Jill Vomacka and I have been a NSAS board member for ten years. I got interested in bird watching and found that NSAS offered some wonderful evening programs. I started attending the board meetings because I could not get to the regular Tuesday general membership program meetings. After a year I was able to switch my schedule and found time for the general meeting programs as well. I assisted in the 60th anniversary of the NSAS luncheon and later was assigned co-program coordinator. I slowly offered to run for Vice president and then President. So here I am after 10 years. Looking forward to eventually seeing everyone in person…but until then please join us in our Zoom programs. Information on how to join us on Zoom is in the newsletter or our website.

One of my main focuses has been beach nesting birds, like the endangered Piping Plover and threatened Least Terns. I have volunteered for the “Be a Good Egg” program, explaining to beach goers their impact on nesting birds in addition to monitoring a local beach. 2020 wasn’t just a rough year for humans, but a tough year for beach nesting birds due to overuse of beaches by people craving a release from quarantine. This past spring and summer was quite hard for the piping plovers and least terns who were trying to nest at Stehli Beach in Bayville. Piping Plovers were a few weeks late in arriving in late March. The weather was hot and the general population was out and about getting fresh air wherever they could. They arrived at the beaches by the droves this year due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, they also brought their dogs and allowed them off leash. The imaginary string barrier was not in place until June, due to pandemic issues and people and dogs were getting too close to the piping plover nests. They were abandoned for a short while but did come back after the string was put up with signs about the nesting endangered birds. I did speak to the Oyster Bay Enforcement Code Patrol, and things did get a little better, however I do not know if the Piping Plover chicks ever fledged. The Least Terns arrived in late June, early July. I did not see but a few chicks, again I do not know if they fledged. It was not a banner year for these two species at Stehli Beach. At Center Island Beach I did not see one Piping Plover or Least Tern at all this year. This beach in the past has 2 to 3 Piping Plover nests and 3-5 chicks make it to fledging. I hope it gets better for these two species next year.

In addition to our Zoom membership meetings, I have found some Zoom programs from different Festivals that have gone viral. In addition check out what Audubon is offering and all the cam recorders that have been set up of live bird activity.

- Virtual/Hybrid San Diego Bird Fest Feb. 25, 2021, Contact # 801-671-9505 http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/events/bird-festival
- Virtual Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza, Sept. 19 and 26, 2021 www.gcbo.org/connect/xtreme-hummingbird-xtravaganza/
- Virtual/Hybrid San Diego Bird Festival February 17, 2021 - February 21, 2021 http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/events/bird-festival

www.audubon.org is offering 13 virtual Bird and Conservation events to tune into this Spring. They are:
- I saw a bird Wednesdays
- Bird Friendly Fridays
- Virtual Trips in April
- Virtual Earth Day Art Show in April
- Science on Tap; Finding Joy in Birds in April
- NYBG at Home in April
- Sunset Session Livestream in April
- What makes a Bird a Bird? In April
- Backyard Birdathon in May
- Pelee Island Bird Observatory Gala in May
- World Series of Birding in May
- World Migratory Day in May

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
WINTER 2020-2021 BIRD WALK SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE PROTOCOL FOR OUR WINTER 2020-2021 WALKS DUE TO COVID:
1) There will be a limit of people allowed to register for any walk. Any additional registrants will be placed on a waiting list.
2) You MUST register for the walk by going to nsaudubonsociety@gmail.com and you will receive a confirmation email. PLEASE also email if you will be unable to attend to allow someone on the waiting list to take your slot.
3) Masks are required to be worn and safe distancing is requested.
4) Winter walks are leaderless but due to COVID we must still register and limit attendance. If we have a lot of requests we will have multiple start times assigned to smaller groups of participants. Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Weather permitting, walks start at 9:30AM unless indicated otherwise
Go to our website at www.northshoreaudubon.org for directions.
***Please be prepared to show your binoculars at the Jones Beach West End entrance booth.
Questions? Call Jennifer Wilson Pines 516-767-3454

December
12/ 2 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station, West End
12/ 9 Shu Swamp, Mill Neck
12/16 Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay
12/23 Baisley Pond, Jamaica, Queens
12/30 Mill Pond, Bellmore (followed by Twin Lakes)

January
1/7 Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, Glen Cove
1/14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Queens
1/21 Point Lookout town park
1/28 Hempstead Lake State Park

February
2/3 Muttontown Preserve north end
2/10 Alley Pond Park, Queens Meet at 76th Ave parking lot
2/17 Welwyn Preserve, Glen Cove
2/24 Planting Fields Arboretum

March
3/3 Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside
3/10 TBA
3/17 Shu Swamp, Mill Neck
3/24 Cow Meadow, Freeport
3/31 Uplands Farms, Cold Spring Harbor

How to use ebird to find rare birds and local hotspots.
Ebird.org from Cornell Lab of Ornithology is free to join. Set up a membership and load the app on your phone if you wish to list birds while on walks. If you only want to see what’s new and interesting, on the website, go to Explore, Regions, and enter Nassau NY (not Nassau FL) On the right, you’ll see Recent Visits. Click on More Recent Visits and it will bring up all the lists submitted within the last day or so, which you can click on to view individual lists. If you go to ebird.org/alerts you can subscribe to daily emails for rare birds or birds you have not seen this year for each region you choose. Ebird has many tutorials on how to use the app and website. Most of our field notes are on ebird and this year’s Christmas Count will be recorded on ebird. Once you get started you’ll find it’s a valuable tool to enhance your birding experiences.
Garvies Programs Continued

INVESTIGATING ROCKS and MINERALS PROGRAM

● 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Join us as we discover the properties of minerals and how they make up rocks. Students will perform scientific tests on mineral samples plus learn interesting special mineral properties.

SAND & PEBBLE MOSAIC CRAFT ● 10am - 4pm, on the ½ hour

With some inspiration and your imagination make a piece of artwork using on sand and pebbles!

Film: All About Rocks & Minerals (30 mins.) ● 11am, 11/5


11/19


Field Notes cont. from page 6

Date Birds Location Observer


Jericho

11/4 Turkey Vulture

Lake Success

11/19 Merlin

Locust Valley

9/1 5 species incl: Chimney Swift, R/B & Downy Woodpecker, Gray Catbird, Am. Goldfinch. CWP Shelly Ventresca


Manhasset

11/21 9 species incl: Am. Black Duck, Bufflehead, Gt. B/B Gull, Gt. Blue Heron, Cooper’s Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, N. Flicker, Am. Goldfinch, D/E Junco. South end of Manhasset Bay NSAS Walk


Mill Neck

8/31 19 species incl: Wood Duck, G Heron, Osprey, B Kingfisher, R/B, Downy, Hairy Woodpeckers, N.Flicker, Tmitmouse, C Yellowthroat, N. Cardinal. Shu Swamp Preserve Kathy Golder, Charlotte Miska, Lindy Nielsen


Friends of Garvies Point Museum & Preserve

Membership Application

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

I would like to join the Friends of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve at the level indicated:

☐ $25 individual ☐ $35 family
☐ $20 senior/student ☐ $100 corporation

Please include name, address and email

Complete Field Notes can be found on our website northshoreaudubon.org
**Family Fun Events**

**Garvies Point Museum & Preserve**
50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove  571-8010  
Closed Sunday & Mondays  
All games, programs & crafts are included with museum admission unless otherwise noted. $5.00/adults, $3.00/children 5-12 yrs.  
**Nature Films** Tues thru Sat. check website for schedule  
www.garviespointmuseum.com  
Our goal is to offer SAFE, fun, and engaging, crafts and programs for adults, children and families during this difficult time. Mmasks are required for ages 4 & older to enter the museum as well as during programs, crafts and films.  
SPACE is limited for programs. Please call ahead to reserve. CRAFTS are offered every ½ hour from 10am-4pm unless otherwise noted. Please sign up in advance or at the door for ½ hour timeslot. CRAFTS are offered on our outer covered deck, weather permitting. If inclement weather, crafts will be indoors with social distancing in place. Thank you for your cooperation and patronage!

**Sat, 12/12 · NATURAL ORNAMENT WORKSHOP · 10am-4pm, every ½ hour**  
Create beautiful ornaments from woods and water!  
FILM: All About Water Ecosystems (23 mins.) · 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
**Sat, 12/19 · CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT WALK · 11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm**  
Join a naturalist led walk to participate in the Christmas Bird Count, an annual National Audubon Society event held across the country for the last 121 years. Learn how to identify birds, resident vs. migratory, and more! Ages 5+.  
**BIRD ON A BRANCH CRAFT · 10am-4pm, every ½ hour**  
**FILM: Counting on Birds (1 hr.) · 11am, 1pm, 3pm**

**Tue, 12/29 – Thurs., Dec. 31 · COCOA & CRAFTS · 10am-4pm, every ½ hour**  
Join us each day for a fun craft inspired by nature; plus enjoy complimentary hot cocoa, donations welcome!  
**FILM: First Snow in the Woods (30 mins.)**  
12 & 2pm: All About Rain, Snow, Sleet & Hail (23 mins.)  
10am, 3pm: Snowbound: Animals of Winter (1 hr.)  
Saturday, January 9 · 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
**Birds of Prey Day Film: Raptor Force (60 mins.)**

**Tues, 1/19 - Sat, 1/23 NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIST FILM SERIES**
11am, 1pm, 3pm, each day  
**Tues, 1/19: Beyond Tradition: Contemporary Indian Art and Its Evolution (45 mins.)**  
Wed, 1/20: Cherokee Basket Maker, Ella May Blackbear (25 mins.)  
Thurs, 1/21: Eskimo Artist: Kenojuak (19 mins.)  
Fri, 1/22: Indian Pottery of San Ildefonso (30 mins.)  
Sat,1/23: Kiowa Cradleboard Maker: The Art and Tradition of Vanessa Jennings (30 mins.)  
**Fri, 2/12 · 11am, 1pm, 3pm**  
**Charles Darwin’s 212th Birthday Film: Genius Charles Darwin (60 mins.)**

**PRESIDENT’S BREAK WEEK ACTIVITIES**
**Sat, 2/13 GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT · 10 - 4, ongoing**  
Be a citizen scientist! Participate by counting numbers and species of birds on the preserve and at our birdfeeders. All skill levels welcome. Reference guide and binoculars are available. No charge for participation, regular museum admission applies.  
**FOR THE LOVE OF NATURE WALK · 11, 1pm, 3pm**  
Experience the winter woodland preserve as we discover the beauty, joy and love of nature all around us.  
**VALENTINE WATERCOLOR & WAX PAINTING · 10am - 4pm, on the ½ hour**  
Make a beautiful valentine with crayon and watercolor with a natural twig frame!  
**Film: Stranger in the Woods: The Movie (25 mins.) · 10am, 12pm, 2pm**

**WINTER NATURE WEEK**
Brave the elements as we discover the woods in the winter season. Please dress accordingly. All walks/programs are within 1 hour in duration.  
**Tues, 2/16 WATER, SNOW & ICE WALK · 11, 1, 3pm**  
**Why does winter occur? How do snowflakes form? Explore the field and woods plus learn some cool snow experiments! Ages 5+**  
**3D-SNOWFLAKE CRAFT · 10 - 4, on the ½ hour**  
Make a unique snowflake to hang at home!  
**Film: All About Rain, Snow, Sleet & Hail (23 mins.) · 10am, 12pm, 2pm**

**Wed, 2/17 ANIMAL SIGNS & TRACKS WALK · 11am, 1pm, 3pm**  
Be a nature detective! There are signs of animals everywhere you look outside. Learn to identify common animal tracks.  
**ANIMAL TRACKS BOOKLET CRAFT · 10am - 4pm, on the ½ hour**  
Make a flip book to identify animal tracks.  
**Film: Snowbound, Animals of Winter (60 mins.) · 10am, 12pm, 2pm**

**Fri, 2/18 TREES & PLANTS IN WINTER WALK · 11am, 1pm, 3pm**  
**Even though trees look dead in wintertime, they are still living. How do plants survive the winter? Learn how to be a twig detective.**  
**WINTER WOOLAND PICTURE CRAFT · 10am - 4pm, on the ½ hour**  
**Film: All About Plant Adaptations (23 mins.) · 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm**

**Thurs, 2/20 GARVIES GEOLOGY PRESERVE & BEACH WALK · 10am, 12pm, 2pm**  
**The beach at our preserve has fascinating local geology unusual on the entire island.**  
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Date  | Birds  | Location  | Observer  
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8/25  | R/T Hummingbird (imm.) | Garden | Kathy Golder  
8/28  | R/T Hummingbirds (M&F) | Garden | Jim Madden  
10/1  | 8 species incl: Mourning Dove, E. Phoebe, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, House Finch. | Garden Barbara Garriel  
10/7  | 11 species incl: Am. Black Duck, D/C Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Belted Kingfisher, Fish Crow, Song Sparrow, Palm Warbler, Y/R Warbler. | Stehli Beach Barbara Garriel, Shelly Ventresca  
10/15 | B/T Green Warbler | Garden | Kathy Golder  
10/18 | R/B Nuthatch | Garden | Jim Madden  
10/26 | Am. Bald Eagle | West Harbor Drive | Lindy Nielsen  
10/31 | 6 species incl: Gt. Blue Heron, Fish Crow, N. Flicker, R/C Kinglet, Pine Siskin, Am. Goldfinch, W/T Sparrow, Y/R Warbler. | Stehli Beach Barbara Garriel, Shelly Ventresca  
10/31 | Monk Parakeet(FOS) | Garden | Barbara Garriel  
11/2 | Monk Parakeet | Garden | Barbara Garriel  
11/14 | Monk Parakeet | Garden | Barbara Garriel  
11/16 | N. Harrier, Cooper’s Hawk | Lattingtown Marsh | Jim Jones  
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☐ Chapter Membership Application / Renewal
☐ Gift Membership

☐ $20 One year membership Renewal? ☐
☐ $35 Two year membership Renewal? ☐

Membership in NSAS includes 4 issues per year of this newsletter, free scheduled field trips, programs and lectures.

$______ Additional contribution Interested in Volunteering? ☐

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