



(sponsoring yourself counts) eligible for a prize drawing to be held at our annual dinner (attendance not required). If you would like to donate a prize, please contact me.

Our schedule of starting places and leaders is as follows:

*Friday, May 8 at 5 P.M.* Meet Paul Butkerei at Jones Beach's Coast Guard Station, or Joe Grupp, Jim Remsen, and Steve Schellenger at Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot).

*Saturday, May 10.* Meet Bill Hollweg (Paul's team) at the Ryan Building behind Mercy Hospital at 6:30 A.M.; or Jim and Steve at Mill Pond, Merrick Road, Wantagh at 5:45 A.M. Other meeting places on Saturday for the latter team will be Muttontown Preserve (most likely the gate on Route 106) at 8 A.M., Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area at 11 A.M., and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at 1:15 P.M. Please try to notify me if you plan to go with one of these teams so they will know who to expect. Meeting times at Oceanside and Jamaica Bay for my team are estimates; we can be as much as 15 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later, depending on traffic.

Sponsors are the heart of the Birdathon. These are people who agree to give you 25¢, \$1, or any amount for each species you see (they may also give you a flat pledge not based on number of species). Ask anyone you know, and don't forget yourself!

*Note on Submitting Pledges:* Pledges submitted to me must be received by June 8 to be eligible for prizes. Pledge forms, if you want them, are available at SSAS meetings and bird walks. Let's make our 2009 Birdathon special by raising more funds than ever! Good luck!

Birdathon Chairperson: James Remsen, Jr., 8 Venetian Blvd., Lindenhurst, NY 11757.

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### **PLOVER VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

*John Zarudsky*

The Town of Hempstead's Department of Conservation and Waterways needs your help in ensuring the protection and survival of Piping Plovers, Least and Common Terns, and Black Skimmers that nest between Point Lookout and Atlantic Beach. Audubon volunteers will help prevent disturbances to nesting areas, will record the presence of plover chicks and any incidents of predation, and can give beachgoers educational literature pertaining to Piping Plovers and terns. Help is particularly needed on evenings, weekends, and holidays from May through August. If you're interested and are able to volunteer regularly, please contact SSAS member John Zarudsky, Conservation Biologist, at 897-4126 (work) or 486-5272.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*Wendy Murbach*

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting at the Freeport Library from 7:30–9:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (September through May) to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an interesting program. Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks. Check out the special events that are mentioned in this *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us.

Our new members since the last *Skimmer* are:

East Rockaway .....	Debra Scuderi
Farmingdale .....	William Buchmann, J. Ferrigno, Jeanine Gross, Nathan Papers
Long Beach .....	Daniel Simon
Malverne .....	Gloria Grossi
Massapequa .....	Pietrina Kelly
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### **BACKYARD SURVEY DATA NEEDED!**

*Joe Grupp*

For several years, SSAS's Research Committee has been conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS area and to estimate their numbers. We greatly appreciate input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you make only very few.

Simply record the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed below, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Survey sheets are available at SSAS events and at [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org) or you can create your own.

Please mail your data to Mr. J. Grupp, Research Chairperson, 660 Edgemere Ave., Uniondale, NY 11553 or e-mail [Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com](mailto:Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com).

## SSAS 38th ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday, June 9th

Therese Lucas

Each year, the South Shore Audubon Society annual dinner gives us the opportunity to celebrate the birding and conservation experiences and events of the past year, and mingle with fellow members, old and new. Family, friends, and nonmembers are welcome too.

The evening will be highlighted by the presentation of the Conservation, Merit, and Scholarship Awards. This year's Conservation Award is being presented to John Zarudsky for his work with South Shore wildlife and their habitat. The Merit Award is being presented to Elliott Kutner for laying the groundwork and setting the standard for the SSAS Sunday bird walks, which began in 1970.

Guests are invited to participate in the Super Raffle, Chinese Auction, and 50/50 Drawing. There will also be a raffle for Birdathon participants.

Despite these challenging economic times, the dinner cost is the same as last year. We're looking forward to the pleasure of your company on **June 9th!**

**The dinner registration form is on page 7.**

### NOMINATIONS FOR 2009-2010 SSAS BOARD

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 12, officers and directors will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The SSAS nominating committee (chaired by Marilyn Hametz, and including Gail Brown and Mary Jane Russell) has recruited the following candidates: President, Wendy Murbach; Vice President, Steve Schellenger; Treasurer, Laurie Raisher; Recording Secretary, Doreen McCrystal; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Blaustein; Director (through June 2012), Donald Temple.

### "WELCOME TO BROOKSIDE" ON JUNE 6

On **Saturday, June 6**, from 1 to 3 P.M., SSAS will have a "Welcome to Brookside" event with walks, refreshments, etc. County-owned Brookside Preserve, through which flows Milburn Creek, is managed by SSAS. For details on the 20-acre wooded preserve, visit [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org). Event details will be sent to our e-list during May and posted online; contact Marilyn Hametz for further information.

### HUMMINGBIRD TRIP IN AUGUST

Back in December, our guest speaker was Paul Adams, the founder of the 3.5-acre Baiting Hollow Hummingbird Sanctuary overlooking Long Island Sound. The sanctuary is opened to the public or to private groups on selected days in August, when the birds are most visible. We will be making arrangements to visit; for details, join our lightly used e-list at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas\\_list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas_list), check our website, or call Wendy Murbach this summer.

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### A CIRCLE OF LIFE

Jonathan Staller

I learned from Elliott Kutner that life is one big circle. Let me explain to you a circle of life that has happened to me. It's a 25-year journey, yet a circle as you will see.

I graduated from Jericho High School in 1984. My best friend during the '80s and through graduation was Steve Greenwald. We were together practically every day. We went to Florida together during spring break, listened to rock and roll, and cruised for girls.

After high school, we went on different paths. I didn't know what ever happened to Steve, but I went to college, graduated, and fell in love with my new hobbies of nature and hiking. In 1993, I went on a bird walk for the first time with SSAS. It was at Massapequa Preserve and Elliott led. I always thought there were two types of ducks, the green-headed ones (Mallards) and the white ones (domesticated). Elliott showed me a new world of waterfowl. I saw Ruddy Ducks (pictured), Northern Shovelers, and Gadwalls, to name a few. From that day on, I became hooked on bird-watching. Not only did I pay my membership dues to South Shore, I became a board member and, in 1999, the president of the chapter.



A couple of months ago, my brother told me about a website called Facebook. It's a site where you can find long-lost friends. I found my buddy Steve. We chatted online for a while and after many conversations on the telephone, I met him and his two lovely children at an SSAS bird walk at Mill Pond. Although Steve's been there before with his children, they never really noticed that there were different species of ducks; sound familiar? We also saw Canada Geese and Mute Swans. They even got a special treat from their first bird walk; a Peregrine Falcon not only flew by, but it perched on a tree overlooking the pond. I'll never forget the smile that his son had on his face after looking through the spotting scope.

So, just like my first bird walk at a pond to see ducks, I took my best friend that I haven't seen in years to a pond to see ducks. A complete circle of life for me — composed of 25 years to be exact.

## NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Southern Nevada – Part II: Rapid Bird Listing

Joe Grupp

We listed the birds we observed during our short stay in southern Nevada, but at no time did we add new species to our list as quickly as we did when we first arrived at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. By new species, I do not necessarily mean birds seen for the very first time in our lives, but rather birds that are not usually found in our area of the country — birds that we usually can see only when we are far from home. Other than focusing on seeing a Verdin, as described in Part I in last month's edition of the *Skimmer*, we were focused on exploring various locations and taking the birds as we encountered them.

Our first observation at the park, however, was not of a bird. As we turned off the main road and approached the park's entrance, a wild burro was standing statuesquely on a small rise on the side of the entrance road. We stopped to watch it for a few minutes, and it was just as motionless and statuesque when we drove off as it was when we stopped. It was a "classic" desert scene and I considered it a positive omen in regard to our exploration of the park, and an omen it turned out to be.

I had no sooner turned off the engine of the car in the parking lot when a Greater Roadrunner (pictured) walked across the narrow parking area. I followed it to an adjacent field, where it was joined by a second, then a third of its species. Even as the birds were naked-eye close, I studied them through the binoculars.

I found myself concentrating on the narrow red and blue band that flows back from the eye. It was a somewhat small but bold detail on an otherwise dull bird. The birds left the field and again crossed the parking area. We followed them through a gate in a white ranch-type fence and into the picnic area. The picnic area was nestled under some low trees whose wide branches canopied it. The trees surrounded a rectangular-shaped mowed grassy field.

Some raucous squawking pulled our attention away from the roadrunners and we concentrated on finding its source. The bird the sound was coming from was a bit elusive, as it moved in and out of some thick shrubs and in and out of the trees. After finally finding it, we added a Western Scrub Jay to our list. The bird was blue, with a dull bluish tan patch across its back and dull stripes on its white throat. The bird was an easy identification, especially as I had seen it on other trips. It remained a presence in the area while we were there.

Before we had our fill of the initial scrub jay observation, our attention shifted to a small, fairly active bird that occasionally perched for a few seconds before continuing its activity. When I got my binoculars on it, I saw a slightly distorted but familiar shape. While the crown of the bird



appeared very slightly smaller to me than what I was familiar with, the shape of it was definitely that of a titmouse. Its color was mostly gray, darker on the upper parts, lighter on the lower. It lacked the white breast and rosy sides of "our" Tufted Titmouse; it was all gray in those areas. The species is one I identified some years before in a different location as a Plain Titmouse. My identification was correct back then, but it was not correct now. I found out only when I got home that the Plain Titmouse was split into two separate species since my first identification; they are the Oak Titmouse found in western California and the Juniper Titmouse found east of the Sierras. I listed a Plain Titmouse in Nevada but had to change it to Juniper Titmouse when I returned home.

No sooner had our attention left the titmouse when we spotted two Verdins with their yellow faces giving away their identification. I enjoyed seeing them as much as I did the very first time I saw one a few days before this observation. They quickly worked their way through the trees, occasionally pausing to perch on a branch. We added them to the day's list.

At one point in time, a black and white woodpecker flew in and landed on a branch near one of the Verdins; then it explored the trunk of the tree. A look at it through the binoculars and I was pretty sure I knew what the bird was. Its alternating narrow black and white lines that ran across its back from rump to neck suggested Ladder-backed Woodpecker. A check of the field guide confirmed it, making it another bird for our list. We also spotted some more familiar birds; there were Mourning Doves, American Robins, and White-crowned Sparrows. The area was just alive with birds.

Leaving the picnic area, we walked up a road that led to an historic old ranch house. Passing a pasture, we spotted Say's Phoebe perched on a post. It is similar in shape to our Eastern Phoebe but browner in color, with a yellowish tinge to its light breast. We watched it fly out to catch a flying insect or maybe miss it and then come back to perch on the same pole. At times it landed on the ground to forage for insects but then it was right back up to the same post; it became another bird for our list.

A small flock of birds were foraging on the ground among the grasses near the phoebe. Their tails were bobbing; their bills were thin. They were light brown in color, with a lighter striped breast and white outer tail feathers. With a certain satisfaction, I added American Pipit to our list. Just a few weeks before this trip, while on an SSAS Waterfowl Survey, a group of surveyors that I was not with were surprised to come across a flock of American Pipits as they crossed an area of grass to reach a pond near the Southern State Parkway. We did some good-natured kidding back and forth about the fact that they saw the birds and I did not. Now I saw my pipits.

It was a cold day in the desert when we explored Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. It was cold during our entire stay in Nevada. When we left the ranch, we took a ride on

a nearby scenic drive and the scenery was muted or completely hidden by falling snow. Previously we had been told by a staff member at a nature preserve that the desert birds were not very active in the cold weather. I know we missed a few of the more common desert birds. Perhaps the reason was because of the cold or maybe it was just bad luck. I also know that the birds that we saw that day appeared rapidly, one species right after another, and we listed them the same; that will remain a memory for a long time.

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### CHAPERONES NEEDED

For the past 11 years, SSAS has sent disadvantaged children from a school district in our area to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center's summer day camp program. Our objective is to give the children an opportunity to be exposed to nature and the environment for four half-days (**August 24-27**) and perhaps have them learn a little about conservation.

If you can be a bus chaperone or assist us in any other way, please contact Betty Borowsky at 764-3596 for details. This year's bus will depart from Uniondale.

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### WHAT TO DO WITH DISPLACED YOUNG WILDLIFE

Most young wildlife that you come across are not orphaned. The parents are temporarily away finding food or are staying away to avoid attracting predators and will later return. If you are concerned that a bird or animal may be orphaned, watch from a distance for a while to see if the parents return. If you have to chase it, it doesn't need your help!

A nestling songbird is only partially feathered and cannot yet run, hop, or move about easily. It should be returned to the nest. If you can't find or reach the nest, make one from a berry box or strainer (something with drainage), line it with grasses, and secure it up in a tree close to where you found the bird. The parents will continue to feed it.

If you are certain a young songbird is orphaned, leave a message for Volunteers for Wildlife at 631-423-0982 for assistance and follow the emergency instructions at [www.volunteersforwildlife.org](http://www.volunteersforwildlife.org).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wendy Murbach

It took a sailboat a week to traverse it, it's twice as big as the state of Texas, and it's mainly made of plastic. What is it? It is called the Eastern Garbage Patch, also known as the North Pacific subtropical gyre.

In an area about halfway between the west coast of the continental United States and the east coast of Hawaii, there is a place in the ocean that is essentially windless and is called the doldrums. Into this area flow currents that circle and circle in a clockwise direction, very slowly.

The gyre is not new. The gyre has existed during the entire time that man has recorded traveling there. What is new is the addition to the waters of plastic refuse. While the water in the gyre cools and sinks and flows away eventually, the refuse floats on and on and continues to circle.

Where does it all come from? Styrofoam cups and containers, plastic water bottles, plastic bags — all the throwaways that we use and discard. Some of it pelletizes, some of it shreds, some of it leaches dioxin and other toxic substances into the water, and some of it, like plastic water bottles, remains whole.

All of it can be ingested by sea life. Plastic has been found in many fish species, in sea turtles and sea mammals, and in birds too. Plastic has been found to be a factor in many sea animals' death from blocked airways and blocked intestinal tracts.

This Garbage Patch is not the only one in the oceans; it is, to date, the biggest one and it gets bigger every day. Garbage thrown from boats, washed into the water from seashores, and emptied into the bay through storm drains will eventually end up this way.

What can be done about this? New York State has just passed the Bigger Better Bottle Bill mandating a nickel tax on bottled water that will be refunded upon return of the bottles. This should make returning and recycling water bottles in New York State occur more frequently. There is a push to stop the use of plastic grocery bags in the supermarkets. Both of these measures will help to cut down on plastic throwaway garbage.

However, I believe that it is time to talk about packaging. What packaging is necessary? What packaging is too much? Can we use recyclable packaging or can some things be shipped in bulk without being packaged? It is time to get into dialogue with those who sell us things, to tell them to stop double and triple packaging everything, to stop using plastic that will not be recycled. It is time to think about ways in which we can cut down the flow of garbage, particularly garbage that does not biodegrade.



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 **BIRD WALKS** 

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Steve Schellenger at 987-8103. Directions and summaries may be found at [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org).

- Apr. 26 Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner  
(and Lido Preserve afterwards)
- May 3 Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
- May 10 Hempstead Lake State Park\*
- May 17 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- May 24 *Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk*
- May 31 Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north  
side of Merrick Rd.)
- June 7 Hempstead Lake State Park\*
- June 14 Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside  
*Summer Break*
- Aug. 23 Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
- Aug. 30 Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside
- Sep. 6 *Labor Day Weekend — No Walk*
- Sep. 13 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

\**Parking for Hempstead Lake State Park:* Take Southern State Parkway Exit 19 (Peninsula Blvd.) south for about two miles. Turn left at the traffic light for Lakeview Ave. and then make the second left onto Broadway. Go north to the end of the street and find a parking spot on the street. We will meet by the footbridge that crosses over Peninsula Blvd. and goes into the park.

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR TENTH ANNUAL  
CENTRAL PARK WALK**

On **Saturday, May 2**, SSAS will be in Central Park for our annual (weather permitting) early May bird walk. Manhattan-based birder Chris Cooper, who participated in SSAS's bird walks in his formative years, has again agreed to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've recorded 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours [70 last year, including Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 5 vireo species, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Veery, Hermit and Wood Thrushes, 18 warbler species (Hooded Warbler is pictured), Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Orchard and Baltimore Orioles].



The cost of the walk is \$5, which is a tax-deductible fund-raising donation to SSAS (refundable if we rain out or you cancel in advance). Please send your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, along with your phone number and e-mail address, to: Joanne Del Prete, 20 Ceil Pl., Bethpage, NY 11714-4503 (phone 433-0739, [jdelprete47@optonline.net](mailto:jdelprete47@optonline.net)) by April 26.

For train schedule information, you can contact the LIRR at (516) 822-5477 or <http://lirr42.mta.info/sfweb/faces/index.jspx>. A group of us will be in one of the front cars of the local Babylon line train that is scheduled to depart from Massapequa at 7:14 and arrive in Penn Station at 8:12. Please note that at most LIRR stations, ticket windows are now closed on weekends; regardless, a penalty of about \$5 is charged by the conductor if you do not purchase a ticket online, at a window, or using the machines located at the stations. A \$4 MetroCard is required for the subway to and from Central Park; it too can be purchased from the LIRR.

We plan to depart from Penn Station's LIRR waiting room at 8:30 to meet Chris in Central Park at around 9:15. If you need to contact Joanne on the walk day, her cell phone number is 476-3761. The walk usually ends around noon. You can bring or buy lunch, or head back home after the walk if you prefer. Join us!




**JOIN US AT GREENWICH AUDUBON CENTER**

*Barbara Levine*

Calling all birders, hikers, families, and photographers! On **Saturday, May 16**, we will be driving to the Audubon Center of Greenwich, arriving at 9:30 A.M.

Naturalists will lead us through some of the 285 beautiful acres and 7 miles of walking trails. The cost will be \$5 per person. Send your tax-deductible check, made out to South Shore Audubon Society, to me at 22 Sugar Maple Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. Any questions? Visit [http://greenwich.audubon.org/AboutUs\\_AudubonCenter\\_Kimberlin\\_NatureEducationCenter.html](http://greenwich.audubon.org/AboutUs_AudubonCenter_Kimberlin_NatureEducationCenter.html) and/or call me at 741-3386 for more details.



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**JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE** (Sat., May 30 & June 20, 5-8 P.M.). Enjoy a cruise aboard 100' boat "Golden Sunshine" from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Visit backwater marshes & JFK Airport. Learn about bay's history, ecology, and wildlife. See nesting peregrine falcon, osprey, egrets, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Cost: \$45 incl. narrated tour plus wine & cheese, fruit, drink, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe.

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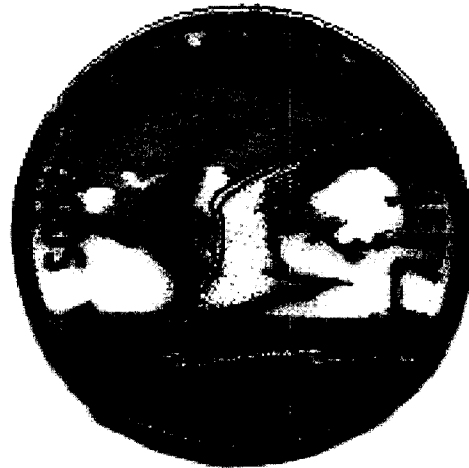
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Hot hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. Entrees include Sliced London Broil with Pan Juices, Bone-in-Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushrooms in Natural Pan Juices, Roasted Sole Stuffed with Julienne Vegetables, or vegetarian option. Wine & soda included; cash bar.

**Directions to Coral House:** Take Southern State Parkway Exit 20 (Grand Ave.) south for 1-1/2 miles to the fork in the road. Bear left at the fork (Milburn Ave.) and go across Sunrise Highway. Coral House is on the left and parking is on the right, just north of Merrick Rd.

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