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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE: REASON:

MONDAY, February 11, 2008

Tuesday is Lincoln's Birthday

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER:

Michael Farina

TOPIC:

Birds of Our Salt Marshes

Michael Farina is a conservation biologist for the Town of Hempstead and has worked at the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside since 1996. A graduate of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, he took a childhood interest and turned it into a rewarding career, sharing and teaching all who visit him the wonders of the natural world and, in particular, the importance of our local salt marshes. He balances his science background with his photographic and artistic talents, capturing living things with a camera and paint-brush for all to see and enjoy.

At our Monday night meeting, Mike will be sharing with us a few of the birds you can find in the South Shore's greatest resource—its tidal marshes. You can learn more about Mike and his work at www.michael.farina.com. Join us!

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, 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 (south) side of the Gulf station that borders Sunrise Highway.

IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS.

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ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT UPDATE

Michael Sperling

Back on November 14 (shortly after the last *Skimmer* went to the printer), George Peters and I attended the press conference where County Executive Suozzi announced the release of the 2006 Environmental Program Bond Act Advisory Committee Report. As many of you know, SSAS had submitted two proposals; we're very pleased that the committee recommended that both be funded.

The Brooklyn Water Works property that borders chapter-managed Brookside Preserve in Freeport/Baldwin made the list of 28 properties recommended for open space preservation (95 were nominated). This was also the case with the previous bond act, which had insufficient funds to purchase all of the recommended properties after appraisals were done. Back then, the developer who owns Brooklyn Water Works had a tax lien against him, which complicated matters, and stated that the four-acre property was worth more money developed than if sold to Nassau County at its appraised value; we'll see what happens this time.

Our other proposal sought \$165,000 in the "park improvement" category for Brookside Preserve. The advisory committee has recommended that the county spend \$60,000 for "extension of boardwalk, and installation of plantings, fencing, and entry signs," which were part of our proposal; 37 proposals out of 89 were recommended for funding.

The Advisory Committee Report's list of open space recommendations has since been endorsed by the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, which includes George Peters among its members. By the time you read this, the Nassau County Planning Commission's review will have been sent to the County Executive, who will ask the Legislature to issue bonds for property acquisitions. The \$100 million bond act's recommended park improvement, storm water improvement, and brownfield remediation projects are subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), after which

the Planning Commission, County Executive, and Legislature will complete the bond approval process.

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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.

★★ 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 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (second Monday this February) 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. 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:

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Atlantic Beach	Marilyn Corwin		
Baldwin	Rita Lustberg, Carolyn Pinkus, J. Segelken		
Bellmore	Robert Chase, Mary Feldman		
East Meadow	Paul Borgwald, Barbara Gordon, Maryann Lino		
East Rockaway	Virginia J. Campbell		
Farmingdale	Cindy Sabia		
Floral Park	Alan K. Smith, Cliff Weinberg		
Franklin Square	Christine Dibona, Dorothea A. Kempel,		
	Frank Vogric		
Freeport	Patricia Dina, Elaine Floro, George C.		
	Grant, Wayne J. Kessler, Millicent Diane		
4	La Marca, Jessica Moreo		
Garden City	Kloepfer Family, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Noda, Jean Purcell		
Hicksville	Lisa Brice, Robert Casale, John Ronnie Survilla		
Lawrence	Maccy Paley, Richard Post		
Levittown			

Long Beach	Molly Broader; John J. Costello, Sr.; Joann Errante; Eileen J. Glover; Michael Gutman; James Herman; Julie Jacobs; Gary Morse
Lynbrook	Lillian Clifford, Marie Lauria
Malverne	James Gilligan, David W. Langton, Nanna Tanier
Massapequa	Gerald Kinzer, Lorraine Levy, Robert Montheard
Massapequa Park	Lucrezia Borda, William F. Heinrich, William Rivers
Merrick	Dr. Ira Buchalter, Marylynne Klinck, Hope Larson, Charles Raffe, Robert Wissemann
Oceanside	Martin L. Friedman, Alice Geller, John A. Hay, Margaret E. Meyer
Old Bethpage	David Garland
	Linda Malvey, Martin Nester
Rockville Centre	Joel Berman, Susana Dawson, Alan Ditchik, Aileen Evans, Sarah Mantel
Roosevelt	Irma Coster Lynch
Valley Stream	Michael & Michele Aldana, Karen Grossman, Michael Halbert, Constance Parris, Irwin Purisch
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Audubon New York now has an animated educational online game at ny.audubon.org/missionmigration.html, where participants steer a flock of birds: "In the spring and fall, many birds fly long distances in search of food, water, shelter, and space — the same things all animals, including people, need to survive. Along their way, birds find many different types of habitats, from country and forest to neighborhoods and big cities, and at times, battle dangers from both natural and manmade hazards. In this game you will help your flock migrate safely by learning how the choices you make each and every day affect the fate of migrating birds — in both positive and negative ways. By the time you're done, you'll have the skills and knowledge to help birds thrive around your home. Are you ready to accept the mission?"



All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Jan. 27	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Feb. 3	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #1)
Feb. 10	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Feb. 17	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Feb. 24	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Mar. 2 &	9 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Mar. 16	Hempstead Lake State Park (see above)
Mar. 23	Easter Sunday — No Walk
Mar. 30	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
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STUFF NEEDED FOR OUR GARAGE SALE!

SSAS is planning another garage sale this spring, and once again the Youngferts have volunteered to be the hosts and the Rubes will be leading efforts to collect items from those of you who need pickups. Donated items can be claimed as a tax donation. So, please keep us in mind if you have useful items that you no longer need. Details to come in future *Skimmers*.

COMPROMISE ENERGY BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

Editor's note: The following is a December 19, 2007 press release from National Audubon Society, signed by Senior Vice President Betsy Loyless and the Chair for Advocacy and Policy, Donal O'Brien.

Getting cleaner cars is a huge environmental victory that will reduce global warming pollution and clean our air. The benefits will last for decades.

We have an important victory, but we still need cleaner electricity. Audubon will continue to fight for more renewable electricity, which is sorely needed and the public strongly supports. The historic auto efficiency victory shows us that good policy and strong public support can eventually win the day over narrow special interests.

A broad energy bill providing the most significant increase in vehicle fuel-economy standards in three decades cleared its final hurdle on December 19, 2007, after being signed into law by President Bush. The bill proceeded earlier in the month after a narrow block of Senators prevented inclusion of a renewable electricity boost many conservation groups were seeking. Known as a renewable electricity standard (RES), it would require that utilities generate more electricity from cleaner sources. The RES passed the House earlier in the year and had drawn broad bipartisan and environmental support.

Democratic leaders have pledged to bring the RES back for a vote in 2008.

CAFE Details. The increase in corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) is the first in 30 years. Under the plan, the U.S. fleetwide average would rise from 25 mpg today to 35 by 2020. The provision would prevent more than 190 million metric tons of global warming pollution, the equivalent of taking 28 million of today's average cars and trucks off the road.

It will also promote energy independence by saving roughly 1.1 million barrels of oil per day in 2020, about half of what the United States currently imports from the Persian Gulf.

RES Details. Much of America's current electricity comes from dirtier sources such as coal-fired power plants. An RES would have brought much wider uses of clean energy sources like solar and properly sited wind power.

The legislative vehicle during the energy bill debate was the Udall-Platts renewable energy amendment, which was passed by the House last summer. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have already passed an RES



which would require utilities to gradually increase the amount of renewable energy they use to generate electricity each year. A federal RES would create a market-based mechanism of

tradable renewable energy credits – similar to the Clean Air Act trading system – allowing utilities to meet the requirements at the lowest cost.

The key provision would have required a total of 15 percent of U.S. electricity to come from renewable energy sources and enhanced efficiency by 2020. Leading up to the vote, thousands of Audubon volunteers, chapter leaders, and activists had been encouraged to call or write their member of Congress. The amendment was sponsored by Reps. Tom Udall (D-NM) and Todd Platts (R-PA). Audubon leaders are pledging to keep working to pass an RES in 2008, potentially as a stand-alone bill.

Under the amendment, utilities would have received a credit for every kilowatt of electricity they produce from wind, solar, geothermal, tidal, ocean, and biomass energy – which includes capturing the gas from landfills and animal waste – as well as for improvements made to existing hydroelectric facilities. These credits could be traded or sold among utilities, or bought from the Department of Energy.

Studies have shown a federal RES would reduce global warming pollution and provide a significant down payment on the global warming pollution reductions scientists say will be necessary in the near term to avoid the effects of global warming down the road.

Recent analyses by the Union of Concerned Scientists found that an RES would generate new high-paying jobs in manufacturing, construction, and more. Meanwhile, due to the reduced demand for fossil fuels, particularly natural gas, the policy would save consumers on their electric and natural gas bills.

NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Red-Tailed Hawk – WOW! – Twice Part I: In My Backyard

Joe Grupp

On December 28, I stood at my back window observing and counting birds for the SSAS Backyard Bird Survey and for my own enjoyment. The feeder in the yard was active and is fairly close to the window, a measured six yards from where I stood. After completing my counting, I was leisurely watching a congregation of Rock Pigeons under the feeder as they competed for the seed being dropped to the ground by smaller birds feeding above. The pigeons numbered seventeen and were tightly packed together, forming a revolving circular mass of birds around the feeder pole, as each bird tried to outrun the others for the seeds that were dropped and had hit the ground. I was in a momentary "I don't have a care in the world" relaxed mood as I watched.

All of a sudden, my relaxed mood became one of excitement and I heard myself call out "WOW!!" when from somewhere over my left shoulder a large hawk hurtled downward, at a considerable speed, and into my view. I noticed the plunging hawk a split second before the feeding birds did, but then as the hawk neared the ground they too spotted it and all of the birds flew in rapid straight lines away from the feeder, a few passing under or over, but most moving away from, the incoming hawk. Simulta-

neously the hawk spread and cupped its wings, and then it spread and tilted its tail downward so that body, wings, and tail were in a somewhat parachute-type configuration as the bird braked, so as not to hit prey and ground or just ground

too hard. Yellow talons, spread wide, hung from the bottom of the bird as it dropped. The spread rusty-red tail, which confirmed it to be a Red-tailed Hawk, showed in detail, especially at the base where white meets rusty red and at the narrow dark band near the tail's edge; it was the rusty red splash that dominated the view.

It missed its target as it was just off to the side of the mass of pigeons and would have to try again for a meal somewhere. Just about as fast as the talons hit the ground, the bird was off into the air again. It took a good push from its legs and three powerful wing beats to get it back into the air and to a lower branch of a nearby tree. It perched there and its feathers were ruffled. It shook itself while spreading its wings slightly and bringing them back in place along its side, and then it did not appear quite as ruffled. Two more good shakes and wing positioning, and it no longer looked ruffled at all. I had to move away from the window for about thirty seconds and the bird was gone when I got back.

I thought I had just witnessed a once in a lifetime event, especially as the descending hawk and its prey were so close and in spite of it all happening so quickly, so much

detail was evident. How wrong I was. The afternoon before I wrote this article, on January 10, I made a spur-of-the-moment decision to do a survey of birds along the Greenbelt Trail and the bike path in Bethpage State Park. Bird activity was minimal and at times I found myself thinking about writing this article as I walked, and then all of a sudden I had another exciting close encounter with a Red-tailed Hawk. That encounter becomes Part II of this article and will be told in the next issue of the *Skimmer*.

Editor's note: We congratulate Joe for winning Jeop-Birdy at our annual members' night meeting in January.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Michael Sperling

At its January 2, 2008 meeting, SSAS's Board voted in favor of revisions to the two sections of our bylaws that determine the eligibility of our officers and directors to remain in office. At our March 11 general meeting, all members will be asked to vote to approve these revisions. The bylaws were last revised in November 2005.

Current Wording ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 3: No director shall serve more than one (1) consecutive term. An officer, on the expiration of his (her) regular term, shall be eligible to serve as a director. However, no person who has served, in succession, a term as an officer and a term as a director, shall be eligible to serve as either an officer or a director for a period of two (2) years from the expiration of his (her) last term of office, except that the Vice President, regardless of prior service, shall be eligible to serve three (3) years as President, and any other officer, regardless of prior service, shall be eligible to serve three (3) years as Vice President. Anyone serving in any capacity at the adoption of this Section shall be eligible to complete his (her) term of office.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. All officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. The President and the Vice President shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive one year terms, but there shall be no limitation on the terms of the other officers.

Proposed Wording ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 3: A Director shall serve for one (1) elected three-year term. An elected Director cannot succeed himself/herself, but may stand for reelection as a Director after a two-year period. Should a Director assume the position as a result of Board appointment to finish the term of a Director who vacated the position, time served as an appointee shall not count as an elected term as a Director. Any officer, defined in Article IV Section 1(a), shall be eligible to serve as a Director on the expiration of his/her regular term as an officer.

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- (c) A person shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years as an elected Director (3 years), elected Vice President (3 years), or elected President (3 years), in any combination. He/she shall not stand for any elected position until two (2) years after the expiration of his/her last term.

20TH ANNUAL WATERFOWL SURVEY

The remaining dates for the 2007–08 Waterfowl Survey are as follows, rain or shine: **Saturdays, February 2, February 23, and March 22**. 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. Paul Butkereit and Bill Hollweg will be surveying 10 locations in southwestern Nassau County on the same dates.

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JOIN THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird-watchers of all ages in counting

birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes. It's free, fun, and easy — and it helps the birds. The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited.

Participants count birds anywhere for as little or as long as they wish during the four-day period of **February 15–18**. They tally the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. To report their counts, they fill out an online checklist at the Great Backyard Bird Count web site.

Visit www.birdcount.org for easy-to-follow instructions, including tips for identifying bird species, and to download a checklist for our region.

As the count progresses, anyone with Internet access can explore what is being reported from their own towns

Canada. They can also see how this year's numbers compare with those from previous years. Participants may also send in photographs of the birds they see. A selection of images will be posted in the online photogallery.

In 2007, participants reported a record-breaking 11 million birds of 616 species. They submitted more than 80,000 checklists, an all-time record for the ten years of the count.

Why Count Birds? Scientists and bird enthusiasts can learn a lot by knowing where the birds are. Bird populations are dynamic; they are constantly in flux. No single scientist or team of scientists could hope to document the complex distribution and movements of so many species in such a short time. We need your help. Make sure the birds from your community are well represented in the count. It doesn't matter whether you report the 5 species coming to your backyard feeder or the 75 species you see during a day's outing to a wildlife refuge.

The Ten Most Frequently Reported Species in the 2007 GBBC: #1 Northern Cardinal (45,966 checklists), #2 Dark-eyed Junco, #3 Mourning Dove, #4 Blue Jay, #5 Downy Woodpecker, #6 American Goldfinch, #7 House Finch, #8 Tufted Titmouse, #9 American Crow, #10 House Sparrow (24,582 checklists).

The Ten Most Numerous Species in the 2007 GBBC: #1 American Robin (2,080,223 individuals, including 1.7 million in St. Petersburg, Florida), #2 Canada Goose, #3 Red-winged Blackbird, #4 Snow Goose, #5 Laughing Gull, #6 European Starling, #7 Common Grackle, #8 Dark-eyed Junco, #9 American Goldfinch, #10 Ring-billed Gull (300,601 individuals).

55AS THANKS ITS TACKAPAUSHA VOLUNTEERS

Our annual holiday party for children and wildlife on December 15 was well attended, keeping our volunteers busy and we thank them: Gloria Berkowitz, Alice Blaustein, Helen Buckley, Mary Jane Conlon, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, Theresa Perez, and Michael Sperling.

PROPOSAL TO BUILD A LIQUID NATURAL GAS ISLAND OFF LONG BEACH

On December 10, SSAS's conservation committee's chairperson, Jim Brown, represented us at a meeting organized by New Jersey's Clean Ocean Action, which is opposing a proposal to build a 60.5-acre island 13.5 miles from Long Beach. The island would be 25 feet above sea level and cover approximately 116 acres of the sea floor. The following is taken from the August 27, 2007 Federal Register.

Atlantic Sea Island Group LLC (ASIG) proposes to own, construct, and operate a deepwater port, named Safe Harbor Energy, in the Federal waters of the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf in the area known as the New York Bight region in MMS [Minerals Management Service] lease area NK18-12 block 6655. The proposed location is approximately 13.5 miles south of the City of Long Beach on Long Island and 23 miles southeast of New York Harbor entrance, in an area between the Ambrose-to-Nantucket and Hudson Canyon-to-Ambrose shipping lanes, in water depth of between 60 and 70 feet.

The deepwater port, Safe Harbor Energy, consists of three components: An island to be constructed of natural

sand, gravel, and rock materials surrounded by armored breakwaters, consisting of prefabricated caissons, armorunits, and rock; an LNG receiving, storage, and regasification facility; and a subsea pipeline that would transport the natural gas to an offshore connection with the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline

Corporation's pipeline system. The pipeline would consist of two parallel 36-inch-diameter pipe segments extending 12.8 miles from the island. Safe Harbor Energy will include berthing and offloading space for two conventional LNG vessels with capacity of 70,000 to 270,000 cubic meters. Additionally, it would accommodate support vessels including docking/firefighting tugs and crew support launches. The storage portion would include four 180,000 cubic meter full-containment storage tanks. The regasification equipment would be an ambient air heat exchange type. Safe Harbor Energy would have an average throughput capacity of approximately 1.15 billion standard cubic feet per day (bscfd).

A shore based facility will be used to facilitate movement of personnel, equipment, supplies, and disposable materials between the port and shore.

Construction of the deepwater port would be expected to take approximately five years; with startup of commercial operations following construction, should a license be issued. The deepwater port would be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with applicable codes and standards and would have an expected operating life of approximately 25 years.

The Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, requires any public hearing on this application to be held not later than 240 days after this notice, and requires a decision on the application to be made not later than 90 days after the final public hearing. We will publish additional Federal Register notices to inform you of these public hearings and other procedural milestones, including environmental review. At least one public hearing must take place in each adjacent coastal State. For purposes of the Act, New York is the adjacent coastal State for this application. Other States can apply for adjacent coastal State status in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1508(a)(2).

Editor's note: New Jersey has been granted status, but the Atlantic Sea Island Group is challenging their status in court. A New York hearing was expected to be scheduled early in 2008; I will announce it via SSAS's Yahoo group elist (and in the Skimmer if there's sufficient time). Meanwhile, on December 11, ExxonMobil announced that it will seek approval for a floating liquid natural gas terminal 30 miles from Long Island and 20 miles from New Jersey.



GROUNDHOG DAY HIKE AT JAMAICA BAY (Sat., Feb. 2). Meet 10 a.m. at refuge visitor center for a hike along the trails to look for "Jamaica Bay Jake," the lone groundhog that was seen in the refuge last fall. We'll also look for winter birds and signs of other wildlife. Leader: Don Riepe. Call to reserve.

EVERGLADES & SOUTH FLORIDA WILDLIFE (March 1-8). Visit best wildlife areas of southern Florida: "Ding" Darling Refuge, Loxahatchee Refuge, Shark River Everglades, Corkscrew Swamp Preserve, Key Largo, Wakodahatchee Boardwalk, Green Cay Boardwalk, Okeeheelee Nature Center, and lots more. Travel by van with expert guides. Cost: \$1,795 includes airfare, vans, guides, lodging, lunches, park fees. Leaders: Carol Borneman, Don Riepe.

NEW YORK AQUARIUM "BEHIND-THE-SCENES" TOUR (Sat., April 5). Meet 10 A.M. at aquarium entrance in Coney Island for a 2-1/2 hour special guided tour. See walrus, sea otter, seals, sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, and, of course, "Squirt, the Wonder Clam." Cost: \$25 (kids \$15). Contact Don to reserve.

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

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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