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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jonathan Staller

It was the winter of '93 and my parents were reading *Newsday*, the what-to-do section. They found out that the SSAS was having a bird walk at Massapequa Preserve. I always liked nature, so I went along and saw Greenwinged Teals! You see, I'd always thought that in our area we had two ducks: mallards and domestic. Although the birds were really neat, I also met a lot of interesting people.

After attending my first general meeting, I met Dolores Rogers and asked her how I could be known in our chapter. She said you have to become active and help out at our events. I volunteered as the Environmental Festivals Coordinator and shortly after that became a Director. I learned about how our chapter ran and its mission. Once again, I met a lot of interesting people and found out that if we put our minds together we could create wonderful ideas.

Now it's September (late August?) and I'm the elected President of the best organization. By putting our great minds together, we've come up with a number of new events and programs. On October 16th, SSAS will be holding its first annual Fall Bird Festival. Field trips, photo workshops, and guest speakers should make our first-year event successful (see inside). We have renewed our community outreach program, which will be held in libraries throughout our area. As our 2000-member chapter grows, so does the creativity of our ideas.

Let's make this a wonderful year. Volunteer for events or bring your family and participate in any of our functions. As we jump into the new millenium, let's make SSAS even better and the most well-known chapter that there is.

NEXT MEETING

Tom Torma

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 1999

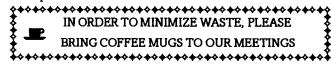
TIME: 8:00 P.M. 4

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. (at S. Ocean Ave.)

SPEAKER: Tom Torma TOPIC: Higher Ground

The South Shore Audubon Society begins this year's monthly meetings (second Tuesday of every month through May) with a celebration of the Earth's environment. This dual-projector slide program with synchronized music explores the planet's coastal regions, mountains, forests, and deserts. It features the plants and wildlife that share the Earth's resources, and how they depend on each other. The program also examines the effects humans have on the life-forms around us. Any questions? Call SSAS Program Chairperson Tom at 223-7947.



BIRD WALKS

Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Labor Day Weekend — No Walk
Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

SSAS GREENWICH TRIP

Everyone not attending the Long Beach Envirofest (see p. 4) or a Coastal Cleanup (see below) is invited to pack lunch and head up to National Audubon's 522-acre Audubon Center in Greenwich, Connecticut on **Saturday**, **September 18th**. On that day, the local chapter, Greenwich Audubon Society, will be holding its annual outdoor hawk celebration, which will include a live hawk show. The Center (to quote National Audubon's Summer Camps brochure) includes "magnificent deciduous and hemlock forests, lush meadows, and life-filled lakes, ponds, and streams." Eight hundred plant species, 35 mammal species, and 150 bird species have been recorded there.

If you'd like to carpool to Greenwich, call SSAS Director Marcia Specht at 694-8229 before 9 P.M. We plan on starting bird walks and visiting the site's Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch at 9:30 A.M.

The Center's address is 613 Riversville Road; phone number's (203) 869-2017. Take I-95 north from the Throgs Neck or Bronx-Whitestone Bridges to Exit 21, I-287 west. Take I-287 to Exit 9A, I-684 north. Take I-684 to Exit 3-N, Route 22 north. Take Route 22 to the first traffic light and turn right onto Route 433 south (aka Greenwich Ave., which becomes Riversville Road). In two miles, at the intersection with John St., turn sharply to the left into the Center's entrance. (If you have AAA's 1993 booklet of NYC and vicinity, on page 13 you'll find "Audobon Center," spelled thusly, in box A-10).

USED POSTAGE STAMPS WANTED & APPRECIATED

Mike Higgiston

I would like once again to thank all the members of SSAS for their wonderful response to my request for canceled postage stamps. These stamps are sent to England and are sold by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to British stamp collectors. The proceeds are used for various RSPB activities, particularly land acquisition. If you'd like to participate, please cut stamps off envelopes (don't peel them) and bring them to SSAS events.



"NEW YORK'S LARGEST WILD BIRD SPECIALTY STORE"
621 Fulton St. (Rt. 109), Farmingdale, NY 11735
Located between McDonald's & Dunkin' Donuts

ATTENTION TEACHERS & TROOP LEADERS

Audubon Adventures is the youth education program of the National Audubon Society, geared to elementary school classes and other children's groups grades 3 through 6. Topics to be highlighted in this year's four newspapers are the Everglades, Forests, Alaska, and People & Wildlife

Sharing the Earth. A classroom kit, available in English or Spanish, consists of 32 copies of each newspaper plus a Teacher's Resource Manual with crosscurricular activities.

To help fulfill our mission of promoting environmental

education, South Shore Audubon sponsors groups by paying full or partial costs. Subscription requests sent to National Audubon by October 15th cost \$30 (\$35 after that date) + \$5.95 for shipping and handling. Individual subscriptions are available for \$19 + \$4.95 for shipping and handling. For a sample and further information, contact SSAS Education Chairperson Suzanne Lancer at 536-6574 before 9 P.M.

SSAS's Board of Directors is looking for someone, perhaps a retiree, who would like to attend (or already attends) some of the Nassau County Legislature's meetings in Mineola and would be willing to keep us informed about what they're up to environment-wise. Most meetings are held at 10:30 A.M., but some are held at night. To volunteer, please call Jonathan Staller at 482-7963.

13TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Last year, 1789 volunteers removed 18,795 pounds of debris from 45 Nassau County sites, including Cow Meadow Park in Freeport, Hempstead Lake State Park, Jones Beach sites, Tobay Beach, and Long Beach sites. For information on this year's **September 18th** cleanups, contact SSAS's Joanne Del Prete at 433-0739; the American Littoral Society's NYS Beach Cleanup Coordinator, Barbara Cohen, at 718-471-2166; check www.alsnyc.org; or ask for a list at our September meeting.

In addition to cleaning the beaches, the Coastal Cleanup provides an avenue to educate citizens about marine debris and to raise awareness about coastal resources. Another component is data collection; by keeping detailed documentation of the debris collected, volunteers identify sources of trash as well as trends in the types of debris present. The results help agencies focus education and outreach activities, as well as help legislators develop laws to combat marine debris.

** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS **

Jackie Richichi

SSAS welcomes all of the people who have joined us during our summer break. We hope that you'll become active members of our very active chapter — join us at a free meeting, free weekly bird walk, or special event.

[To receive an application for membership in National Audubon Society and SSAS, please call our Membership Chairperson, Jackie Richichi, at 691-1855, or send e-mail to Jacee13@aol.com. Introductory membership is \$20; \$15 for students and senior citizens.]

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THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SSAS BIRDATHON

Jim Remsen

Well...it happened again. For the second consecutive year, poor weather forced the postponement of our Birdathon to a rain date. So it was that on May 14th and 15th, rather than on the 7th and 8th, that our teams went out to conduct our annual fund-raising Big Day. Good weather at the start, however, was followed by a cool and windy finish, and when the 5 P.M. end time was reached on Saturday, our members had counted 148 species of birds in 24 hours, down from last year's 158.

National Audubon's Constitution Marsh Sanctuary, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, and Important Bird Areas campaign will benefit from National's half of the \$3677.10 raised by our participants.

We wish to thank all those who bought tickets for, or donated prizes to, our monthly raffles this year. There are too many prize donors to thank them all, but we would like to thank the following who made donations of prizes specifically for our annual dinner meeting prize drawing: Angela Pepe, George Popkin, Michael Sperling (who in turn thanks brother-in-law Evan Goldstein), Tom Torma (who matted and framed that beautiful mountain lion print that was won by Chris Schmitt), and Charles Vocke.

More thanks...to all the team leaders: Paul Butkereit, Mike Higgiston, Bill Hollweg, Joe Grupp, Elliott Kutner, and Ken and Karen Wenzel. Last but not least, thanks to all of you who decided, for one reason or another, to follow us crazy people all over Long Island and New York City looking for birds!

Is there anyone I've forgotten? If so, please let me know and I'll make sure to correct the situation!

We've come to the end of another Birdathon, but your chairman continues to look for ways to improve the event, and raise even larger amounts of funds! Suggestions are welcome. Also, if you want to donate a prize for our monthly raffle or next year's dinner meeting, I will gladly accept it. Just bring it to our monthly meeting or call me at the number on the back page of this newsletter.

Thanks again for all of your help in making this year's event a success!

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LONG BEACH ENVIROFEST

Jonathan Staller

On **Saturday, September 18th**, the City of Long Beach will hold its annual Envirofest from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. The festival takes place on the boardwalk at Riverside Blvd., weather permitting. Once again, SSAS has been invited to attend.

Volunteers are needed to help out at our pair of tables. Setup time will be between 10 and 10:30 $_{\text{A.M.}}$ Bring a bag lunch and stop by to give a hand for an hour or two or to just say hello.

AUDUBON COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE TO MEET ON LONG ISLAND

Twice a year, representatives from the 32 Audubon chapters in New York meet with each other and the Albany Field Office staff to discuss issues, share experiences and ideas, go on a few field trips, etc. The next Council meeting is **October 1–3** at Stony Brook's Holiday Inn Express. Reservations are due September 24th; cost ranges from \$20 for no-meals registration to \$94.50 for all-meals registration (which includes the \$40 Saturday night dinner with keynote speaker Congressman Rick Lazio). Field trips haven't been announced yet; for more details call Michael Sperling at 541-0805 (evenings) or e-mail mssperling@compuserve.com.



Explore the coast with the

AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

NY STATE BEACH CLEANUP DAY (Sat., Sept. 18). Clean a beach and document shoreline litter. Call Barbara Cohen for beach listings and a beach near you: (718) 471-2166.

FIRE ISLAND HIKE (Sat., Oct. 2). Hike the boardwalk at the "Sunken Forest" during peak hawk and butterfly migration time. Great spot for viewing Peregrines, Cooper's and Sharpshinned Hawks, Kestrels, and Merlins. Cost: \$20 includes guides and round trip ferry from Sayville. Free pickup at LIRR station. Call Nancy Corona, (718) 318-8827.

NEW YORK AQUARIUM (Sat, Oct. 23, 10 A.M.). Guided "Behind-the Scenes" tour. See beluga whale, sharks, penguins, walrus, sea otters, and visit new Sea Cliffs exhibit. Cost: \$15 (\$8 kids). Call Don.

ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND (Nov. 11-14). Visit Chincoteague Refuge and Assateague Seashore in Virginia for great fall/winter birding. See Bald Eagles, Peregrines, Merlins, shorebirds, Snow Geese, Tundra Swan, and White Pelican. Also wild ponies, river otter, and Delmarva fox squirrel. Easy hiking. Cost: \$250 covers 3 nights at Refuge Motor Inn, safari tour, guides, and seafood dinner. Call Don.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 634-6467, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693

A MORNING AT JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mike Higgiston

Sometimes you don't have to travel to Arizona, Texas, or Florida to find enjoyable birding moments. When you focus on bird behavior and suspend your natural inclination to add new birds to your life list, you will find yourself very much entertained. Such was a day at Jamaica Bay last. June. I arrived about 6 A.M. and the joint was jumpin'. Birds were singing from perches on all sides of me. A Whiteeyed Vireo was calling from a tree near the visitor center.

I was pleased that I was finally able to identify the bird by ear. A birder I encountered at Doodletown Road (a celebrated birding spot in Bear Mountain State Park) told me to listen to the chip sound at the beginning and end of the song. The White-eyed Vireo is the only bird that sings in that manner. Gray Catbirds were everywhere and a House Wren sang continuously, allowing me to locate and study the bird, and connect it to its song.

I saw an Osprey on the ground near its nest and it was staring right at me. I found that somewhat unnerving. Then I came upon two Willets perched in a tree. Where? I just stared at them and they didn't flush from their perches even though I was in plain sight only 15 feet from them. It was quite an unexpected sighting. But perhaps it isn't that unusual, as later in the day I came upon another Willet standing on a Tree Swallow nest box.

There were quite a few waterfowl present on the West Pond. Mallards made up the bulk of the birds present, but there were also Gadwall, Black Duck, and two male Bluewinged Teals (pictured). I stopped to watch two sets of

ducklings scurrying after their mama. How cute! There were more night herons than usual and an American Woodcock flew by in a big hurry. Glossy Ibis passed



overhead and I watched a Yellow Warbler chow down on somewinged insect. Almost every bird paid me no attention and I was able to remain very close to my quarry. Tree and Barn Swallows flew very low over the gravel path constantly. It was a cold morning and I suppose they were having difficulty finding insects. They concentrated on the path; maybe I was stirring some insects in my wake.

I saw a Brown Thrasher preening at the top of a tree, with an American Robin at the top of a nearby tree. And there was an Eastern Towhee at the top of another tree. Where? In all my sightings of towhees, I've never seen them more than 15 feet off the ground with much vegetation above them. This was another first. There were squabbling House Finches, a night heron being mobbed by a Redwinged Blackbird, and one Cedar Waxwing. One? When have you ever seen one Cedar Waxwing? They always travel communally. This was certainly different. One last pass over the marsh across from the West Pond found two Killdeer with a duckling. I watched them move from left to right and it seemed to me that the duckling thought the

Killdeer was his mama. Every time the Killdeer moved to my right, the duckling soon followed. There were no other ducklings or ducks around. They were soon out of sight and left me wondering. The many varied sightings were certainly a wonderful experience and a treat and a half.

FIRST ANNUAL FALL BIRD FESTIVAL

Jonathan Staller

SSAS will be holding its first annual Fall Bird Festival on Saturday, October 16th from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. This event will take place primarily at Tackapausha Museum & Preserve in Seaford.

There will be field trips to Jones Beach State Park, Cow Meadow Preserve, Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, Massapequa Preserve, Brookside Preserve, and at Tackapausha. These activities will mainly be bird walks, except at Cow Meadow Preserve where accomplished nature photographer Tom Torma will hold a photography workshop. Special programs and exhibits, including live birds, will be held at Tackapausha Museum throughout the day.

It is advisable to bring a bag lunch, although light refreshments will be available. There is no rain date; the event will be held rain or shine. For further information, call me at 482-7963, visit SSAS's web site at www.audubon.org/chapter/ny/southshore, call Tackapausha at 571-7443, or e-mail your editor at mssperling@compuserve.com.

BECOME AN ARMCHAIR ACTIVIST

At present, 75 SSAS members participate in the free National Audubon *Armchair Activist Letter of the Month Club*; new activists are always welcome. You'll receive background information and a sample letter, ten times per year, on one or two local, state, or national environmental issues, with a request that you write a letter or perhaps call one or two government officials.

Our letters do influence policy making decisions, sometimes. Recent Armchair Activist issues include the overfishing of horseshoe crabs (whose eggs are a primary food source for migrating shorebirds), creating a Bird Conservation Program at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, supporting federal funding for international family planning, reauthorizing the Endangered Species Act, establishing Better America Bonds that would finance smart growth and preserve open space, keeping all-terrain vehicles out of NYS forests. supporting smart growth legislation in NYS, encouraging voters to consider candidates' environmental records, opposing the proposed bike path through Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, and protecting wetlands throughout the U.S. To become an Armchair Activist, call SSAS's Mary Jane Russell at 766-7397.

NEW YORK STATE'S STRUGGLING BIRD SPECIES

The Spring 1999 issue of *The New York State Audubon Advocate*, sent to all members by the Albany Field Office, contained the newly released proposed changes to NY's endangered, threatened, and special concern species lists. The listed species for which no changes are proposed were omitted; they're included here, but we will only cover bird species. First, some official definitions:

Endangered species are "native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in NYS." Extirpation indicates "not extinct, but no longer occurring in a wild state within NY or no longer exhibiting patterns of use traditional for that species in NY (e.g., breeding)."

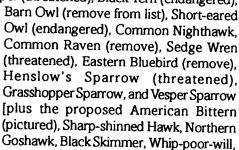
Threatened species are "native species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future in NY." Special Concern species are "native species for which a welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented in NY."

The bird species listings below are based on the current lists (last revised in 1987); proposed good-news and badnews changes are in parentheses.

Endangered: Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle (threatened), Peregrine Falcon, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Least Tern (threatened), Roseate Tern, and Loggerhead Shrike.

Threatened: Osprey (special concern), Red-shouldered Hawk (special concern), Northern Harrier, Spruce Grouse (endangered), and Common Tern (plus the proposed Piedbilled Grebe and King Rail).

Special Concern: Common Loon, Least Bittern (threatened), Cooper's Hawk, Black Rail (endangered), Upland Sandpiper (threatened), Black Tern (endangered),



Red-headed Woodpecker, Horned Lark, Bicknell's Thrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Seaside Sparrow].

The Sharp-shinned Hawk (familiar to quite a few South Shore Auduboners who feed backyard birds in winter) nests in a variety of mixed and coniferous woodlands; its inconspicuous nest in evergreens is very hard to find. Although the past distribution of this species in the state is a bit unclear, most breeding appears to take place in heavily forested upland areas. Dramatic declines have been noticed at some migration points in recent years, and concerns have been raised with regard to contaminants, possible impacts from acid rain, and prey availability.

In New York, the *Black Skimmer* (SSAS's mascot) nests on open, sandy, high beach areas of the Long Island shore,

often in association with Common Terns. No complete counts of skimmers were made until the 1970s. From 1974 to 1985, several studies recorded 339–495 pairs at 9–13 colonies in the state. In recent years, between 400 and 500 nesting pairs have been surveyed annually at 15–20 colonies. Populations appear to be generally stable, but are prone to fluctuation. Black Skimmers are reported to be more common during hurricane years, perhaps because hurricanes bring in more food from offshore. As with other shore-nesting birds, Black Skimmers suffer from loss of habitat due to intrusion by humans into beach areas. Disruption from development near beaches and increased recreational use of beaches continue to be threats to the Black Skimmer.

The preceding information and lots more can be found at the Department of Environmental Conservation's web site, www.dec.state.ny.us.

Audubon WatchList for New York State. The WatchList identifies North American birds that need our help. WatchList species are those faced with population decline, limited range, and threats such as habitat loss on their breeding and wintering grounds. A centerpiece of conservation at Audubon, the WatchList is an early warning system that focuses attention on at-risk bird species before they become federally endangered. The WatchList is compiled by Partners in Flight, a coalition of state, federal, and private-sector conservationists working together to protect the birds of the western hemisphere. Saving species pushed to the edge of extinction is difficult, costly and politically charged; the WatchList shifts the agenda from reactive, last-minute rescue attempts to preventive action. Harnessing the synergy that results when individuals and groups work collaboratively for birds and their habitats, the WatchList message is clear — together, we can keep common birds common.

Here's the current New York list, available on the Internet at www.audubon.org/bird/watch (as is the preceding paragraph): American Black Duck, Black Rail, Upland Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Black-billed Cuckoo, Redheaded Woodpecker, Bicknell's Thrush, Wood Thrush, Sedge Wren, Blue-winged Warbler, Golden-ringed Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Canada Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Henslow's Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Bobolink, and Baltimore Oriole.

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

SSAS is still looking for someone who is willing to handle our annual statement and tax forms pro bono. It looks like we will have to add an accounting fee to our modest budget this year, so any accountant willing to do the work for a modest fee is also invited to contact us. For details, call SSAS Treasurer Nancy Frame at 520-9016.



11 oz Peanut Suet Cake

WILD BIRD FEED SAVINGS DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1999 TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. Since we can no longer return extra seed for credit, preordering is greatly appreciated; an order form appears below for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All preorders should be received by OCTOBER 16th. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkereit, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.

The Premium Mix is 33% white proso millet, 33% fine cracked corn, 27% black oil sunflower, 4% safflower, 2% striped sunflower, and 1% peanuts. The Special Mix is 47% white proso millet, 33% black oil sunflower, 12% wheat, 5% striped sunflower, 2% canary seed, and 1% peanuts.

Help will be needed on the sale date to process orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call (516) 599-0395 late evenings and ask for Paul. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE A JANUARY SALE!**

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	25 lb Sunflower Chips		19.00	
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	25 lb Peanut Hearts		20.00	
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	28 oz Maine Manna Suet Bell		3.75	
	11 oz Suet Cake		1.50	

TOTAL AMOUNT:

1.75

NO JANUARY SALE; WE HOPE YOU'LL BUY EXTRA SEED NOW!

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