

Proposed Wording

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 3: A Director shall serve for one (1) elected three-year term. An elected Director cannot succeed himself/herself, but may stand for reelection as a Director after a two-year period. Should a Director assume the position as a result of Board appointment to finish the term of a Director who vacated the position, time served as an appointee shall not count as an elected term as a Director. Any officer, defined in Article IV Section 1(a), shall be eligible to serve as a Director on the expiration of his/her regular term as an officer.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: (a) The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

(b) All officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. The President and the Vice President shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms. There shall be no limitation on the terms of the other officers.

(c) A person shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years as an elected Director (3 years), elected Vice President (3 years), or elected President (3 years), in any combination. He/she shall not stand for any elected position until two (2) years after the expiration of his/her last term.

20TH ANNUAL WATERFOWL SURVEY

The remaining dates for the 2007-08 Waterfowl Survey are as follows, rain or shine: **Saturdays, February 2, February 23, and March 22.** Volunteers are welcome to participate in the surveys. If you are interested in spending a full or half day visiting up to 28 locations from Valley Stream to Massapequa Park, call Joe Grupp, SSAS's Research Chairperson, at 481-4208. Paul Butkereiit and Bill Hollweg will be surveying 10 locations in southwestern Nassau County on the same dates.

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JOIN THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird-watchers of all ages in counting

birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes. It's free, fun, and easy — and it helps the birds. The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited.

Participants count birds anywhere for as little or as long as they wish during the four-day period of **February 15-18.** They tally the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. To report their counts, they fill out an online checklist at the Great Backyard Bird Count web site.

Visit www.birdcount.org for easy-to-follow instructions, including tips for identifying bird species, and to download a checklist for our region.

As the count progresses, anyone with Internet access can explore what is being reported from their own towns or anywhere in the United States and



Canada. They can also see how this year's numbers compare with those from previous years. Participants may also send in photographs of the birds they see. A selection of images will be posted in the online photo gallery.

In 2007, participants reported a record-breaking 11 million birds of 616 species. They submitted more than 80,000 checklists, an all-time record for the ten years of the count.

Why Count Birds? Scientists and bird enthusiasts can learn a lot by knowing where the birds are. Bird populations are dynamic; they are constantly in flux. No single scientist or team of scientists could hope to document the complex distribution and movements of so many species in such a short time. We need your help. Make sure the birds from your community are well represented in the count. It doesn't matter whether you report the 5 species coming to your backyard feeder or the 75 species you see during a day's outing to a wildlife refuge.

The Ten Most Frequently Reported Species in the 2007 GBBC: #1 Northern Cardinal (45,966 checklists), #2 Dark-eyed Junco, #3 Mourning Dove, #4 Blue Jay, #5 Downy Woodpecker, #6 American Goldfinch, #7 House Finch, #8 Tufted Titmouse, #9 American Crow, #10 House Sparrow (24,582 checklists).

The Ten Most Numerous Species in the 2007 GBBC: #1 American Robin (2,080,223 individuals, including 1.7 million in St. Petersburg, Florida), #2 Canada Goose, #3 Red-winged Blackbird, #4 Snow Goose, #5 Laughing Gull, #6 European Starling, #7 Common Grackle, #8 Dark-eyed Junco, #9 American Goldfinch, #10 Ring-billed Gull (300,601 individuals).

OUR WEB SITE (incl. online store) www.ssaudubon.org

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Option 1. You can join SSAS for a year by sending \$15 payable to **South Shore Audubon Society** using the form below. Our address is P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031.

Option 2. To join NAS and your all-volunteer local chapter, you can help SSAS survive NAS's major dues-share cutbacks by joining Audubon through us for the same price that it costs if you join through NAS (we get \$0 unless you join through us). Mail the form below and your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to SSAS at the address above. The special rate for the first year is \$20 per household; \$15 for students and seniors.

 **Renewing?** Please send NAS renewals directly to NAS (we now get \$0 for all NAS renewals).

Donations to SSAS are always welcome!



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