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**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 8-10 P.M. 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 led by Elliott Kutner, birder extraordinaire. 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 last month's *Skimmer* are:
- Bethpage ..... Rumi Ganguly, Russell F. Horn, Ms. Gini Karanik
  - East Rockaway ..... Ms. Marianne Pearsal
  - Farmingdale ..... Catherine Delalio, Martin Schneider
  - Franklin Square ..... Anne Solomon
  - Freeport ..... Martha Raimondi
  - Garden City ..... Brian Kane, Mrs. Edith Kao, Hamilton Smith
  - Hempstead ..... Peggy & Marty Brown
  - Hicksville ..... Nancy Grant, Ed Keegan, The Peters Family, Dr. Elliott Utrecht
  - Lynbrook ..... E. Ketelsen
  - Massapequa ..... Ann Adams, Marie Jackson, Harold McShane, John Ward
  - Merrick ..... Robert & Janna Alfarone
  - Rockville Centre ..... D. Gelestino
  - Stewart Manor ..... Edward A. Kush
  - Valley Stream ..... Sophia Gordon, Solveig Johansen, Robert P. Meyer
  - Wantagh ..... John F. Collins



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**THANKS TO THE HALLOWEEN, BROOKSIDE, AND BIRDSEED VOLUNTEERS**

We'd like to give recognition to the SSAS members who helped out at three of our recent special events.

At the Halloween Party for children at Tackapausha: Helen Buckley, Louise Leonard, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, George Peters, Doris Pirodsky, Chris Schmitt, Michael Sperling, and Karen Weinstein.

At the birdseed sale at Tackapausha: Alice Blaustein, Joan & Paul Butkerei, Dolores & Joe Grupp, Bill Hollweg, Therese Lucas, and Michael Sperling.

At the fall cleanup at Brookside Preserve: Betty Borowsky, Susan Brychcy, Charlie Kiefer, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, George Peters, Doris Pirodsky, Laurie Raisher, Chris Schmitt, and Michael Sperling.

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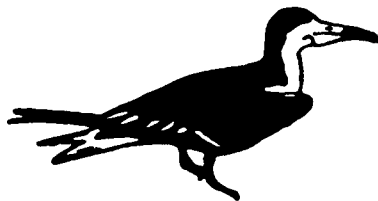
**NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH WALKS** (Jan. 1). Honor the long-standing tradition of hiking the beaches in NY and NJ to start off the New Year. Meet at 11 A.M. at one of the following locations: Fort Tilden, Breezy Point (free champagne, cookies, and coffee); call Don. Jones Beach West End 2; call Jeff Gottlieb at (631) 423-2169. Fire Island Lighthouse (Field 5); call Steve Finn at (631) 821-2160. Sandy Hook, NJ; call ALS at (732) 291-0055.

**MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND** (Jan. 10-12). See thousands of waterfowl, including loons, mergansers, eiders, scoters, and goldeneye, as well as lots of seals. Cost: \$295 includes 2 nights at the luxurious Manor House (heated pool, jacuzzi), 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, 2 evening programs, and star watch. Leaders include Mickey Cohen, Robert Villani, Don Riepe, Steve Finn.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 634-6467, [donriepe@aol.com](mailto:donriepe@aol.com), 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; [www.alsnyc.org](http://www.alsnyc.org)

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*Option 2.* You can subscribe to the *Skimmer* for a year by sending \$10 payable to **South Shore Audubon Society** to us at the address above.

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