Meetings Will be HYBRID or ZOOM

Hybrid are in person at the Manhasset Public Library, 30 Onderdonk Ave, and on zoom. Zoom Registration is posted on Facebook and the website calendar. You must have a free Zoom account (Zoom.us)

6th Annual Native Plant Sale
April 29 & 30, 10-4
Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
Look for the pre-order brochure in March
Pre-orders due by April 14, guarantees your selection
Additional plants, books and more on sale
Native plants support birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife

March 28 ZOOM
Matthew A. Young
All Things Finch

Many birders have been delighted to observe Evening Grosbeaks, Redpolls, and other winter finches this season; colorful visitors from the North. In this program Matthew Young, President and Founder of the Finch Research Network, will talk about “All Things Finch: From finch irruptions, to winter finch forecasts, to finch research projects, including projects about the distribution and ecology of different Evening Grosbeak and Red Crossbill flight calls.
Matt has been enjoying nature since a very young age. He’s lived in Central New York almost 25 years and studied everything from birds to orchids. Matt received a B.S. in Water Resources and minor in Meteorology from SUNY-Oneonta and M.S. in Ornithology from SUNY Syracuse in 2003. Matt did his masters research on avian diversity in restored wetlands of central NY. He was a Regional Editor of the Kingbird for 10 years, an Adjunct Professor in Environmental Studies at SUNY-Cortland, and currently teaches an Intro to Birding class for Cornell University and is the Board Chair at The Wetland Trust. He has worked at the Cornell Lab for 15+ years doing atlas, survey and audio work.

April 25 HYBRID
Jay Koolpix
Spring Bird Migration in Nassau County
About half of the world’s nearly 10,000 known bird species migrate. Jay will be presenting creative photos and videos of some of those birds with beautiful music in the background. All these photos and videos were taken on the South shore of Nassau County. It will include a wide variety including shore birds, warblers, ospreys, egrets, cormorants and more. There are a few mating videos. The background music is bird song and the sounds of water.
Jay has devoted most of his time since retirement in nature photographing birds. He’s made bird presentations for the South Shore Audubon Society, the Long Beach Library and at the Energy and Nature Center at Jones Beach. He is now in the process of starting a scholarship program for the South Shore Audubon Society— the “Jay Koolpix Environmental Scholarship”. Each year 1 student will receive $1000 to assist them in the field of environmental endeavors.

May 23 ZOOM
Golden Eagles of the Catskills
Margaret DiBenedetto
This zoom presentation highlights the work of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society and the Eastern Golden Eagle Project to prove the existence of Golden Eagles in the Catskill Mountains.
DiBenedetto volunteers with the NYS DEC, is the Board Chair of The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and a Trustee of the Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve. She spent 20 years working in land management and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from SU.CO Oneonta.

Our membership year is now a calendar year, January-December.
New memberships are as follows:
$20 for year if joining January-March
$10 for remainder of year if joining April-September
$20 for remainder of year and next calendar year if joining October-December. All renewals are $20 regardless of when you send in renewal
My First EAGLEFEST!
By Jill Vomacka
President of NSAS

Happy warm winter (to those who would prefer no snow or cold weather). For me, I look forward to colder, windy days, a few blizzards or at least a good dumping of 8-10 inches of snow. However, this does not seem to be happening this year.

I finally got the opportunity to attend my first Hudson River EAGLEFEST at Croton Point Park on February 5th, 2023. To my surprise it took only about 1&1/2 hours to drive there (with very little traffic I might add on this Saturday). The driving directions were great and easy to follow to the festival.

The day started with temperatures in the low single digits and went even lower at some eagle watch viewing sites. The festival was very prepared for the cold with a large warm welcome tent and a warm presentation tent.

The presentations at the Eagle Theater included live bird shows and covered topics such as Amazing Adaptations of Owls, Birds of Prey, Eagles of Africa, Rescued Raptors of Long Island, Sky Hunters in Flight, and the Flight of the Raptor.

In the Eaglet Stage Tent the programs included Raptors for Rookies, Hudson Valley Wildlife - Birds, Birding Basics – beginner Birding for Families, Hudson Valley Wildlife – Mammals, FEMALE BIRD ID, and Easy Digiscoping and Phonescoping by a Zeiss representative.

There were also 6 hour long bird walks and children’s activities all day. In the welcome registration tent there were many nonprofit organization tables with great information handouts and activities for kids to do and learn about. The following are some of the many groups that had tables and great free handouts:

• NYC Watershed Recreation – a guide to fishing the reservoirs and lakes of the NYC’s Water Supply.
• Fact Sheet on the Hudson River Bald Eagle Update – HR Natural Resource Damage Assessment (HRDA).
• Teatown.org flyer on Beech Leaf Disease.
• Saw Mill River Audubon listing of sanctuaries
• NYC Environmental Protection pamphlet on Recreational Boating program with boat vendors listing and map where you can launch a boat from in the NYC Reservoirs with a map of boating sites and vendors.

• Con Edison gave out information pamphlets on energy, conservation and mini lights to put on your bicycle for safe bicycling at dusk or at night.
• Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities gave out free re-useable utensil sets.
• Westchester County DEF-Recycling Office gave out information pamphlets along with a free bag of compost and a sunflower seed mix to plant in your garden.
• My Woodlot.com (is an initiative of the Watershed Agricultural Council to help you and your family discover ways to care for and enjoy your woods) offered family friendly activities to be done outdoors.
• Westchester Parks guide with listing of parks and activities offered in each park.
• Westchester Land Trust gave out packets of pollinator seeds for your garden.
• A table of great ZEISS binocular and spotting scopes.

Onward to the eagle spotting!! The Eaglefest organizers put together a great map with easy to follow directions to various sites to observe eagles. At four of the sites a warming tent and an educator was there to assist you in finding the eagles and answer any question you may have. They were great! On this day I observed 12 eagles at various stages of development. In whole I saw four adult eagles (5 years or older) with full coloring of white heads and tails. Just beautiful—though I was expecting 40-100 or more from speaking to people who frequent this area and festival.

What happened to the eagles? This year the eagles still had plenty of food where they were and did not need to migrate south on the river to hunt for food. Global Warming has definitely affected this area and the eagles migration south.

An educator stated that when the upper Hudson River is frozen the eagles fly south of the Bear Mountain Bridge. A river boat runs and breaks up the ice below the Bear Mountain bridge allowing eagles to hunt and feed on fish below this part of the river.

I will definitely keep an eye out next year and hope to see the river frozen above Bear Mountain Bridge for a better viewing of eagles. The eagles I did view were residential birds that stay in this area and do not migrate north in the warmer weather. It was a wonderful sunny day that allowed me to see one of the most regal birds in America and a festival that I would definitely recommend all to attend and bring your families.
SPRING WALKS 2023

***PLEASE NOTE THE PROTOCOL FOR WALKS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS: If you are not fully vaccinated, please be considerate and mask. If you are fully vaccinated and feel comfortable, you need not mask.

Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Please note...Weather permitting, walks can start at various times, but 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.

Our insurance now requires everyone participating in our walks to sign a waiver each year. Please use this link, http://northshoreaudubon.org/walkwaiver to sign online

Look for walk details on the NSAS website calendar closer to dates. Because of unpredictable weather, walk may be canceled

See page 4 for trips for people with disability that prevents longer walks

MARCH

Wed 3/1 628-1315 Lindy
Wed 3/8 445-7846 Ralph Jones Beach Coast Guard Station
Wed 3/15 TBD – leader’s choice Check the calendar on the website for location
Wed 3/22 TBD - leader’s choice

Wed. 3/29 Jones Beach CG Station (JBCGS) 516-445-7846 Ralph

APRIL

Sat. 4/1 Cow Meadow Park and Preserve (2nd entrance, in from pond) (+Norman Levy Preserve ball park entrance and Cammanns Pond)
993-7340 Bill B. and 631-682-7404 Bill C.
Wed. 4/5 Sunken Meadow 631-553-6862 Patrice (Park in main parking area)
Sat. 4/8 Shu Swamp 628-1315 Lindy
Wed.4/12 Jones Beach CG Station 941-7434 Jennifer
Sat. 4/15 Marine Nature Study Area (Oceanside) 516-445-7846 - Ralph
Wed. 4/19 Point Lookout and Lido Passive preserve 941-7434 Jennifer
Sat. 4/22 Planting Fields 319-9661 Shelly
Wed. 4/26 Hempstead Lake State Park 522-4394 Ed

Sat. 4/29 ***7:45 am – (charge at gate starts at 8 unless you have an Pass) Valley Stream State Park - - 578-6324 – Bobby

MAY

Wed. 5/3 Shu Swamp 628-9022 Barbara
Sat. 5/6 ***8 a.m. Welwyn Preserve 817- 4363 Ashley
Wed. 5/10 Hempstead Lake State Park 993-7340 Bill B. and 631-682-7404 Bill C.
Sat. 5/13 Global Big Day ***6:30 start time BIG DAY Alley Pond Park 76th Ave. Meet in parking lot. QCBC Leader Ian 917-626-9562. After lunch, the day continues for those who choose.

Sat. 5/13 Garvies 628-1315 Lindy
Wed. 5/17 ***7:30 and 9:00 start times Sands Point Preserve 941-7434 Jennifer & 413-6396 Peggy (entrance fee will be waived for NSAS walkers)
Sat. 5/20 ***9:00 Muttontown (Nature Center) 317-8837 Al and Lois
Wed. 5/24 Bailey Arboretum and leader’s choice 628-1315 Lindy
Sat. 5/27 ***8 a.m. Garvies 319-9661 Shelly
Wed. 5/31 Marine Nature Study Area (Oceanside) 516-445-7846 - Ralph

JUNE

Wed. 6/7 Planting Fields Arboretum 621-6678 Joyce
Wed. 6/14 ***8:30 Nickerson Beach 941-7434 Jennifer and 413-6396 Peggy

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Birding Program for the Disabled  
Jill Vomacka  516-361-3288

I will again be leading the Birders With Wheels bird trips to accommodate those of us who use walkers or wheelchairs. These excursions will take place in April and May 2023.

On these birding excursions we will meet at a starting destination. You will need to register by calling me at 516-361-3288 the night before the trip up until 9:00 P.M. You can leave me a text message at this number as well. If the weather is raining, I will call those who have registered for the excursion and let them know if it has been cancelled. When registering please give your phone number so I can contact you if necessary.

Only 5 cars will be allowed to attend due to limited parking and even more limited handicapped parking. Once we get to the first destination, I will be handing out a car sign identifier and a walkie-talkie to each car. This will allow us to stay in our cars keeping socially distant and still communicate bird sightings to each other.

In some places we may want to get out and sit on a platform or an area nearer to the water or forest edge, the walk would be short (100-150') and bringing a chair or walker/wheelchair would be convenient. In these instances the ground would be paved or solid enough to roll on.

I want you to be aware that some of these places have bathrooms, even a handicapped stall, but most are locked up and not available to use due to the Covid Virus or being off season. Just something to consider.

Since we will not be moving much, bug repellant is highly recommended as well as water or a hot beverage depending on the day.

If one place seems to have little or no birds we will be going to 2-3 other places to find a better viewing. At the end of our 2 hour birding excursion I will collect the walkie-talkies and car signage for the next excursion. We will start off with 2 trips in April and May and see from our members interest if this program needs expanding in numbers of trips per month.

Birders With Wheels excursions start at 10:30 (to allow those who are arthritic like me time to get joints loosened up). (If the birds are not around, this starting time may need adjusting in the future, we’ll see how it goes.)

**Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 meet at 10:30 A.M.**  
Meet at the Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay in the smaller Parking Lot to the right of the entrance. Bring your Binoculars and scopes etc. etc. My car is a dark teal VW License LJU900. I have NSAS birding steward signs on the side of my car. Here I will give out the walkie-talkies and car window identifiers. We will then drive to Beacon Beach by the sailing waterfront, then Teddy Roosevelt’s Sagamore Hill, and the Teddy Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary (short walk to paved gardens).

**Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, meet at 10:30 A.M.**  
Meet at the Center Island Beach in Bayville. From there we will go to Center Island and drive along the Shore Road to the town of Bayville. Then we will drive to Bailey Arboretum. There we will be near 2 ponds right next to the parking lot.

**Wednesday May 10th, 2023 meet at 10:30 A.M.**  
We will meet at the Port Washington Park Parking lot next to the landlocked Tug Boat in the parking lot. Then we will drive to Baxter Pond in Port Washington and lastly the Children’s Science Museum Parking lot by the native plant gardens.

**Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 meet at 10:30 A.M.**  
We will meet at the Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center at 10:30 A.M. Then drive to West End Coast Guard Station nearby and finally the Town of Hempstead Community Oyster Restoration Effort building ramp/platform out into the water.

Hope to see you in your car -masks are optional.

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Bird-Friendly Habitat Certification

Please consider contacting NSAS at nsaudubonsociety@gmail.com for advice on how to help birds in your yard. If your yard qualifies you get a sign that says Bird-Friendly Habitat Certification. But if you don’t earn the sign at first NSAS keeps helping you until your yard qualifies, which involves having a yard with native plants and few invasive non-natives and less lawn. You also get points for composting, using a rain barrel, having a water source for birds and using natural mulch. So please email NSAS soon to set up an appointment for us to visit your yard starting at the end of April. We help you choose native plants and design your yard as well. In the past 6 years we have visited and helped over 100 gardens to become bird-friendly habitats.
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

BIRTHDAY PARTIES! (Ages 5-12)
Discovering Dinosaurs. Rocks, Minerals & Gems
Exploring Native American Pottery - Tools, Games, & Legends
I-Spy Nature Hunt - Investigating Insects & Spiders - Track Trekkers
Pond Prowl - All About Birds - Beach Exploration

2023 NATIVE PLANT SALE, SPECIAL MAILING SENT OUT SOON  ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 14

SPRING PLANT CONSERVATION DAY Sat, March 25
  ● 10am-2pm, anytime
Help remove non-native, invasive plants that are choking our native plants. Plants include Japanese Honeysuckle, Garlic Mustard, and English Ivy. We will physically remove these plants. Learn proper removal and disposal techniques and about beneficial native substitutes for the home garden. Dress for weather & in layers. We recommend hat, bottled water, sunblock, and light-colored clothing, long socks to tuck pants into. Gloves & bags provided. Feel free to bring own gloves and any tools. PLEASE RSVP

Saturday, April 8  CAMPCRAFT
  101  10:30 12:30, & 2:30 Learn basics of camping & how to survive outdoors.

Family Fun Events

Film: All About Mammals(23 mins.)10 -4 every ½ hour
Tuesday, April 11 POND PONDERING   10:30, 12:30, & 2:30
With buckets, nets, and magnifiers, join us as we dip into the world of the pond. All critters will be returned to their habitat. Sneakers recommended.
MAGIC NATURE WAND CRAFT 10– 4 every ½ hour
Film: All About Amphibians   10 – 4, every ½ hour
Wednesday, April 12 BACKYARD BIRDS
  ● 10:30am, 12:30pm, & 2:30pm
Get ready to explore a variety of habitats as we observe & learn about our favorite feathered friends! Use provided binoculars or you may bring your own.

NATURE FACES CRAFT   10 - 4, every ½ hour
Film: All About Birds (23 mins.)   10 - 4, every ½ hour
Thursday, April 13 BEACH ECOLOGY & SCAVENGER HUNT
  ● 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm
Hands-on exploration of the intertidal zone life – search for crabs, snails, & shells. All critters will be returned to their habitat. Sneakers recommended.

DIY KALEIDOSCOPE CRAFT   ● 10 – 4 every ½ hour
Film: Bill Nye, The Science Guy: Erosion (23 mins.)  ● 10am – 4pm, every ½ hour

Did you miss our membership meetings over zoom? Many are posted on our YouTube channel, North Shore Audubon, plus short videos of interesting bird behavior.
### Bayville

#### Date     Birds        Location  Observer
11/10  Downey & Red Bellied Woodpeckers, R/B Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Finch Garden  Jim Madden
1/5  11 species incl: Gtr. Scaup, L/T Duck, Bufflehead, Horned Grebe, Ruddy Turnstone, GB Heron. CIB  Kathy Golder
1/9  Am. Bald Eagle Neighborhood  Barbara Garriel
1/9  W/W Scoter, Comm. Goldeneye, L/T Duck Stehli Beach  Barbara Garriel
1/18  9 species incl: L/T Duck, Bufflehead, Comm. Goldeneye, Snow Bunting. Stehli Beach  Kathy Golder
1/20 & 21  R/S Hawk Garden  Jim Madden
2/7  7 sp incl: Brant, L/T Duck, Com Goldeneye, Iceland Gull, Snow Bunting Stehli Beach  Barbara Garriel, Ellen Zimmerli

### Glen Cove

#### Date     Birds        Location  Observer
10/10  32 species incl: Comm. Loon, Gt. Blue Heron, Cooper’s Hawk, Am. Bald Eagle, R/S Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Winter Wren, E. Towhee. Welwyn Preserve  Ashley Pichon
11/23  27 species incl: Comm. Loon, Gt. Blue Heron, Cooper’s Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Winter Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Am. Tree Sparrow. Welwyn Preserve  Ashley Pichon
11/28  20 sp incl: Cooper’s Hawk, Y/B Sapsucker, Peregrine Falcon, Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow. GPP  Shelly Ventresca
12/9  17 species incl: G/W Teal, Gt. Blue Heron, R/T Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, R/C Kinglet. Pratt Park Pond  Ashley Pichon
1/27  21 species incl: Horned Grebe, S/S & R/T Hawks, Garvies Point Preserve  Shelly Ventresca
2/1  12 species incl: G/W Teal, Gt. Blue Heron, R/C Kinglet, N. Mockingbird. Mill Pond @ Pratt park  Kathy Golder, Mary Watros, Lindy Nielsen
2/8  27 species incl: Comm. Raven, Winter Wren Welwyn Preserve  Ashley Pichon
2/15  21 species incl: Horned Grebe, S/S & R/T Hawks, Garvies Point Preserve  NSAS Walk

### Hicksville

#### Date     Birds        Location  Observer
1/19  Am. Bald Eagle N.S Pkwy  Jennifer Wilson-Pines

### Kings Point

#### Date     Birds        Location  Observer

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Email sightings to Lindy Nielsen at NSASSecretary@gmail.com
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