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NEXT MEETING

John Gagllone

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. [at S. Ocean Ave.]

SPEAKER: Lauren Schulz

TOPIC: Human Impact on Long Island Wildlife

Long Island is the largest and most populated island in the continental United States. Due to this great population, humans and wildlife are interacting on an everincreasing basis and not always in the most positive of ways. Cars, buildings, domestic pets, urban sprawl, pollution, and many other factors have greatly affected the wild animals that share our beautiful island. Every year, a number of these animals are injured due to human influence. Fortunately for some, they are found by caring members of the public who bring them to Volunteers for Wildlife and other wildlife centers on Long Island for rehabilitation.

During this month's program, you will learn about some of the most interesting and challenging wildlife cases that have come to Volunteers for Wildlife's hospital over the past few years. In addition, you will have the opportunity to meet several of the center's permanently disabled resident wild animals.

Volunteers for Wildlife was founded in 1982; its hospital has admitted about 750 birds, mammals, and reptiles each year. Lauren, a licensed NYS Wildlife Rehabilitator, has been their Education Coordinator since 2008. She has a bachelor's degree in zoology and a master's degree in general education. Join us!

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. most months, Scott Oglesby expands our birding horizons in the room beyond our coffee-break tables. Topic suggestions for future talks are welcome.

Parking Lots. In addition to the parking lot adjacent to the library, there's a lightly used, well-lit, and fairly close municipal lot on the east side of S. Ocean Ave., on the near

NEXT MEETING AFTER NEXT MEETING

John Gagllone

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. [at S. Ocean Ave.]

TOPIC: Annual Members' Night

Join us for a get-together of fun, food, and friendship. Show off your talents, hobbies, or skills, whether or not they are bird-related. If you can paint, play an instrument, imitate bird calls, knit, take photographs, sing, or have any other talents or interests, please share them with us. We would also appreciate finger foods from those of you who enjoy the culinary arts.



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BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS.

(south) side of the gas station that borders Sunrise Highway.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ban Hydrofracking

Jim Brown

In September, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued its draft regulations on high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" as it is commonly called. At the same time, the DEC is requesting that the public submit comments on these proposed regulations to its website or else send them to the DEC by mail. The deadline is **Monday, December 12**. In addition, public hearings are scheduled at various locations throughout the state. The nearest hearing to Long Island is to take place on **Wednesday, November 30** at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street in Manhattan. The hearing will have an afternoon session from 1–4 P.M. and an evening session from 6–9 P.M.

Hydrofracking involves injecting toxic chemicals combined with water and sand under extremely high pressure into rock layers, shattering the rock to release the natural gas. This process has been employed in over 30 states and has created a host of environmental problems contaminated drinking water, toxic waste ponds, drilling fluid leaks, and flammable tap water. Hydraulic fracturing, which creates what amounts to strong explosions underground, has been linked to earthquakes. This large-scale industrial process will have a profound impact on the physical environment of our state. Numerous roads and wells will be built, causing the fragmentation of precious habitat, adversely affecting fauna and flora throughout the drilling region. Fracking is also a factor in creating chronic health problems in drilling areas - liver, heart, blood, and brain damage, as well as leukemia and other cancers.

The new draft regulations, which total more than 1,000 pages, contain many suggestions on mitigating proposals — some of which are positive — but fail to deal with the essential destructiveness of hydraulic fracking. The DEC's proposals do not adequately address cumulative impacts of the massive drilling, the risk to public health over time, or how to adequately address the problems dealing with drilling wastes. The increase in the number of jobs related to the gas extraction — which may produce a temporary jobs "boom"—is discussed, but not the long-range effects of habitat degradation on such important activities as tourism and agriculture.

New York State may unfortunately be on a trajectory to approve, in some form, hydrofracking in many parts of the state. Unless we oppose it strenuously, "gasland" will be coming to New York, to threaten water quality, air quality, land values, wildlife and bird habitats, and the very health of all of us. If fracking is permitted in our state, we will be adding to all the problems associated with global warming as we, once again, pursue the false path of fossil-fuel dependency. Natural gas coveted and targeted by the fracking industry has been found by a Cornell study to equal the global warming effects of coal, due to the high levels of carbon dioxide that would be released when the gas is burned and the extreme warming effects of methane, a considerably more potent greenhouse gas, that will be leaked during the drilling process. Drilling in the Marcellus and Utica shales of New York will add tremendously to greenhouse gas production and deflect us from what needs to be quickly accomplished to halt global warming — investment in renewable energy and energy conservation.

The board of the South Shore Audubon Society has voted to urge New York to ban hydraulic fracturing throughout the state. We hold the whole technology to be inherently unsafe — dangerous to human health, wildlife, and the environment. Fracking should have no place in New York's energy future. We urge all our members to also voice your concerns to the DEC. Fracking should be

banned, and in its place policies of clean, green energy should be seriously pursued.

Comments can be submitted using the form at www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html or by mail: Attn: dSGEIS Comments, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-6510.

If you can also attend the Tribeca hearing, that would be great!

Take action NOW to ban hydrofracking in New York State!

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WINTER BIRDING AND SURVIVAL (Sun., Dec. 11, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M). Meet at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge visitor center for a slide program, and hike around ponds and uplands with naturalist Don Riepe to look for late migrants & wintering birds and other wildlife. Call or e-mail Don to reserve. Free.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALKS AT FORT TILDEN, QUEENS AND WEST END 2, JONES BEACH (11 A.M. to 1 P.M.). Meet at Bldg. 1, Fort Tilden or West End 2 parking lot for beach walk to start off the new year. Call for info & reservations.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND: SEALS, SURF, AND SEABIRDS (Jan. 6–8). Cost: \$375 incl.2 nights lodging at the luxurious Manor House, 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, 2 evening programs, and free pickup at the LIRR station.

BELIZE: RAINFOREST, REEFS, AND RUINS (Mar. 3–11). A wildlife bonanza! See over 230 species of birds plus mammals, butterflies, and other wildlife while staying at great lodges.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 318-9344, donriepe@gmail.com, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; www.alsnyc.org.

NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER A Good End to a Good Day at Badlands National Park in South Dakota

Joe Grupp

The sun approaching the horizon had turned the rocky features of Badlands National Park into a layer cake of soft colors. Each horizontal layer of rock added color to the scene. There were tans, soft reds, grays, yellows, and greens. Each turn in the road revealed another magnificent scene. The setting sun also signified that our day of exploration there was coming to an end.

Our day was a good one, as one by one, the sum total of our observations increased as we drove through the park, stopping at times to walk to points of interest, etc. Early in the day, as we were walking to an overlook, we spotted a raptor perched on a low bluff. It was a Krider's Hawk, a new bird for us, but not a new species. It is a subspecies of the Red-tailed Hawk species, just as our Eastern Red-tailed Hawk is. Its range is somewhat limited and includes the northern plains.

There were times when we were stopped along the road through no fault of our own and had no choice but to add to our observations. Once it was for a coyote that was roaming back and forth across the road while coming toward us. After a time we realized that it was catching insects, probably grasshoppers, off the road's surface. Either coyotes are fond of the insects that that one was catching or they were just an easy meal for them, because we came across other coyotes doing the same thing four or five different times during the day.

Later on, we were stopped again as a large bison claimed the road. I doubt that the rental car company would have approved of me challenging the bison for my share of the road. Hundreds of pounds of muscle and bone covered in shaggy brown fur plodded towards us before finally joining others eating the tan-colored, dry autumn grasses on the prairie.

Voluntary stops added to our observations. One stop was to see bighorn sheep grazing near the roadside. Another stop had us get out of the car to better view two immature Bald Eagles circling low overhead. Yet another was to view a herd of about 20 pronghorns (pictured) grazing and resting in the not-too-distant grasses.

At one point it was just time to get out of the car for a while, and do a little more walking and exploring than we had been doing. Pulling off the road by a very large prairie dog colony, we walked a worn path winding through it.

When we parked, hundreds of dogs over acres of ground sat up alert and ready to flee into their burrows. While we were getting out of the car, that is exactly what they did and where there were hundreds of dogs a

second or two before, only mounds of earth were then seen. I was a bit surprised when we walked into the colony

to find that when we moved slowly, even nearby dogs popped out of their burrows and showed no fear as they moved away feeding. Observing them was observing eating machines, as they took a few bites of one partly eaten plant and then moved on to the next.

A different type of motion caught our eyes in an area where the dogs eating had pretty much cleared the vegetation, leaving only short stubs of plants and lots of bare ground. A dozen Horned Larks were busy feeding there. They were of a different subspecies than the ones that are frequently seen at home in the Jones Beach area. Their yellow-and-black face markings were brighter and differed slightly from those of their eastern counterparts.

Reaching the end of our day, the sun was below the horizon but there was still the hint of a sunset painting the few clouds above it a light red. It was a pretty scene and we experienced a real cold nip in the air as we got out of the car to walk a very short trail, into the rocky gorges of that part of the park. The light of dusk was dull when some motion attracted our attention. Getting our binoculars on it, we found it to be a Mountain Bluebird alternating between feeding and perching at the edge of the trail. Mountain Bluebirds are western birds that we had seen before on other trips. Seeing that bird in the chill of the coming night and the last light of day was like unexpectedly meeting an old friend. It most certainly was a good way to end a good day!

Jim Brown

Mary Jane Russell, due to personal commitments, has had to resign her position as our hospitality chair. For many years she has ably and consistently provided us with well-chosen refreshments and shade-grown coffee for our membership meetings. Mary Jane has done a wonderful job in this capacity for a long time, and we are sad that at this time she won't be able to attend as many meetings as she would like to do. Gail Brown has volunteered to step in and serve as the new hospitality chair.

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SAVE TACKAPAUSHA AND GARVIES POINT: An Appeal to Our Members

Jim Brown

The South Shore Audubon Society is shocked and dismayed that County Executive Ed Mangano has said he plans to close Garvies Point and Tackapausha Museums after 2:00 P.M. and on weekends, and to lay off the full-time staff. The two sites house the most important natural history museums in Nassau County, and Mr. Mangano's planned action will effectively close them to the public, who visit after school hours and on the weekends.

We are urging the County to keep them open with their current staff. Closing or downgrading these facilities would be a huge loss to the Long Island community. They are designed to educate our children about the unique natural history and environment of Long Island, and there is no other comparable place for them to obtain that knowledge.

Tackapausha is of special concern to our chapter and dear to our hearts. SSAS adopted this important local site many years ago. We note, with great chagrin, that the \$1 million renovation of Tackapausha Museum and Preserve is almost completed. The improvements to the museum will provide even better and more informative exhibits. Meanwhile, the museum continues to house a unique collection of live animals that are the cornerstone of its educational programs. These can only be maintained by appropriately licensed personnel. At a time when monies are so scarce, it is absolutely unacceptable to waste any amount, never mind \$1 million — especially when it is already spent and, with so little more added, would benefit the community so much.

We have been informed that it costs about \$250,000 per year to run Tackapausha—a truly modest sum compared with other county expenditures, such as the \$2 million that was spent on a special election this past summer for a bond issue, and especially considering how much that money buys for the residents.

Long Island's museums and preserves contribute enormously to the outstanding quality of life that draws people to and keeps them on Long Island in spite of its huge tax burden. Remove these attractions and the Island will suffer the loss of its middle class, and consequently a large part of its tax base.

To help Tackapausha, a new support group, "The Friends of Tackapausha," has been formed and is working to establish its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. Members of SSAS are urged to join and lend their support to this new organization.

We also call on our members to either call or write Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums' Commissioner Foskey. Urge the Commissioner to keep these museums open. It is of the greatest importance to us and to all the residents of Long Island that both Tackapausha and Garvies Point Museums be saved from

even partial closure and curtailment of services. The facilities are unique, irreplaceable institutions in Nassau County, and their loss to the public would deprive our children of a priceless educational resource.

Letters can be addressed to Commissioner Carnell T. Foskey; Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums; Eisenhower Park Administration Building;

1899 Hempstead Turnpike; East Meadow, NY 11554. He can be reached by phone at 572-0200.

Also, call, write, or e-mail your County
Legislator and tell your representative to
do everything possible to keep these

important parks and preserves fully staffed and fully open to county residents.

BROOKSIDE PRESERVE'S FALL CLEANUP

SSAS's November 6 cleanup at chapter-managed Brookside Preserve had good weather and included the removal of an automobile tire, a folding chair, various articles of clothing, a buried vacuum cleaner, and an assortment of other goodies. We thank our volunteers — Lloyd & Vivien Abrams, Jim Brown, Diana Ihmann, Sara Josloff, Mary Ellen Kahn, Charlie Kiefer, Rich Kopsco, Therese Lucas, Elliott McLean, Cody Phillips, Steve Schellenger, and Mike Sperling.

JAMAICA BAY AGREEMENTS

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from an October 27 press release.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck today announced new agreements to improve the federal and city parklands around Jamaica Bay and improve overall water quality in the bay. The Mayor and Secretary Salazar signed an agreement committing to a joint planning process that will devise a new, unified governing model and new, common objectives for the 10,000 acres of publicly owned land in south Brooklyn and Queens. The Rockefeller Foundation and National Grid have generously agreed to support the design of a conceptual master plan for the Jamaica Bay parks. As part of this effort, at the request of New York City and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will designate the majority of Jamaica Bay a "No Discharge Zone," which bans boats from discharging sewage into the bay, improving water quality.

The agreement establishes a formal partnership between the National Park Service and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for the agencies to collaborate in four areas: effective management of parkland, science and restoration of Jamaica Bay, access and transportation to parklands around Jamaica Bay, and

engagement of New York City youth with hands-on science programs and fun public service projects to promote recreation, stewardship, and "green" careers.

- Effective Management Through Collaboration. The National Park Service and New York City Parks manage contiguous lands with overlapping missions. Through effective land use and program planning that ignore boundaries, they can create a seamless and interconnected network of natural, historical, and recreation spaces that all New Yorkers can visit, with or without a car.
- Science and Restoration. Through better coordination of research, data gathering, restoration efforts, and pilot projects, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions can work closer together to restore and conserve the health of Jamaica Bay.
- Access and Transportation. The city and the National Park Service will work to improve public access to Jamaica Bay and within Jamaica Bay through existing and new transportation choices, and through better public information about those options.
- Youth and Education. The city and the National Park Service can jointly develop a series of programs in which urban youth can learn the values of stewardship through service activities.

The agreement may also be expanded in the future to include federal and city parkland on Staten Island.

Jamaica Bay No Discharge Zone

The new Jamaica Bay No Discharge Zone agreement between the city, the EPA, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation bans all boats from discharging sewage into a designated 20,000-acre area of Jamaica Bay. The area has adequate facilities for boats to pump out their sewage and boaters must now dispose of their sewage at these specially designated pump-out stations. Discharges of sewage from boats can contain harmful

levels of pathogens and chemicals, such as formaldehyde, phenols, and chlorine, which have a negative impact on water quality, pose a health risk, and impair marine life.

The Jamaica Bay No Discharge Zone encompasses 17,177 acres of open water and 2,695 acres of upland islands and salt marshes in Brooklyn and Queens.

The northeastern and southeastern parts of Jamaica Bay reach Nassau County, while the northern shore of the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens forms the southern boundary of the bay. The bay is connected to the Atlantic Ocean through the Rockaway Inlet, and eight tributaries empty into Jamaica Bay: Sheepshead Bay, Paerdegat Basin, Fresh Creek, Hendrix Creek, Spring Creek, Shellbank Basin, Bergen Basin, and Thurston Basin. The final affirmative determination from EPA of adequate pump-out facilities means that New York State may proceed to ban the discharge of boat sewage into Jamaica Bay and its tributaries.



All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Steve at 987-8103. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Nov. 27	Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north side of Merrick Rd.)
Dec. 4	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Dec. 11	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3)
Dec. 18	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
	Season's Greetings & Happy New Year!
Jan. 8	Mill Pond Park (see above)
Jan. 15	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner
	(and Lido Preserve afterwards)
Jan. 22	Hempstead Lake State Park (see above)
Jan. 29	Pelham Bay Park*
Feb. 5	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Feb. 12	Mill Pond Park (see above)
Feb. 19	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner
	(and Lido Preserve afterwards)

*For Pelham Bay Park (where we hope to see owls): Wear hiking shoes—it's a hilly forest walk to the bay. Take Throgs Neck Bridge to I-695 north to I-95 north. Take I-95 to exit #9, Hutchinson River Parkway north. Take first exit #5, Orchard Beach Rd., go past traffic circle, and continue on Orchard Beach Rd. to end. Turn left on Park Dr. to enter park. Go past another traffic circle and enter parking lot thru toll gates (free); meet at far left corner of parking lot (northeast corner). See http://mappery.com/map-of/Pelham-Bay-Park-NYC-Map for reference.

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The mall is a division of the Thayer Birding Software company, which is partly owned by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. There are over 12,000 products available in the following categories: software, nature sounds, bird books, nature books, binoculars, bird feeders, home/garden, and kids.

24TH ANNUAL WATERFOWL SURVEY DATES

The dates for the 2011-2012 Waterfowl Survey are as follows, rain or shine: Saturdays, December 10, January 7, February 4 and 25, and March 24. Vol-

unteers 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. A second

team, led by Paul Butkereit, surveys the freshwater ponds in the Five Towns area.

** ★★ 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 р.м. on the second Tuesday of the month 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:

Baldwin	Rebecca Brody
East Meadow	Anita Jacobson
Elmont	Oliver Tyler
Farmingdale	John Krebs, Ethel Link
Floral Park	T. Landgraff, Teresa Maguire
Franklin Square	Virginia L. Bruchhauser
Garden City	Kerry Coutrue
Island Park	Therese Angelo, Thomas Gallagher
Long Beach	Anja Schmidt
Massapequa	Monique Bertolotti, Nathan Goodwin,
	Mary Klein
Merrick	Peter Battaglia, George J. Trias
Oceanside	Dore Bowers
Plainview	Marianne Silk
Point Lookout	Barron White
Seaford	Debbie Bolster
Valley Stream	Richard Bible, Richard Carter
West Hempstead	Samuel Blumenthal, Rae T. Matthews

BOOKS FOR BIRDERS

R. U. Abyrdar II

This month I will review a very exciting book, A World of Watchers by Joseph Kastner. It's a truly illuminating book. It's a bird-watcher's feast of stories about the history of our passionate enterprise - bird-watching - and is both instructive and thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. Kastner traces the pedigree of American birdwatching in a very

> readable way, from its beginnings to its current vast appeal (especially for us at South Shore Audubon!). His personalities are real and his narrative is both literate and amiable. All are represented, the gentle souls as well as the

more flamboyant and cantankerous; some unusual ones as well. There has always been a void in this subject and Mr. Kastner tries to fill it. You'll see for yourself that he represents all sorts of characters, both human and feathered. There is a magic to our avocation and the narrator captures it very well. Some bird-watchers capture it better than others.

The age of bird-watching began a little over a century ago and has evolved greatly since that time. It started as a mostly one-man affair and became a passion for a large group of us. This book does not distinguish between birdwatcher and birder. Both are observing birds in the natural state, usually using binoculars. There is a line between the professional ornithologist and the amateur bird-watcher. This book captures the nuanced differences. Enjoy it indeed!! Sorry, no movie has yet to be announced for this book. The best chapter is entitled "Listers and Savers" and discusses the differences between the obsessive-compulsive/competitor and the conservationist. He makes the distinction very well but submits that we are ALL members of the same tribe!

************************************* KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY AT TACKAPAUSHA

On Saturday, December 17 at Tackapausha Museum and Preserve, South Shore Audubon will sponsor the annual holiday party for children. From 1-3 P.M., there will be a live bird presentation given by a guest speaker, refreshments, and craft tables where the kids can make nature-related items.

Tackapausha Museum is at 2225 Washington Avenue in Seaford, just north of Merrick Road. Admission for this special event will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12, and \$0 for younger children. If you would like to volunteer, call SSAS's Jim Brown at 432-8156 or call Tackapausha at 571-7443 and ask for Wendy Albin.

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AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP STATUS (800) 274-4201 ************************************

SSAS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY

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.

To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper to the table and submit the additional recordings in the same manner. 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. Additional survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

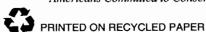
Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

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Option 1. You can join SSAS for a year by sending \$20 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.

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

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