











**ANNUAL DONATION TO THE FREEPORT LIBRARY**

*Editor's note:* In October, Jim Brown received the following letter from library director Ken Bellafore:

"On behalf of the Freeport Memorial Library, I would like to thank you and the members of the South Shore Audubon Society for your generous donation of \$500. As you suggested, the funds will be used to increase our collection of nature-oriented publications. All materials purchased will have a bookplate added as a note of thanks. The books that have been purchased are listed below (amount \$281.00):

- ✦ *Birds of Eastern Africa* by Ber van Perlo
- ✦ *Bird Sense: What It's Like to Be a Bird* by Tim Birkhead
- ✦ *Gifts of the Crow: How Perception, Emotion, and Thought Allow Smart Birds to Behave Like Humans* by John Marzluff and Tony Angell
- ✦ *Hatch!* by Roxie Munto
- ✦ *How Do Birds Fly?* by Melissa Stewart
- ✦ *Hummingbirds: A Beginner's Guide* by Laurel Aziz
- ✦ *Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95* by Phillip Hoose
- ✦ *Owls of North America* by Frances Backhouse
- ✦ *Robins in Your Backyard* by Nancy Carol Willis
- ✦ *Swans* by Lynn M. Stone
- ✦ *Toucans* by Mary R. Dunn
- ✦ *Vulture View* by April Pulley Sayre
- ✦ *What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World* by Jon Young



Additional books are being purchased using the remaining balance from this generous gift. A list of additional titles purchased will be sent to you.

We are grateful for this contribution because it will help all of the residents of Freeport become more aware of the precious natural heritage we share. We are also honored that the South Shore Audubon Society has continued to hold its meetings at the library."

*Editor's 2nd note:* The list above includes quite a few books for children. The books and videos purchased using SSAS's many yearly donations are available to patrons of any Long Island library, including via interlibrary loan at [www.alisweb.org](http://www.alisweb.org).

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**25TH ANNUAL WATERFOWL SURVEY DATES**


The remaining dates for our 2012–2013 Waterfowl Survey are as follows, rain or shine: **Saturdays, January 5, February 2, February 23, and March 23.** 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.

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**SSAS Mission Statement** — *The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education; conduct research pertaining to local bird populations, wildlife, and habitat; and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.*



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**NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACHWALK.** Meet 11 A.M. at Fort Tilden and welcome in the new year with a hike and free champagne. No reservation necessary. With NYC Audubon.

**MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND** (Jan. 11–13). Visit the vast dunes, beaches, and woods at Montauk during peak seabird season and hike the beautiful "Walking Dunes," Hither Woods, Oyster Pond, and the "Seal Haul-out" site. Includes double-occupancy lodging at the luxurious Manor House, most meals, guided hikes, evening programs, a star watch, and free pickup at the LIRR station in Montauk. Guides: Mike Bottini, Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe. Contact Don to register. Limited to 60. Cost: \$375 (single room supplement \$120).

**TEXAS COAST AND HILL COUNTRY** (Apr. 6–14). Fly to Houston and visit High Island and Galveston areas during peak spring bird migration. Other highlights: Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, Austin boat tour to watch thousands of bats emerge at dusk, and visit to Texas Hill Country to look for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. Includes round-trip flight, local transportation, lodging, some meals, park fees. Guides: Don Riepe & Carol Borneman. Limited to 14. Est. cost: \$1,950.

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For information and free field trip brochure,  
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