

JOIN US AT GREENWICH AUDUBON CENTER

Barbara Levine

Calling all birders, hikers, families, and photographers! On **Saturday, May 16**, we will be driving to the Audubon Center of Greenwich, arriving at 9:30 A.M.

Naturalists will lead us through some of the 285 beautiful acres and 7 miles of walking trails. The cost will be \$5 per person. Send your tax-deductible check, made out to South Shore Audubon Society, to me at 22 Sugar Maple Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. Any questions? Call me at 741-3386 for more details.

HECKSCHER STATE PARK SPRING FESTIVAL

This annual event will celebrate Earth Day from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. on April 25th and 26th. Look for SSAS's table.

BIRDS AND WILDLIFE NEED YOU - JOIN AUDUBON'S ACTION NETWORK!

Laura McCarthy

Audubon Action Alerts are a quick, easy way to get access to your lawmakers, local media, and inside information on issues impacting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. If you aren't already a part of our online action network, sign up today at www.audubonaction.org/newyork.

Action Alerts allow you to take action on issues of priority concern, both nationally and locally, by providing you with easy-to-send letters and automatically matching you to your specific federal and state lawmakers. Action Alerts are sent periodically on issues of national concern (from the grassroots office of the National Audubon Society) and on a statewide or local level (from Audubon New York, working closely with chapters around the state). Please sign up today — the more people we can reach with this tool, the more successful we will be in our conservation efforts.



If you provide at least your city, state, and zip code when signing up, we will be able to send you alerts and invitations that affect you most directly. Don't worry — we will not inundate your in-box, your information is confidential and will not be used for other purposes, and you can unsubscribe anytime.

We know that lawmakers care about your views and opinions. As a constituent, you have a unique ability to convey your concerns to them. Helping is easy, won't take much time, and most importantly, will go a very long way in protecting our wildlife!

Editor's note: Laura McCarthy is the Grassroots Coordinator for Audubon New York.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WILDLIFE (631) 423-0982

OUR TENTH ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK


On **Saturday, May 2**, SSAS is planning to be in Central Park for our annual (weather permitting) early May morning bird walk. Once again, Manhattan residents (and old-time SSAS members) Chris Cooper and Lloyd Spitalnik, both top-notch birders, are being asked to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've recorded 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours (54 last year, including 16 warblers).

The cost of the walk is \$5, which is a tax-deductible fund-raising donation to SSAS (refundable if we rain out or you cancel in advance). Please send your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, along with your phone number and e-mail address, to Joanne Del Prete, 20 Ceil Pl., Bethpage, NY 11714-4503 (phone 433-0739, jdelprete47@optonline.net) by April 26.

We plan to depart from Penn Station's LIRR waiting room at 8:30 to meet our leaders in Central Park at around 9:15. 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. Join us!

OURE-LIST http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas_list

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SPRING MIGRATION AT JAMAICA BAY (Sat., April 25, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.). Meet at visitor center for easy hike around ponds & gardens. See warblers, tanagers, egrets, herons, other beautiful migrants. Limit 25. Contact Don to reserve.

GREAT SWAMP & RAPTOR TRUST, NJ (Sun., April 26)

STERLING FOREST WARBLERS (Sun., May 17). Leave Manhattan at 10 A.M. for 1-hr bus trip to this 20,000 acre preserve. See nesting Cerulean, Golden-winged, Blue-winged, and Hooded Warblers and lots more. Cost: \$65.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE (Sat., May 30 & June 20, 5-8 P.M.). Enjoy a cruise aboard 100' boat "Golden Sunshine" from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Visit backwater marshes & JFK Airport. Learn about bay's history, ecology, and wildlife. See nesting peregrine falcon, osprey, egrets, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Cost: \$45 incl. narrated tour plus wine & cheese, fruit, drink, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe.

MONTAUK SPRING WEEKEND (June 5-7). Easy hikes along bluffs, "Walking Dunes," woods, and beaches during peak orchid and heather bloom. Activities include birding, seining, tidepooling, botanizing. Cost: \$345 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House, 5 meals, 5 hikes, 2 evening programs, star watch, free LIRR pickup. Leaders: Mickey & Don. Limit 60.

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.

🐦 BIRD WALKS 🐦

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Steve Schellenger at 987-8103. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

- Mar. 29 Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner*
- Apr. 5 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Apr. 12 Hempstead Lake State Park**
- Apr. 19 Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside
- Apr. 26 Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner*
- May 3 Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
- May 10 Hempstead Lake State Park**
- May 17 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- May 24 *Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk*
- May 31 Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north side of Merrick Rd.)
- June 7 Hempstead Lake State Park**
- June 14 Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside

*We plan to visit Lido Preserve after Point Lookout.

***Parking for Hempstead Lake State Park:* Take Southern State Parkway Exit 19 (Peninsula Blvd.) south for about two miles. Turn left at the traffic light for Lakeview Ave. and then make the second left onto Broadway. Go north to the end of the street and find a parking spot on the street. We will meet by the footbridge that crosses over Peninsula Blvd. and goes into the park.



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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 7:30-9:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (September through May)

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. 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 newest members are:

- Baldwin Ramon Lucas, Sandra Peppiatt
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38TH ANNUAL DINNER
"GOING GREEN, STAYING GREEN"
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009**

CORAL HOUSE
70 MILBURN AVENUE, BALDWIN, NY
COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 P.M.
DINNER 7:30 P.M.

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DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

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CORAL HOUSE RESERVATIONS

Deadline June 5, \$40 per person

Mail your check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*, along with your dinner registration, to Therese Lucas, 983 Bellmore Rd., North Bellmore, NY 11710-3714. If you have any questions, call Therese at 221-3921.

Hot hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. Entrees include Sliced London Broil with Pan Juices, Bone-in-Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushrooms in Natural Pan Juices, Roasted Sole Stuffed with Julienne Vegetables, or vegetarian option. Wine & soda included; cash bar.

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.

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Think Globally, but Join Locally!

Option 1. You can join SSAS for a year by sending \$15 payable to **South Shore Audubon Society** using the form below. Our address is P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031.

Option 2. To join NAS and your all-volunteer local chapter, you can help SSAS survive NAS's major dues-share cutbacks by joining Audubon through us for the same price that it costs if you join through NAS (we get \$0 unless you join through us). Mail the form below and your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to SSAS at the address above. The special rate for the first year is \$20 per household; \$15 for students and seniors.

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Donations to SSAS are always welcome!



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