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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2006

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

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

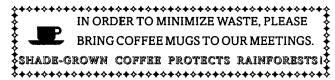
SPEAKER: Jim Jones

TOPIC: Birdies, Eagles, Hawks, and Owls

Our last monthly meeting until September will feature high-school science teacher Jim Jones, who has been studying Bethpage State Park's Great Horned Owls and Red-tailed Hawks for two decades. Both of these birds of prey breed in the park, which is more famous for its golf birdies than its winged ones. Jim will talk about some of the wonderful and often funny hands-on experiences he has had as the "Birdman" of Bethpage. Join us!

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby and Jim Remsen will be discussing birds 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 (south) side of the Gulf station that borders Sunrise Highway. Also, SSAS has a verbal pledge from neighboring Citibank that cars will no longer be towed from their lot during our meetings, but the towing company goofed in February. If your car is towed, mention Audubon to avoid paying and please let SSAS know afterwards.



OUR E-LIST http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas_list

OUR WEB SITE (incl. online store) www.ssaudubon.org

PLOVER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

John Zarudsky

The Town of Hempstead's Department of Conservation and Waterways needs your help in insuring the protection and survival of Piping Plovers, Least and Common Terns, and Black Skimmers that nest between Point Lookout and Atlantic Beach. In New York State, Piping Plover is listed as endangered, Least Tern and Common Tern as threatened, and Black Skimmer as a species of special concern. The Piping Plover is a threatened species nationwide.

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 (home).

SSAS FLEA MARKET

Belty Borowsky & Maureen Rube

Join us at the northwest corner of Sunrise Highway and Brookside Avenue, which is across from Freeport High School and near the Baldwin border, on **Saturday**, **June 3** (or, in the event of rain, Sunday, June 4) for the best flea market ever!

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Bring your contributions beginning at 10 A.M. that day; the sale will run from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. We ask that you bring your items directly to the site of the sale and help us set a value on your donation. If you can stay and help us sell, please do! If you have donations which you cannot hold until then, please call one of us; we might be able to arrange storage until June 3. Tax-exempt receipts will be available.

We plan to either discard or donate to another organization anything we fail to sell that day. So, if you only wish to donate something for SSAS's benefit, come back at

4 P.M. and pick up your item if it hasn't been sold. All proceeds will go toward SSAS programs; especially needed is money for our annual Day Camp Scholarship Program for financially disadvantaged children in our area.

We hope to fund a week of day

camp at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay for 25 youngsters this summer.

What should you bring? Books, CDs, videos, cameras, toys, dishes, glasses, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, artwork, costume jewelry; basically, anything you can carry that you feel has value. If you are a baker, bring cakes, cookies, etc. If you create crafts, bring those—for example, birdhouses and pot holders. If you have extra house plants, bring those. Whatever you can contribute will be very welcome. However, please do NOT bring old computers or parts, or any appliances. If you are not sure, just call one of the co-chairs. Also, if you are not sure about the weather, call one of us:

Betty Borowsky 764-3596 Maureen Rube 352-4327

On the day of the sale we will need help to set up, to sell, and to clean up afterwards; we will also need some folding tables to hold our sales items. If you would like to work with us (we're fun people), give us a call; we'd love to have you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY — AND LET'S HAVE FUN!

SEE YOU ON JUNE 3!

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006-2007 SSAS BOARD

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 9, 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 Wendy Murbach, and including Alice Blaustein and Dolores Grupp) recommends the following candidates:

President — Michael Sperling
Vice President — Wendy Murbach
Treasurer — Laurie Raisher
Corresponding Secretary — Alice Blaustein
Director — Marilyn Hametz (through June 2009)

REMINDER: ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK

On **Saturday, May 6**, SSAS will be in Central Park for our annual early May bird walk. Once again, Manhattan resident (and old-time SSAS member) Chris Cooper has agreed to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've tallied 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours.

The cost of the walk is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers; all proceeds will be used to support SSAS. Please send your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, along with your phone number, to: Joanne Del Prete, 20 Ceil Pl., Bethpage NY 11714-4503 (phone 433-0739). Registration is required by Friday, April 28. If you meet us on the train or in the park and have not previously registered, your cost will be \$8 if you're a member and \$10 if not, so register by the 28th!

Per the SSAS Field Trip Guidelines published in the *Skimmer* two years ago, if you find that you cannot make the trip, please cancel at least 24 hours in advance to have your fee refunded. If the trip is canceled by the leader or due to weather, all fees will be refunded.

For train schedule information, you can contact the Long Island Rail Road at (516) 822-5477 or http://lirr42.mta.info/index.asp; there are a group of members that will be in one of the front cars of the local Babylon line

train that is scheduled to depart from Massapequa at 7:26 and arrive in Penn Station at



8:25. Please note that at many of the LIRR stations, including Massapequa, ticket windows are now closed on weekends. Regardless, a penalty fare of \$4.75 to \$5.50 is charged by the conductor if you do not purchase a ticket 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's ticket agents or machines. You can save 5% if you order WebTickets at www.lirrticket.com (the tickets are sent, postage free, via the U.S. Postal Service).

We plan to depart from Penn Station's LIRR waiting room at 8:45 to meet Chris in Central Park around 9:30. The walk usually ends around noon. You can bring lunch or buy it in the Park, or head back home after the walk if you prefer. We look forward to seeing you!

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SSAS NINETEENTH ANNUAL BIRDATHON

Jim Remsen

This year, SSAS will conduct its nineteenth annual Birdathon! SSAS raises funds through the Birdathon by having members get cash pledges for each species of bird identified during a 24-hour period in May, when the spring migration is at its height and over 125 species may be identified by the two teams that visit about a half-dozen locations. Due to the decision by National Audubon to sharply decrease the amount of financial support given to chapters, the Birdathon is now one of our major sources of income. Many of you have been very generous with your time and pledges in recent years; we hope you will continue and increase your gift of either time or pledges this year.

Mark the dates on your calendar if you haven't already — Friday, May 12 from 5:00 P.M. until Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 P.M. — and join one of our intrepid leaders (or go it alone, in which case you choose the turf). Birding expertise is not necessary and your teammates will point out the birds for you. Rain dates are one week later at the same time.

Please note: In the event of questionable weather, I will decide whether or not to cancel the Birdathon by 3 P.M. on Friday, May 12. If you have any uncertainty about whether it will be postponed, please call me at (631) 957-0949. This may save unnecessary trips.

We need Birdathon prizes! As we have done in the past, we wish to make everyone who brings in at least one pledge (sponsoring yourself counts) eligible for a prize drawing to be held at our annual dinner (attendance not required). However, as of now we have very few prizes. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Doreen Remsen or me. What we would really like to do is give some kind of reward to everyone who takes part, but we will need suggestions or donations to do this. Please see us at meetings or bird walks if you can help!

Our schedule of starting places and leaders is as follows: Friday, May 12 at 5 P.M. Meet Elliott Kutner's team at Mill Pond, Merrick Road, Wantagh (leaders Ken & Karen Wenzel, 546-7918); Paul Butkereit at Jones Beach's Coast Guard Station; or Joe Grupp and Jim Remsen at Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot).

Saturday, May 14. Meet Elliott Kutner at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at 8 A.M.; Paul Butkereit at the Ryan Building behind Mercy Hospital at 6:30 A.M.; or Jim and Doreen Remsen at Mill Pond, Merrick Road, Wantagh at 5:45 A.M. Other meeting places on Saturday for the Remsen/Grupp team will be: Muttontown Preserve (most likely the gate on Route 106) at 8 A.M., Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area at approximately 11 A.M., and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at approximately 1:15 P.M. Please try to notify me or Doreen before the Birdathon if you plan to go with one of these groups so they will know how many people to expect. Meeting times at Oceanside and Ja-

maica Bay for my team are estimates, because we can be as much as 15 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later, depending on traffic conditions.

For interested parties, we're also planning an informal post-Birdathon dinner on Saturday for all who would like to join (at a buffet or similar restaurant). This will be on a pay-as-you-go basis.

If you aren't going with a team, why not try your own Birdathon? Do a variation on the usual theme of seeing as many species as you can during the count period. Use

your imagination. Limit yourself to your backyard, a favorite park or preserve, or even a "couch potato" Birdathon. (For this one, you count as many bird species as you can on television during the 24 hours. Yes, people have really done it, but we suggest you make it clear to your sponsors if you decide to give it a try!)

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!

Pledges are due no later than Monday, June 12 to be eligible for prizes. You can submit pledges on bird walks or mail them to me (address below). If you have questions, call me or speak to me at meetings and walks. If you need pledge forms, Doreen and I can supply them. Let's make our 2006 Birdathon special by raising more funds than ever! Good luck!

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

Brookside Preserve Cleanup. First, we'd like to acknowledge and thank the people who helped out at our annual spring cleanup at Brookside Preserve on April 1 (whose turnout was affected by some slower-than-usual Skimmer deliveries): George Form, Betsy Gulotta, Marianne & Larry Gumbs, Joe Landesberg, Therese Lucas, Christine Marzigliano, Rory & Alice O'Connor, Michael Sperling, David Stolarz, and John Zarudsky.

Skimmers. Second, your editor wants to thank everyone who contributed to the past year's eight issues of the Skimmer. In addition to the people whose names appear in the articles (among whom Joe Grupp earned extra appreciation for writing lengthy stories for every issue), I want to thank the people who work with me behind the scenes: Bill Eichholz, Doreen Remsen, and Dolores Rogers for making trips to F&B Printers; Wendy Murbach for maintaining our membership database and trying to get her computer to print out labels; Vicki Goldstein (my sister) for successfully printing out the labels; Wendy, Chris Schmitt, and especially Therese Lucas for helping with the labeling; and George Peters for bringing the Skimmer trays to the post office.

NEW YORK DRAGONFLY & DAMSELFLY SURVEY

Audubon New York invites SSAS's members to participate in an ongoing three-year survey of our state's nearly 200 species of dragonflies and damselflies, which will result in the publication of a statewide atlas. The results will help to map their distribution across New York, highlight areas with exceptional diversity, and further the conservation of imperiled species. The dragonflies and damselflies of Nassau County, in particular, have not previously been documented thoroughly; they are harmless, generally found near water and wetlands, and eat lots of mosquitoes.

The survey is being coordinated by the New York Natural Heritage Program, which is a partnership between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York Nature Conservancy.

If you're interested in catching, handling, identifying, and releasing dragonflies and damselflies, contact Michael

Sperling at mssperling@optonline.net or 221-3921. The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center in Oyster Bay is providing training and collection equipment for Long Island's Auduboners; we'll contact them to

make arrangements for our members.

WE NEED MORE BACKYARD SURVEY DATA!

Joe Grupp

SSAS's Research Committee is 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 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.

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 to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viabil-

ity, 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:

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Baldwin	Mr. Frank Strolisky	
East Meadow	Winifred Hayes	
Farmingdale	Mr. John Bahret, Mr. John T. Haggerty,	
	Donald Temple	
Floral Park	Alice Cohen, Norman & Shirley Green,	
	Ms. Marjorie Sheldon	
	Mary A. Ruschin, Mr. Geoffrey J. Schaffner	
Freeport	Kristen Czajka, Doris Ehrhart, Miss Marie Gianaca	
Garden City		
Hewlett	3	
	Patricia Cassiero, Grace A. Pecora	
Inwood		
Island Park		
Lawrence	/.	
Levittown	Thomas Chung, Vivian Covell	
	Mr. Bernard Cuttler, Ms. Margaret	
	Dreikausen, Vicki L. Ilardi	
Lynbrook	Pamela Fregeau, Donna Murray	
Massapequa	Ms. Katherine Case, Mr. Edward L. Phippard,	
	Eileen D. Roach, Donna Terracciano,	
	G. Torosian	
Massapequa Park	Ms. Johna DePasquale, Mr. William	
	Zachman	
Merrick	Mary Helen, Mr. James S. Sibree	
Oceanside	Arnold Brower, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hunn	
	Cheryl Fazio, Edward Goldenberg	
Rockville Centre		
	Joanne & Anton Gerdes	
	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Ms. Patricia Hemm	
•	Ms. Joan DeMartino, Lillian S. Grogin, Karen Mytko, Mr. Fred Ross, Joe Siciliano	
Wantagh	Josulalina DesRosier, Dorothea Eisenberg, Sandra Reminick, James Rossi	
West Hempstead	Jonathan D. Cooper, Ms. Jutta Goble, Miss	
-	Mabel Oestrich, Mrs. Carole Rilling	

NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Birds in Numbers, Parl II

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Joe Grupp

Spending a day at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), as described last month in Part I of this article, was planned before we left home. Our next day's destination was not planned, but we discovered, among local attractions listed in a pamphlet, the Pickering Creek Audubon Center. It is a 400-acre preserve not far from where we spent the night in Easton, Maryland.

We sensed it was the right choice as we got out of the car, after a pleasant and somewhat scenic ride along rural roads, and stepped into a comfortably cool day at the edge of open fields at the parking area of the preserve. The preserve property was an old farm that runs for a mile or more along an arm of Pickering Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Stopping at a kiosk, we found a marked trail to walk while exploring the preserve. We began the trail at a small stream and wetland, and it was not long before we were walking along the wooded shore of a fair-sized creek. The woodland was composed of some fairly large hardwoods, deciduous trees lacking leaves on this late February day, some scattered pines, and an understory of shrubs and vines, leaving me with the feeling that this place would be worth coming back to later in the year, when so much more of the life that it supports would be active. We observed some woodland birds there. They were not too different from those at home: Hermit Thrush, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Chickadee, and a few others. The Carolina Chickadee there replaces the familiar Black-capped Chickadee that we see at home.

At one point, the trail diverted into an old field that now supports a thick stand of loblolly pines mixed with a few eastern red cedars. Loblolly pines are part of the environment of our southeastern states. They are longleaf pines with needles five to ten inches long that grow in bundles of three. They produce cylindrical cones with sharp thorn-like projections on their scales and frequently dominate cleared areas. They were packed so close to each other that it would have been almost impossible to walk among them, but in time they will thin out, as only the fastest-growing among them will get enough sun to survive.

The trail passed some old buildings used for classes, etc., and came upon a road that led us back to the car. The woodland edged one side of the road; open grassy farm fields, still in use in season, edged the other side. Three Eastern Bluebirds fed on the far edge of a field as we walked. The field near the parking area had been converted to a pond-wetland habitat. We observed a few Buffleheads, some Northern Pintails, and Green-winged Teals at a blind there. A number of Turkey Vultures were a constant presence along the road, as they glided in low and rode weak air currents slightly higher in and around the fields. Turkey Vultures flying high and or low are just part of the sky in this part of the country.

We walked away a good part of the day at Pickering Creek, impressed with the habitat that makes up the preserve. When we left, we headed for Bombay Hook NWR, that choice being determined by the amount of daylight remaining and the miles between locations. As we entered Bombay Hook NWR, the sun was beginning to approach the horizon. A short walk on the wooded, vineentangled shore of a marsh in the now soft, diminishing light found us pushing a large flock of White-throated

Sparrows before us a good part of the way. We seemed to be in a constant flutter of birds rising and settling before us, their movement broken only by the nearby chatter of a Belted Kingfisher that perched on a dead snag that we could just see through the tangles of shrubs and vines.

Losing light fast, we drove the refuge road. Each water impoundment we passed had flocks of Northern Pintails (pictured) feeding in them. I would estimate that each flock had between ten and fifty birds. Many times they would be tails up, heads underwater, as they fed, creating an interesting pattern on the water's surface. We stopped a few times for the pintails and one time to observe a pair of Tundra Swans feeding at the edge of a pintail flock. We had to be patient with the swans even as light was fading, as we had to wait for their heads to come out of the water so we could see their black bills and straight necks.

The sun was below the horizon as we drove toward the farthest reach of the road. Pintails were mostly bottoms up at one pond and the water behind them was mirror calm,

reflecting the wine red color of the sky's sunset light, and behind them was a flock of a dozen Tundra Swans,



their black bills offsetting their now slightly red-tinged white color. Returning along the road, it was dark enough to have the headlights on and the bit of light that remained colored everything gray. Glancing across a pond that had mostly pintails on it before, there were now a few hundred Snow Geese settled in to roost for the night. They appeared a whitish gray in the diminished light and added a subtle beauty to the scene.

Our trip was over as we left that scene. Aside from exploring and learning about two refuges that we had never visited before and one that we had, the lasting impressions of our trip will be of the birds we saw in numbers. They were the Wild Turkeys, Red-winged Blackbirds, Eastern Meadowlarks, Turkey Vultures, Snow Geese, and Bald Eagles of Blackwater NWR; the Turkey Vultures at Pickering Creek; and the White-throated Sparrows, Northern Pintails, Tundra Swans, and Snow Geese of Bombay Hook NWR.

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Elliatt Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Apr. 23	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N	I.E. lot)
Apr. 30	Hempstead Lake State Park (F	Exit 18, first
_	lot south of Southern State Pa	rkway,
	south end of lot)	-
May 7	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
May 14	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N	I.E. lot)
May 21	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	•
May 28	Memorial Day Weekend - No	Walk
June 4	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
Aug. 13	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N	I.E. lot)
Aug. 20	Norman J. Levy Park and Pres	serve
Aug. 27	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
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FIRE ISLAND "SUNKEN FOREST" HIKE (Sat., May 20). Join naturalist Steve Finn for a hike along the boardwalk, maritime forest, dunes & beach. Cost: \$20 incl. round-trip ferry from Sayville & guide. Call Steve 631-821-2160 or Don. JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISES (Sun., May 28 and Sat., June 3, 5 p.m.). Join us for a special 3-hour narrated tour of the backwater marshes aboard 96' boat "Dorothy B VIII" out of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Learn about the bay's history & ecology and see peregrine falcon, osprey, herons, egrets, ibis, oystercatcher, etc. Cost: \$35 incl. tour, wine & cheese, fruit, snacks. Call Don. Rain dates May 29 & June 4.

MONTAUK SPRING WEEKEND (June 9–11). Explore beaches, bluffs & "Walking Dunes" during peak orchid & heather blossom time. Activities incl. birding, botanizing, seining, tidepooling, star watching. Cost: \$325 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House (heated indoor/outdoor pools, jacuzzi), 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, 2 evening programs, pickup at LIRR station. CAPE ANN WHALE WATCH (Aug. 17–20). Visit beautiful Gloucester during summertime. Cost: \$345 includes lodging (3 nights), a sunset marsh river cruise, birding at Parker River refuge, Saturday lobster dinner, canoe trip on Ipswich River, and whale watch. Leaders: Mickey Cohen & Don Riepe.

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



MARINE NATURE STUDY AREA WALK

Located between McDonald's & Dunkin' Donuts

The Town of Hempstead's Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside is closed on Sundays, so SSAS visits to this 52-acre sanctuary have mostly been by the one Birdathon team that goes there each May. This year, however, we've scheduled a visit for 9:30 A.M. on **Saturday, June 10**, weather permitting (call Michael Sperling and Therese Lucas at 221-3921 if the weather's iffy).

MNSA consists of salt marsh, tidal creeks, and upland, with a mile of dirt trails and boardwalks. 250 species have been recorded there and it can be a great place

for views of egrets and herons, especially if the tides bring in a feast; Black-crowned Night-Herons, Great Egrets, and Snowy Egrets are common in spring and summer.

Ospreys (pictured) regularly nest right along the main trail; three Ospreys

fledged last year. Other species that have nested there include Clapper and Virginia Rails, Killdeer, Willet, Tree and Barn Swallows, Common Yellowthroats, Sharp-tailed Sparrows, Seaside Sparrows, and Song Sparrows.

Directions: Take Long Beach Road to Waukena Avenue and head east to Park Avenue (or, from Freeport, take Atlantic Avenue west and make a half-left at a traffic light onto Waukena). Turn south at Park Avenue's traffic light and follow the signs to the entrance at 500 Slice Drive. We'll meet in the one-and-only tiny parking lot; there's also nearby curb parking available on the street that ends at MNSA's entrance.

Visit www.mnsa.webhop.org for lots of information, including a brochure and a trail guide, or call 766-1580.

JOIN US! 35TH ANNUAL DINNER TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

CORAL HOUSE

70 MILBURN ÄVENUE, BALDWIN, NY COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M.





Entrees: Citrus marinated chicken paillard, mango glazed salmon filet, and sliced London broil with pan juices. Vegetarian dish available.

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.

CORAL HOUSE RESERVATION DEADLINE: JUNE 6!

We MUST receive your reservation by the deadline of June 6! The cost is \$35 per person. Please mail the following form and your check, payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*, to: Therese Lucas, 983 Bellmore Rd., North Bellmore, NY 11710-3714. Any questions? Call Therese at 221-3921.

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