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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, www.northshoreaudubon.org/calendar. You must have a free Zoom account (Zoom.us)

May 27, 7pm ZOOM ONLY Minnesota's Sax-Zim Bog in Winter Peggy Maslow & Eric Titcomb

Minnesota's Sax-Zim Bog's 300 square miles is a "magic mix" of habitats that attracts a unique array of species not found in other parts of the U.S.

The Sax-Zim Bog is prime habitat for bog specialists including the Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Boreal Chickadee, and Canada Jay. Grassland species like Northern Shrikes, Rough-legged Hawks, and Snowy Owls can be found during the winter. At the visitor center there are common redpoll, white-winged crossbills, boreal chickadees, red-bellied nuthatches, Canada jays, and pine siskins and mammals too.

North Shore stalwarts, Peggy Maslow and Eric Titcomb, have each traveled to the frigid north to see the rare diversity of owls, boreal birds and mammals, and will regale us with details of their trips and photos.

Eric Titcomb recently retired from a 44-year career working the stage elevators and main curtain at Radio City Music Hall. He got into birding and photography about 16 years ago when on a family trip out west. Eric says, "traveling to different parts of the world with my wife Judy is my passion, and bird photography is the cherry on top."

Peggy Maslow retired after 25 years as a NYC school teacher. She started using a bridge camera 5 years ago to help with bird ID, but she soon decided she just loved taking bird photos. Peggy is a board member of North Shore Audubon, Chair of the Education committee and a past President.

August 2

Garvies Point Museum Day,

Full day of nature programs, beach exploration, face painting, Rock & Mineral ID, crafts, films 10am-4pm, . Animal Encounters with Tackapausha Museum & Preserve 10:30am-3pm. \$10/person 5 years +.

APRIL 22, 7pm ZOOM ONLY Wild Stories from the History of Bird Migration Research Rebecca Heisman

We've all heard amazing facts about bird migration—the long distances that birds travel, the ways that they navigate, etc. But did you ever wonder how we figured all of this out? While working for the American Ornithological Society, Rebecca Heisman became fascinated with the varied and creative techniques that scientists have used to study bird migration, and this eventually became the basis for her book Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration. In her talk, she'll share some surprising stories from the history of bird migration research and discuss why understanding migration is so crucial for bird conservation.

Rebecca Heisman is an award-winning science writer who lives in Walla Walla, Washington, and has worked with organizations including the Audubon Society, the American Bird Conservancy, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the American Ornithological Society. Flight Paths is her first book.

8th Annual Native Plant Sale SAT, MAY 3 & SUN, MAY 4 10am-4pm

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

100+ varieties of native plants, shrubs, trees, books and more available. Preorder by April 21 to guarantee selection or come and browse. In cooperation with the Friends of Garvies Point. Brochures will be in the mail soon and posted online.

NYSOA Annual Meeting and Conference September 19-21

The 78th annual New York State Ornithological Assciation conference will be held in Ithaca NY. On Saturday, Peter Kaestner will give the Keynote address, "In Search of the Orange-tufted Spiderhunter", about his quest to find 10,000 different bird species. The weekend offers a variety of activities, including paper session, field trips, vendors, silent auction, banquet dinner, and more. Details at https://www.nysoa2025.org . Registration opens April 1.



President's Message Jennifer Wilson Pines' Spring Migration!

It's finally spring. Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and hordes of voracious returning black-birds are pigging out at the feeders. The first wave of returning migrants is arriving but the floodgates will fully open in May. There's a reason Global Big Day is mid-May, at least in the northern hemisphere.

If you followed my plan for 90 birds in a week in January, you may have accumulated a few more by now. I was right on track with 97 species by January 7, 122 by the end of the month, but that was the easy part. I've only added 16 species during February and early March, impatiently waiting for the return of all the migrants.

The chase will begin in earnest in late April, as shorebirds return earlier than warblers and other songbirds. Hotspots for spring are different from winter - the ponds and bays, now full of overwintering ducks will empty out as they start their migrations to northern breeding grounds, and woods and thickets will fill with returning songbirds. A few Oystercatchers have arrived as they are early breeders, along with male Red-wings and Grackles looking to establish territories.

Now the scene shifts to Nickerson Beach (be there before 9 when the parking fees start). The huge colonies of Common Terns will be arriving, and loafing on the beach with the non-breeding youngsters might be a few of the rarer terns; Arctic, Roseate, Black. Tiny Least Terns will arrive in smaller numbers and a few Gull-billed Terns will stalk the colony looking to steal a fish. A few hundred Black-skimmers will lounge around until they decide to nest in the summer. Piping plover nests will be protected with fencing.

Across the street at Lido Preserve, Clapper Rails, Willets, and variety of Herons will be stalking the marshes, and songbirds will be filling the garden. Across the channel, the rare and endangered Saltmarsh and Seaside Sparrows are dropping into Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, along with Clapper Rails and Purple Martins.

During shorebird migration, Jones Beach Coast Guard Station sandbar is mobbed by migrants at mid to low tide (Jones inlet tide charts). This is your chance to see Redknots, Ruddy Turnstones, Semipalmated Sandpipers and Plovers, and other rarer species. The hedgerow at the CGS can have amazing fallouts of migrating birds. The restored grasslands at the Energy Center and West End are sparrow magnets.

Migrating through will be over 20 warbler species, though only a handful will remain to breed. Mid-island favorite hot spots are Hempstead Lake State Park and Valley Stream SP right down the highway. Along the north shore, Sands Point Preserve, Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, and Welwyn are warbler and other passerine species hot spots.

Remaining to raise their young; Yellow Warblers, Common Yellowthroats, American Redstarts, (wide spread) Blue-winged Warbler (Muttontown) and a few Pine and Black & White Warblers. Northern Rough-wing, Tree, Bank and Barn Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds, Redeyed and Warbling Vireos, a variety of flycatchers and more will be looking for love and nesting spots

Below are some excellent online resources for following migration.

Migration Explorer from the National Audubon Society https://explorer.audubon.org/home

Track flight paths of individual birds and movements of species

Bird Cast https://birdcast.info/

See real-time maps of actual nocturnal bird migration, as detected by the US weather surveillance radar network between local sunset to sunrise. Cornell Lab of Ornithology currently produces these maps. Three day prediction of migration, local numbers and what birds are up there.

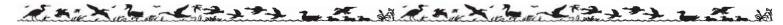
Ebird www.ebird.org

Click on Explore and enter Nassau County. You can bring up what's being currently seen, bar charts of when specific birds are seen here, recent checklists, hotspot maps and more. You can subscribe to rare bird alerts by county and also a needs list by county. Sign up for free.

NEW! YOU CAN NOW RENEW, JOIN OR DONATE ONLINE northshoreaudubon.org

Join our Facebook group, North Shore Audubon SOciety, for the latest on Long Island birding. The capitalized O is not a mistake, and follow us on Instagram

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Spring 2025 - BIRD WALK SCHEDULE

Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Weather permitting, walks generally start at 9:00AM unless indicated by ***. Big Day starts at 6:30 AM and several other walks start at 8 AM. If in doubt, please call the trip leader and check our FB page/website calendar for updates.

Please note: all phone numbers are area code 516 unless otherwise indicated. In most cases, the contacts are also leaders for the respective walks.

Wed. 3/26 Location is Leader's Choice – check website/FB Mary M

Sat. 3/29 Hempstead Lake State Park (We will be sharing our findings with SSAS for their duck survey) 987-6826 Eric

Wed. 4/2 Shu Swamp 628-1315 Lindy

Sat. 4/5 ***8 a.m. Jones Beach CG Station (JBCGS) 578-3058 Alissa

Wed. 4/9 Planting Fields 319-9661 Shelly

Sat. 4/12 Marine Nature Study Area (Oceanside) 941-7434 Jennifer

Wed. 4/16 Point Lookout and Lido Passive preserve 941-7434 Jennifer

Sat. 4/19 ***8 a.m. Welwyn Preserve 578-3058 Alissa M

Wed. 4/23 ***8 a.m. Hoffman Center- 628-9022 Barbara

Sat. 4/26 *****7:45 a.m.** Hempstead Lake State Park 993-7340 Bill B. (Parking fee starts at 8 or use Empire Pass)

Wed. 4/30 Planting Fields - 917-683-7101 Ellen

Sat. 5/3 ***7:45 am Valley Stream State Park 578-6324 Bobby (charge at gate starts at 8 unless you have an Empire Pass)

Wed. 5/7 ***8 a.m. Welwyn Preserve 817- 4363 Ashley

Sat. 5/10 Global Big Day ***6:30 start time BIG DAY Alley Pond Park 76th Ave. Meet in parking lot. QCBC Leader lan 917-626-9562. After lunch, the day continues

AND Sat. 5/10 9am Garvies 628-1315 Lindy

Wed. 5/14 *****7:30 and 9:00** start times Sands Point Preserve 941-7434 Jennifer and 413-6396 Peggy

(***the entrance fee will be waived for NSAS walkers)

Sat. 5/17 *****7:45** Hempstead Lake State Park 993-7340 Bill B. & 631-682-7404 Bill C. (parking fee starts at 8 or Empire Pass)

Wed. 5/21 West Hills County Park - 578-6324 Bobby

Sat. 5/24 ***8a.m. Muttontown (Main Entrance - Nature Center) – 817- 4363 Ashley

Wed. 5/28 Humes Preserve and Bailey Arboretum 917-770-2727 Kathy

Sat. 5/31 Marine Nature Study Area (Oceanside) 578-3058 Alissa

Wed. 6/4 Planting Fields Arboretum 621-6678 Joyce (Free parking

if you have an Empire pass or are a "senior")

Wed. 6/11 ***8:30 Nickerson Beach 941-7434 Jennifer and

413-6396 Peggy Parking fee collection at 9am

Summer Wednesday Walks will be posted on the calendar and website



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A History of our Chapter, Part 2 FOUNDING MEMBERS Lindy Nielsen

As I stated in my first article there were 12 founding members, that included Mary Bonnewell, Don Ross, Helen Graseck, Ella Brown, Dorothy and John Porter, Muriel Stevenson, Jill Lamoureux, Mr. and Mrs. Willie LeVeen and of course Dr. Lyman Langdon without whom there wouldn't have been that original adult class "Beginning Ornithology". So it stands to reason that once we became an Audubon Society chapter that most of these members took on the roles as Board members.

Lyman A, Langdon - Dr. Langdon got his degree in education. He became the Principal of the Flower Hill High School, then later Principal of the Port Washington Junior High School. He was always a naturalist and birder, taking friends out on walks. It was fitting that he taught an adult education course called "Beginning Ornithology" in the Port Washington School system. Dr. Langdon was a painter in oils and watercolors. He wrote a book called "Natural History of Port Washington" and illustrated a book titled "The Tales of Sink-Sink". Our chapter originally honored Dr. Langdon by being named Lyman Langdon Audubon Society. He went on to organize monthly programs, lead ambitious all day walks, and was made honorary President.

Mary Bonnewell - in 1951 was the person who pressed for the formation of an Audubon Society chapter in the Port Washington area. She became our first President, who then represented the chapter at a national convention of the Audubon Society. Our chapter also was affiliated with the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs (now known as New York State Ornithological Association - NYSOA). Soon after helping to establish the chapter, Mary moved away.

Don Ross - another founding member, became the first Vice-President and editor of the first "Bulletin", which debuted in 1953 and continues to this very day as our Osprey's

Platform Newsletter. Don contributed to the chapter with leading bird walks, participating in Christmas Bird Counts and lending a hand wherever needed.

Helen McClure - When Helen first became a founding member she was still single and known as Helen Graseck. She met Robert McClure through the chap-

ter, they married. Helen was a very active chapter member throughout her life. She was the first Secretary of the chapter, and became a President in 1974 - 1976. Many of us, who are members today, can remember Helen and all the wonderful knowledge that she passed on to us. She was truly a knowledgeable naturalist. She led many bird walks on Saturdays and Sundays, and was active in organizing the original "Wednesday walks". Christmas Bird Counts, bird seed sales, forums, the Atlas Project, the formation of the Welwyn Preserve and so many other projects she was involved in. At our 60th Anniversary luncheon, the chapter honored Helen with a bird statue. The next time you are at Garvies Point Preserve, look for the bench that the chapter dedicated to Helen, it sits behind the Maintenance building in the Vomacka Memorial Garden.

Jill Lamoureux - an outstanding birder and founding member. Jill became a President in 1956 - 1957. She was very active with the weekly bird walks, meetings and forums. The first Lyman Langdon chapter scholarship went to Jill, who attended the Audubon camp in Maine, which later led to her being an instructor in the nature study courses at the Cold Spring Harbor Biological Labs. For the first Christmas Bird Count, Jill was the compiler who reported 64 species. Jill, as head of the Wildlife Preservation Committee, led the way in 1958 for the chapter to successfully get the establishment of the Sands Point Wildlife Preserve. At the 20th Anniversary celebration Jill was honored with a special award for all her hard work.

Our chapter today is fortunate to have had all these trail blazers with the foresight to establish "the chapter". There are so many more worthy members who have contributed to this chapter, I will be writing about in the months to come.

Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary The new Wood Thrush Education and Visitor Center is Open!

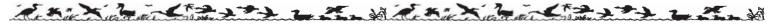
Hours: Monday -Wednesday- Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays 12-3 pm. Closed some holidays.

The trails and gardens are open every day from sunrise to sunset.

Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center 134 Cove Road, Oyster Bay, New York 11771 Phone: 516-922-3200 Email: trsac@audubon.org

Chapter membership year is now a calendar year, January - December. See back page for details. NEW! RENEW OR JOIN ONLINE!

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Family Fun at Garvies Point

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

Shop at Garvies Gift Shop

Wide & unique selection of educational toys, STEM & STEAM kits, stuffed animals, rocks, minerals & fossils, jewelry (Native American made & made is USA), field guides, books, coloring books, T-shirts, souvenirs, gifts, & more!

Garvies Programs

Dinosaur Daze Weekend

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6 10am-4pm' Our annual weekend long event for ALL ages! Special event admission: \$10 per person 3 years & older.No advanced registration required.

SPRING BREAK WEEK

April 12, April 15-19 Special events every day

World Book Day Sale

4/15-4/19 10am-4pm

Expanded Gift Shop into theater with discounts on all in stock books!!

Extensive selection of topics: wide variety of nature topics, field guides, children's books, geology, dinosaurs, Native American history, local history, and much more!

Children's Summer Camps July 1- August 21

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30am-3:30pm

Ages 5-7 & 8-10; Small group size

Our specialized museum and 62-acre nature preserve along Hempstead Harbor offers rich & unique natural experiences for all ages

July 1-3: Aquatic Adventures I

July 8-10: Wild for Wildlife

July 15-17: Naturally Artistic

July 22-24: Earth Heroes

July 29-31: Aquatic Adventures II

Aug 5-7: Prehistory Mystery: Puzzles of the Past

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Aug 12-14: Native American Culture & Natural World.

Aug 19-21: Summer Roundup

All weeks include:

T-Shirt for Nature Printing, Hands-on discovery, learning with daily interactive activities & experiments, Arts & Crafts & educational film throughout week, Thematic & team-building games, scavenger hunts, Nature play & adventures

CPR & First-Aid Certified Staff on-site. 1:8 ratio Partial scholarships available thanks to North Shore Audubon Society

Registration online www.garviespointmuseum.com and emailed to Garvies@nassaucountyny.gov.

Guided Museum Tours July 11-August 22

Fridays in July & August 11am-12pm and 2-3pm. Included with museum admission.

No advance registration required. Sign up at the door.

Summer Saturday Activities

Programs are included with museum admission.

July 5: \$5 each plus admission.

Habitat Hike & Summer Scavenger Hunt: 11am-12pm and 2-3pm.

Nature Imprint Clay Craft:10:30am-3:30pm

July 12: \$10 each plus admission, \$8 for members. Beautiful Butterflies & Pollinator Pals: 11am-12pm and 2-3pm.

Pressed-Floral Lantern Workshop: 10:30am-3:30pm,

July 19

Seashore Life & Seining: 11am-12pm and 2-3pm. to its habitat!

Sand-Casting Craft: 10:30am-3:30pm, every ½ hour Make an artistic keepsake of the shoreline! \$5.00 each plus admission.

July 26 \$10 each plus admission/\$8 for members Polymer Clay Pendant Workshop: 10:30am-3:30pm, Learn how to make a necklace pendant with polymer clay! . Ages 8+ recommended, younger kiddos welcome with adult help.

August 9: \$8 each plus admission

Pond Life Discovery: 11am-12pm and 2-3pm.

Froggy Pond Slime Craft: 10:30am-3:30pm, every ½ hour All you need to make slime with fun mix-ins!

August 16:

Garvies Geology & Beach Walk: 11am-12pm and 2-3pm. Mineral Mosaic Craft: 10:30am-3:30pm, every ½ hour \$5 each plus admission

August 23:

Native American Pottery-Making Workshop: 10:30am-3:30pm, every ½ hour \$5 each plus admission

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Farther Afield: Adirondack Blitz 2024 Ashley Pichon

Few things are better in the heat of summer than packing your bins and snacks into your car and heading north with your windows down. This is exactly what Jennifer and I did last July, after being invited by some seasoned members of the Queens County Birding Club - Jeff Ritter (our fearless leader) and Bobby and Colleen Veltri.

Stop 1: Saratoga National Historical Park (Southern Entrance by Dog Run)

About four hours away, this hotspot is a perfect stopping point to stretch your legs, eat a sandwich, and log some breeding birds and key sparrows...Bobolinks and their young abounded in the meadow at daybreak, bills filled with worms and insects for their recently fledged. Field sparrows and bluebirds sang unabashedly, as we searched for and thankfully found a beautiful male Clay-colored sparrow. Not present to our ears and eyes that morning? The Henslow's sparrow. They are known to court there, however, so if they're big on your target list try going a week or two earlier. As you drive around the environs, keep a look out on the fence lines for Upland sandpipers and take a drive out to West Ames Rd. Horse Farm to try your luck! From there, drive to Watertown, NY and stay the night. Daybreak tomorrow will be a treat.

Stop 2: Perch River Wildlife Management Area (multiple stops around Allen Rd. and Vaadi Rd.)

This is a fantastically productive place for terns, bitterns, herons, ducks and the like. Be sure to make multiple stops around the area to maximize your species. In one section, black terns presented in good number and in another so many Caspian terns flew over I believe we lost count! Also look for Common gallinules, American and Least bitterns, Trumpeter swans, Wood ducks with recently fledged young, and herons of various flavors. Regardless of species, it's a truly beautiful area worth a visit in its own right.

Stop 3: Sabattis Bog

We stopped here on the backend of our second day in the area. The light was perfect in the early evening sun and at once Canada jays presented themselves – first immatures and then an adult. They were an entire delight to experience (my first time in any case) and seemed fully interested in whether we had come bearing gifts – which Bobby had. A cashew or two later and the birds, and we, were hooked! In addition, warblers of every kind could be heard calling from the woods,

though regrettably that day rarely seen...Also heard by some, though never on view, was a Black-backed woodpecker. A target species for sure that we will have to go back for this year!

Stop 4: Bloomingdale bog trail and Bigelow Road A stunning scene was to be had on this trail. There is something about being in entirely foreign habitat that heightens the senses and draws you in. Here, flycatchers called, and Jeff's ear never failed to identify them. An incessant chip note calling from a pine revealed itself to be a young Lincoln's sparrow. Bobby handed out cashews and Canada jays immediately responded by sitting on our hands and flying off gleefully with them – still a highlight of the trip for me! This trail is magic this time of the year. Likewise, Bigelow road is an excellent choice. Still on the hunt for a Black-backed woodpecker, we stopped here twice. The trail revealed itself to be full of life, though our target was left unachieved.

Stop 5: Whiteface Mountain

This stop is an undeniable must. Will you hear Winter wrens singing their beautiful hearts out in their breeding grounds? Yes. And it's an incredible thing to experience their ethereal song being sung by so many at once. But this stop, in reality, is all about the Bicknell's thrush. For a long time, with Jeff's guidance, we were hearing them. Over and over - from this part of the hillside and then that one. No visual proof was to be had. At some point, one popped up and everyone got it, but me! I resigned myself to having had an amazing birding trip with amazing people. We started down the hill. Before we knew it, there was one sole individual Bickell's singing in front of us from a pine. As if none of us was looking or cared. The perfect ending to our Adirondack adventure and the reason we'll be going back again this year!

Bird-Friendly Habitat Certification

Please consider contacting NSAS at nsaudubon-society@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 us to set up an appointment for us to visit your yard during Spring/Summer. 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.



Nassau County Summer Hotspots! Alissa Milillo

Summer is a great time to get outside and see what birds are in our local parks. Here are 6 parks in Nassau County that are worth a stop.

Sands Point Preserve: A 216 acre preserve located on the north shore of Long Island in Sands Point. This preserve offers a variety of habitats from forest, to the Long Island Sound shoreline, and a freshwater pond and gardens. Some species that have been known to breed here are Yellow Warbler, Baltimore Oriole, Bank Swallow, Northern House and Carolina Wren, Eastern Phoebe and Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Planting Fields Arboretum State Park: This park has over 400 acres to explore on the north shore of Long Island in Oyster Bay. There are woodland trails, grasslands and gardens where you can see Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Killdeer, Common Nighthawk and Red-tailed Hawk. In the past this spot has attracted some rare birds such as Pileated Woodpecker, Dickcissel and LeConte's Sparrow.

Humes Preserve: This is a small but fabulous preserve located on the north shore of Long Island in Mill Neck. There are trails through the meadow and the woods for you to explore. This 27 acre preserve also has trails that connect to the Shu Swamp if you wanted to continue exploring. Nesting on this preserve you can find Eastern Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Red-bellied Woodpeckers and Carolina Wren.

Nickerson Beach: This beach is located on the south shore of Long Island in Lido Beach. It offers 155 acres of shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean. Here you can find large breeding colonies of Black Skimmer, Common Tern and Least Tern. You can also see Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher and Osprey. Due to the large colonies of terns, some rare tern species have also stopped over here such as Gull-billed Tern, Black Tern, Roseate Tern, Arctic Tern and White-winged Tern.

West End at Jones Beach State Park: This section of Jones Beach offers varying habitats like grasslands, tidal flats and ocean shorelines. Here you can see Horned Lark, Eastern Meadowlark, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Dunlin and Sanderling. This spot can also bring in rare birds like Brown Pelican, Hudsonian Godwit and Royal Tern.

Hempstead Lake State Park: This large state park boasts 737 acres. There is a large lake, 3 freshwater ponds and wooded hiking trails. You can see nesting Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, Yellow Warbler, American Robin and Wood Duck. This park has seen its fair share of rare birds such as Yellow-throated Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush.

Christmas Bird Count 2024 Stephane Perreault

70 participants spent a total of 137 hours counting birds, including 8 nocturnal hours. Thanks for your outstanding effort during the 125th Audubon CBC. The CBC is the longest running citizen science in the country and also about spending time with friends and people with kin minds to share our love and understanding of birds.

The sum of individuals for each species from all sectors will be entered in the Audubon database. Once at Audubon, this data will be made available for Audubon and outside scientists to study.

The following summary was put together with the hope of explaining the contributions and to providing patterns of bird species presence and abundance in our circle.

24,178 birds were seen, which is about 89% of the average number of birds seen of the 2013 to 2022. The difference was mostly caused by a reduction in Canada goose numbers. Excluding Canada, we were at 97% of the 10 year average.

We had a very nice total of 116 bird species reported. Our all-time average is 105 species per count.

Sector saves: Species seen only in one sector

Sector 1 (Port Washington): Red-necked Grebe (1), Great Egret (1), Northern Harrier (1); Orange-crowned warbler (1); Baltimore oriole (1)

Sector 2 (Glenn Cove): Pied-billed Grebe (1)

Sector 3 (Lattingtown): Purple Sandpiper (1) Gannet (1), Redhead (1), Black Scoter (14); American Pipit (1) Sector 4 (Mill Neck): Eastern Phoebe (1), Common Merganser (3)

Sector 5 (Bayville): Brown-headed cowbird (4)

Sector 6 (Lloyd Harbor): Cackling Goose (1); Ruddy Turnstone (91), Sanderling (10), Dunlin (25); Brown Thrasher (1)

Sector 7 (Cold Spring Harbor East): Northern Saw-whet Owl (1)

Sector 8 (Brookville): House Wren (1); Western Tanager (1)

Sector 9 (NYIT): Ring-necked Pheasant (1)

Sector 12 (Oyster Bay): Northern Shoveler (4)

Sector 14 (Syosset): Common Grackle (20)

High Counts

Northern Cardinal 382, Swamp Sparrow 44 House Finch 314, Northern Mockingbird 104

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 15Golden-crowned Kinglet 52 Bald Eagle 37, Turkey Vulture 7, Dunlin 25, Wood Duck 58

Low Counts

Herring Gull, White-winged Scoter

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