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#### **NEXT MEETING**

John Gaalione

DATE:

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Freeport Memorial Library

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

TOPIC:

Annual Members' Night

Join us for a get-together of fun, food, and friendship. Show off your talents, hobbies, or skills, whether or not they are bird-related. If you can paint, play an instrument, imitate bird calls, knit, take photographs, sing, or have any other talents or interests, please share them with us. We would also appreciate finger foods from those of you who enjoy the culinary arts.

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 future gas station that borders Sunrise Highway.



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Hurricane Sandy, Global Warming, and the Human Response

Jim Brown

I hope that all of you have survived Hurricane Sandy relatively unscathed or, if not, have progressed in your attempts to rebuild and put your lives back in order. For many people, this rebuilding will take time and will be an arduous task.

Sandy was a horrific storm, commonly referred to as a "superstorm" in much of the media. The Associated Press recently reported the stark statistics: The storm killed at least 125 people in the United States, including 60 in New York State and 48 in New York City alone. Deaths also occurred in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia (where the storm produced significant snowfall). People also died as the storm passed through the Caribbean, killing 71 people there, 54 of them in the much-ravaged nation of Haiti. The monetary and economic damages created by the storm are high; it is estimated that the U.S. has suffered \$62 billion in damage and losses. Most of this occurred in New York and New Jersey, and the sums are only initial assessments that might indeed have to be revised upward. Homes, businesses, and public infrastructure have been devastated. It is really sad — and sobering — to observe the devastation visited upon communities such as Sea Bright, New Jersey; Breezy Point, Queens; Staten Island; Long Beach; Freeport; and Seaford.

While one cannot say that any given storm is due to processes connected to global warming, it is nevertheless true that the world, and the coasts of New York and New Jersey, will no doubt experience strong storms similar to Sandy in the future and with greater frequency. Models of global warming - factoring in processes of greenhouse gas production; glacial melting; changes in atmospheric, land, and ocean temperatures; and sea level rise - predict these chaotic changes in global weather patterns. It is a good thing that following "Superstorm" Sandy the number of people believing in human-induced global warming has increased. A recent Siena College poll taken after the storm found that 69% of New Yorkers now believe in the reality of climate change.

For years, right-wing industrialists and politicians have pushed the idea that human-caused climate change was an invention of misled or dishonest environmentalists. The billionaire Koch brothers, Charles and David, have given tens of millions of dollars to fund climate-denial science, to help spread confusion and doubt in the minds of U.S. voters around a critical issue that has been definitively resolved by virtually all climate scientists. Should it be surprising that the Koch brothers run oil refineries and own thousands of miles of pipelines? The fossil fuel industry and its leaders such as the Kochs have been actively combating the science surrounding climate change. The industry and its leaders have also been actively supporting politicians who will support their approach to energy policy with sizable campaign contributions. It is regrettable, though hardly surprising, that a supposedly "liberal" U.S. government is now seen by many as the major stumbling block in achieving real success at the current U.N. climate talks in Doha, Qatar. There is plenty of blame — and campaign money — to go around.

Editor's interruption: You can visit the Center for Responsive Politics' Web site, www.opensecrets.org, for information about specific oil & gas companies' campaign contributions and lobbying.

As a child and adolescent, I enjoyed watching science-fiction movies. Some of the best of them usually dealt with the theme of the Earth facing some sort of disaster — whether an alien invasion or something like a huge asteroid that was on its way to collide. The disaster was usually avoided, or fixed, when the people were able to respond with the best science to resolve the problem. There was also some courageous action involved. If only things were so simple in our current, real world! The Earth is indeed facing disasters now — severe changes linked to global warming and climate change — and science has identified some important steps

to resolve the problem. But a rational, wellthought-out response and solution eludes us, primarily because of what we can term "special interests." By "special interests" is meant those individuals, groups, companies, and politicians that benefit directly or indirectly from our continued reliance on fossil fuels.

that should be taken immediately to attempt

It is essential, but not enough, to simply lay out the science connected to global warming. Our task is also educational and political as we confront the fossil fuel industry and its supporters. We are aware of the necessity of this multipronged approach as we engage in any number of our environmental campaigns: combating LNG facilities off our coasts, banning hydraulic fracturing, prohibiting drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic and other environmentally sensitive areas, supporting the development of alternative energy sources, and advocating for meaningful energy conservation.

Sandy should be a real wake-up call for us Long Islanders. Hopefully our responses to the storm, as we confront the devastation in its wake, will be positive in both the short and long term. We simply must successfully and quickly confront the issues presented to us by climate change and the severe storms it brings with it.

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#### HURRICANE SANDY AND JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE

Michael Sperling

SSAS's scheduled walk on December 30 will show us some of the dramatic changes that Hurricane Sandy made to Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

First, a bit of history, taken from Wild New York: A Guide to the Wildlife, Wild Places, and Natural Phenomena of New York City by Margaret Mittelbach & Michael Crewdson: "The vast ponds at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are not 'natural,' but were created as part of a political deal. When the Transit Authority (TA) wanted to dredge part of the bay in order to build an embankment for the subway system in the early 1950s, Parks Commissioner Robert Moses insisted that the TA dig the ponds in exchange for a dredging permit." I've read elsewhere that the ponds began when rainwater filled naturally low areas after the TA created dikes; in any case, they were created about 60 years ago, thanks to Robert Moses.

A few days after Sandy departed, e-mails and links from TreeBranch Network's Jamaica Bay listserv (http://treebranch.org/listservs.htm) started to describe what had happened at the Refuge.

From http://birdingdude.blogspot.com, posted on October 31 by Andrew Baksh (with photos): "Many of the benches on the West Pond trail were all gone. Huge swaths

of the trail were washed away, but the worst was near bench 4, where an entire section of the West Pond trail was obliterated, thus creating a flow from Pumpkin Channel into

the West Pond. This cannot be good for a freshwater & pond like the West Pond and so National Park Service will have their work cut out for them to get things in order. One silver lining from this, if one is to remain optimistic, is that maybe funding for this disaster will enable NPS to repair the outflow pipe on the West Pond, which was already broken."

From former Refuge manager Don Riepe on November 3: "There will be some damage to plants and wildlife; hopefully it is short-term. Both ponds will need to be repaired — or left as is! Many decisions about the bay's resources [need to be made]."

From diamondback terrapin researcher Dr. Russell L. Burke, also on November 3: "I walked the West Pond trail today — both sides of it. The damage is startling but not too bad. A serious amount of sand and gravel needs to be brought in to fill the holes, some of which are amazingly deep. The new deep-and-wide channel between West Pond and the ocean needs to be filled in; this is going to take several truckloads of gravel and then sand, at low tide. In the short run, a bridge would suffice. And the whole place needs a serious cleanup — so much trash blown and washed in... Too soon to say about terps; won't know until our next planned meeting with them — June 2013!"

# CONSERVATION EDUCATION REPORT SSAS Sends Financially Disadvantaged Children to the Summer Program at TRSAC

Betty Borowsky

For the past 13 years, the South Shore Audubon Society has provided scholarships to financially disadvantaged youngsters from our area to attend the week-long summer day camp program at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center (TRSAC) in Oyster Bay. Over the years we have sent about 150 children to the camp, and this year we were happy to send 11 more.

In previous years SSAS hired a bus, which picked up the children from their home schools and took them to and from TRSAC every day. Our own members accompanied the children on the bus, interacted with parents, and made all the other necessary arrangements. This year, however, our program was a little different.

In the 2011–2012 academic year, thanks to a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust, TRSAC conducted the "For the Birds!" (FTB!) program in the Washington–Rose Elementary School in Roosevelt. Briefly, the "For the Birds!" program "teaches environmental awareness and appreciation of nature through the study of birds. During an 8-or 16-week session, students learn about their natural environment through classroom lessons, outdoor field trips, a live bird program, and a conservation project designed to provide bird habitat in the local community. The program curriculum is aligned to New York State's performance standards in Math, Science and Technology, and English Language Arts" (http://ny.audubon.org/birds-1). TRSAC offered the program in Roosevelt because it meets the grant's requirements as a low-income community.

The children really enjoyed the FTB! program, and staff at TRSAC wanted to enhance and extend the children's experience by sending them to their new Adventures program, a three-day campout at the Schiff Scout Reservation in Wading River, in Suffolk County.

Children in the FTB! program were invited to write an essay explaining why they would like to attend the summer program. Their teacher selected the campers based on their essays and their family's income. In the end, SSAS paid the tuition for the 11 children from our own funds and from our supplementary grant from the National Audubon Society's Collaborative Project Initiative.

Needless to say, this was the first time these children had ever camped out. In fact, for most of them, it was the first time they had ever slept away from home. Activities included cooking over a campfire, building shelters, canoeing, hiking, birding, team-building activities, archery, fishing, swimming, and making s'mores (a big, big hit—see letters below).

This summer's program proved educational not only to the children, but to the children's parents and guardians as well. Most of the parents were unfamiliar with this kind of activity, and it took many conversations with TRSAC staff as well as with the children's teacher, Catherine Beasley (in whom the parents have the deepest faith and trust), to convince them to allow the children to attend. Thus, not only the children, but their whole families learned a great deal about the environment as a consequence of this program.

Environmental education is one of the cornerstones of the SSAS mission. We feel it is especially important to teach children about the environment; not only for their own enjoyment, but to enlist their sympathies for conservation efforts into the future. So we wish to thank TRSAC staff (especially center director Ted Scherff and education coordinator Rich Santangelo) for their superb programs and for their commitment to work with us to provide environmental education to as many children as possible. We also wish to thank Mrs. Beasley of the Washington–Rose Elementary School for working so diligently on behalf of her students. Lastly, thank you to all our members, whose dues and active participation allow us to offer this program every year.

October 19, 2012

Dear South Shore Audubon Society,

Thank you for giving me a scholarship so that I could go to the Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Summer Sanctuary Adventures camp in July. I enjoyed swimming the most. Another thing that was a lot of fun was fishing. That was my first time fishing and it was very exciting.

We roasted marshmallows on the campfire and made s'mores which is now my favorite dessert. I love camping and I wish I can go again. I hope you can make it happen for me again. Thank you so much.

Jasmine Wright

10-9-12

Dear South Shore Audubon Society,

Thank you for the scholarship you gave me to attend the Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Summer Adventures camp. My favorite thing was paddle boating on the river and roasting marshmallows by the campfire. We also sang a funny song about zombies and even saw a dead snake.

This was the first time I went fishing and Elijah and I caught five fish! We caught the most fish. I really enjoyed the camp and I wish I could go to camp every day. Thank you for allowing me to go.

Sincerely,

Timothy Huggins

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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 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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	Michael Barboni, Maryann Castle,
	Mary L. Valente
East Rockaway	Deborah Lilly
Freeport	Antoinette Reilly
Garden City	John & Phyllis Rhein, Anne Triece
Glen Oaks	Joseph Dirico
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Levittown	Linda Wolf
Long Beach	Virginia Jinks
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#### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SCOTT OGLESBY

Michael Sperling

On Thanksgiving Day, Jim Brown and I received the following e-mail from Barbara Singer, Scott's significant other: "It is with great sadness that I tell you of Clifford Scott Oglesby's sudden death on November 21. I know how much the SSAS community meant to him and I wanted to let you know that a memorial service celebrating his life will be held on **December 26** at 11 A.M. at the South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 228 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY. Please pass this information on to the membership. Thank you. Barbara."

In a subsequent e-mail from Barbara and in a conversation with one of Scott's sons (also named Scott), I was told that the family has asked that donations in his memory be made to SSAS, for which our board is very grateful. Scott was 73 years old; the cause of death was a heart attack. He had no history of heart problems.

Because food will be served at the memorial service, Barbara is trying to estimate how many of us will attend. If you're planning on attending, please call me at 221-3921 or e-mail mssperling@optonline.net and I will let her know how many to expect. We have tried to get the word out at our events, via SSAS's Yahoo! Group e-mail list, and on our Facebook page; I informed Barbara that this newsletter will not reach people until close to (or perhaps after) the 26th.

Scott was a member of SSAS for 24 years, serving as director and then VP from 1998 to 2003. During his years on our board, he handled reservations for a birding-on-the-bay boat trip that departed from Freeport, participated in Brookside Preserve cleanups, and helped at our birdseed sales and other Tackapausha-based events. For over a decade, he "expanded our birding horizons" with pre-meeting classes and handled the collecting of postage stamps for shipment to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in England (which used them for fund-raising for land preservation).

Scott shared his birding knowledge on many SSAS walks over the years, including at Norman J. Levy Preserve, where he worked part-time as a naturalist after retiring from a banking career. We will miss his distinctive sense of humor, his friendship, and the many ways in which he helped our chapter.

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 at 987-8103. Directions and weekly lists of species seen may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Dec. 23	Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north	
	side of Merrick Rd.)	
Dec. 30	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge	
Jan. 6	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)	
Jan. 13	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner	
Jan. 20	Pelham Bay Park*	
Jan. 27	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern	
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3)	
Feb. 3	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner	

\*For Pelham Bay Park (where we hope to see owls): Wear hiking shoes — it's a hilly forest walk to the bay. Take Throgs Neck Bridge to I-695 north to I-95 north. Take I-95 to exit #9, Hutchinson River Parkway north. Take first exit #5, Orchard Beach Rd., go past traffic circle, and continue on Orchard Beach Rd. to end. Turn left on Park Dr. to enter park. Go past another traffic circle and enter parking lot through toll gates (free); meet at far left corner of parking lot (northeast corner). See http://mappery.com/map-of/Pelham-Bay-Park-NYC-Map for reference.

#### ANNUAL DONATION TO THE FREEPORT LIBRARY

*Editor's note:* In October, Jim Brown received the following letter from library director Ken Bellafiore:

"On behalf of the Freeport Memorial Library, I would like to thank you and the members of the South Shore Audubon Society for your generous donation of \$500. As you suggested, the funds will be used to increase our collection of nature-oriented publications. All materials purchased will have a bookplate added as a note of thanks. The books that have been purchased are listed below (amount \$281.00):

- Birds of Eastern Africa by Ber van Perlo
- Bird Sense: What It's Like to Be a Bird by Tim Birkhead
- Gifts of the Crow: How Perception, Emotion, and Thought Allow Smart Birds to Behave Like Humans by John Marzluff and Tony Angell
  - → Hatch! by Roxie Munto
  - → How Do Birds Fly? by Melissa Stewart
  - "Hummingbirds: A Beginner's Guide by Laurel Aziz
- → Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Phillip Hoose
  - Owls of North America by Frances Backhouse
  - Robins in Your Backyard by Nancy Carol Willis
  - Swans by Lynn M. Stone
  - Toucans by Mary R. Dunn
  - → Vulture View by April Pulley Sayre
- → What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets
  of the Natural World by Jon Young

Additional books are being purchased using the remaining balance from this generous gift. A list of additional titles purchased will be sent to you.

We are grateful for this contribution because it will help all of the residents of Freeport become more aware of the precious natural heritage we share. We are also honored that the South Shore Audubon Society has continued to hold its meetings at the library."

Editor's 2nd note: The list above includes quite a few books for children. The books and videos purchased using SSAS's many yearly donations are available to patrons of any Long Island library, including via interlibrary loan at www.alisweb.org.

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACHWALK**. Meet 11 a.m. at Fort Tilden and welcome in the new year with a hike and free champagne. No reservation necessary. With NYC Audubon.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND (Jan. 11–13). Visit the vast dunes, beaches, and woods at Montauk during peak seabird season and hike the beautiful "Walking Dunes," Hither Woods, Oyster Pond, and the "Seal Haul-out" site. Includes double-occupancy lodging at the luxurious Manor House, most meals, guided hikes, evening programs, a star watch, and free pickup at the LIRR station in Montauk. Guides: Mike Bottini, Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe. Contact Don to register. Limited to 60. Cost: \$375 (single room supplement \$120).

TEXAS COAST AND HILL COUNTRY (Apr. 6–14). Fly to Houston and visit High Island and Galveston areas during peak spring bird migration. Other highlights: Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, Austin boat tour to watch thousands of bats emerge at dusk, and visit to Texas Hill Country to look for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. Includes round-trip flight, local transportation, lodging, some meals, park fees. Guides: Don Riepe & Carol Borneman. Limited to 14. Est. cost: \$1,950.

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

#### **FUNDING FOR NYS PARKS**

Editor's note: In November, at the invitation of Audubon New York, SSAS signed onto a letter, excerpted below, to Governor Cuomo from a coalition dubbed Friends of New York State Parks and Historic Sites.

We are especially grateful for the administration's attention to storm damage that occurred at state parks — most notably Jones Beach and Robert Moses. These two beloved beach parks host well over ten million visitors a year and provide important habitat for birds and other wildlife. Although we're still uncovering the extent of damage to coastal infrastructure and habitat caused by Sandy, one thing is clear — the decisions made in response to this storm will have lasting impacts on these areas and the people and wildlife that depend on them.

We remain grateful that through the New York Works initiative, a historic \$89 million is being spent to restore and rebuild state parks' aging and dilapidated infrastructure. This \$89 million commitment in the 2012–2013 budget, leveraged to \$143 million, is reaping benefits on many fronts, and we urge you to continue your work to revitalize the state park system.

We know you agree that New York's state parks and historic sites are its natural crown jewels, and a vital part of the state's economic engine. According to a 2009 independent study commissioned by Parks & Trails New York, the state parks system boosts the state's economy to the tune of nearly \$2 billion annually—leveraging a \$5-to-\$1 return on the state's investment, while creating and sustaining 20,000 jobs exclusive of state parks employees.

With a backlog of more than \$1 billion in health, safety, and infrastructure projects, state parks and historic sites still face a tremendous need... The impacts from Sandy, along with last year's storms, have only further compounded that need and, as you so strongly expressed in the storm's aftermath, reinforced the importance of restoring our park system with long-term resiliency and sustainability in mind. Investing wisely in parks infrastructure, including both natural and built infrastructure that utilize sustainable development practices, will serve as a national model for rebuilding smarter after storms and protect these treasured places and their surrounding communities from the impacts of sea level rise and future storms. Cooperation from all levels of government is essential to meet this challenge, and we look forward to working with you in the coming year to ensure that the federal government prioritizes investments in the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which would provide muchneeded support for state parks.

As you prepare your State Fiscal Year 2013–2014 Executive Budget proposal, we encourage you to keep the momentum for parks going with another round of funding through the NY Works program. With an investment of \$100 million annually, the backlog in capital needs can be addressed over a roughly ten-year period.

#### **BOOKS FOR BIRDERS**

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This month I'll review a book for all the newbies in our midst. It is called *Birding for Beginners: A Comprehensive Introduction to the Art of Birdwatching*, by Sheila Buff. This book opens the world of birding to the novice birder. It

stresses the idea of not having to travel far in order to find a variety of birds. However, you have to know what to look for — sound familiar? It will help us to get the most out of this most enjoyable pastime. The book is uniquely ar-

ranged to suit the needs of all of us new to the fun of bird-watching. If you tend to be bewildered by jargon, mystified by guidebook identification, and also frustrated by our inability to even find birds to watch, this book is for you! For us in South Shore Audubon this book has an advantage; it is focused on the northeast, especially the Hudson Valley. The basic principles stressed here apply to all regions.

The chapters of this book are arranged in a sequence appealing to the perspective of anyone new to birdwatching. The author begins the book with a chapter on simply finding birds to identify. Focusing on basic identification through appearance, song, habitat, and behavior, she begins in chapter 3 and continues this theme through chapter 6. Chapter 8 is especially important because it discusses optics for beginning birders. You do *not* have to read this book in chapter order!

Older beginners need to keep their perspective in pursuing this fabulous hobby. What really matters is enjoying getting outdoors, watching birds, and having FUN! Of all the many satisfactions that birding offers, perhaps the most important is an intense appreciation of our wonderful world of nature! As birds disappear, our heritage of habitat, beauty, and even our natural world is threatened as never before. Finally, the most important requirement for becoming a proficient birder is something we have already — an enthusiasm for our unspoiled world. All we need to do is take our enthusiasm, grab our binoculars, and step outside and start looking for our small feathered friends. Remember, the more we watch, the more we'll see.

The book includes tips on birding online, birding by ear, and other essentials to help us get into the field quickly and start identifying birds as soon as possible. Especially valuable is information on bird behaviors such as feeding, flight, courting and breeding, nesting, and, of great importance, migration. Not only will you know what kind of bird you are watching but what it is up to as well. Sheila Buff does an excellent job of introducing the beginners amongst us to this wonderful world of ours called birding! Read it! And ENJOY!!

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#### **55A5 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.

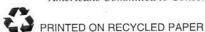
To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper 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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#### **BECOME A MEMBER OF 55A5** Think Globally, but Join Locally!

Option 1. You can join SSAS for a year by sending \$20 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 by joining Audubon through us for the same price that it costs if you join through NAS (we get \$0 from your dues 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.

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