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NEXT MEETING

John Gaglione

DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

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

TOPIC: Bird Migration Across the Gulf of Mexico

After an assortment of announcements and our coffee break, this month's meeting will feature a 55-minute film, *Gulf Crossing*. The film was written, produced, and narrated by Massachusetts-based Jackson Childs, a 2001 graduate of Dartmouth College, where he majored in philosophy.

In the spring, hundreds of bird species move from the tropics into North America. As they make their way, they eventually face the great barrier of the Gulf of Mexico, which is more than 900 miles wide and more than 600 miles across. While some birds skirt the edge of the water, the overwhelming majority — more than 200 species and hundreds of millions of individuals — cross the unbroken plain of the Gulf in a single flight of 20 or more hours.

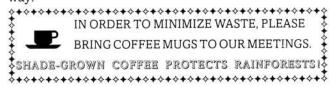
Gulf Crossing is a record of trans-Gulf migration on America's southern coast: the expectation of arrival, the surprise each day of which birds appear, and the habitats they are found in. The experience is expanded by a scientific perspective on the phenomenon of migration, describing its geographic shape, the coastal habitats birds rely on, physiological cycles in birds, and the effect of weather patterns on bird flight.

Despite the hundreds of nature documentaries that are made each year, the story of trans-Gulf migration has never really been told before. *Gulf Crossing* is an attempt to document this remarkable and moving natural phenomenon. The six episodes provide a comprehensive exploration of the Gulf crossing, from spring to fall, covering migration along the Upper Texas Coast, the arrival and breeding of birds in the north, and fall migration in north Florida. Some of the movie was filmed in New York, including the Adirondacks and Sterling Forest State Park.

Jackson Childs hopes his bird-filled documentary "will increase awareness and appreciation of America's immense but vanishing natural heritage." Join us!

Pre-Meeting Book Discussion. Arrive a half-hour early to participate in a discussion led by R. U. Abyrdar II (aka Paul Stessel) of the book that he reviewed in the previous Skimmer. This month's book is Green Birding: How to See More Birds and Protect the Environment at the Same Time by Richard Gregson.

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 gas station that borders Sunrise Highway.



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Fall Migrations, Flyways, Byways, and School Buses

Jim Brown

I have mentioned in earlier columns my daily commute to and from work along the Loop and Meadowbrook Parkways. As I write this particular column, as summer is turning into autumn, the scene along the Loop and southern Meadowbrook is witnessing the annual changes in

bird life due to the fall migration. I have begun to see less of South Shore Audubon's signature bird, the Black Skimmer. During the height of the summer, one can see them flying in their unique graceful way from the bay to their nesting area along the ocean beach and back again. Summer in this area is also now packed with Ospreys

(pictured). Numerous Ospreys can frequently be seen eating their fish high up above you on the flat, level tops of the lampposts along the sides of the highways. Now the numbers of both skimmers and Ospreys are rapidly decreasing, as these birds head south along

the Atlantic Flyway, toward Florida in the case of skimmers and South America in the case of the most enterprising Ospreys. Fall is again approaching.

Another type of movement also begins in the fall when children return to school. Traffic along the streets and parkways increases and is joined by numerous buses and cars of parents, teachers, and in some cases high school students. My commute to work generally takes longer during the school year than at other times. But when I am stopped by traffic, perhaps waiting for a school bus along Lido Boulevard to pick up or discharge a group of students, I sometimes think about the fact that these young people are those principally for whom we, as environmentalists and stewards of bird life, are working for, to pass along a healthy environment to them as a lasting legacy. These young people are also, in reality, those who will hopefully become the environment's stewards in the future.

It's not easy for the younger generations, bombarded as they are by so much technology, artificiality, and even virtuality! When I was a child, I was in constant contact with the natural world — even though I lived in a small city, I was not far from creeks, fields, pastures, and woods with all the abundant wildlife they provided. I was also fortunate in that my parents and extended family of grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins loved the outdoors and activities — in the early TV days — like camping and hiking. I am sure this early exposure to the joys of nature is a common experience for most current members of our Audubon chapter.

That is why it is so gratifying when I see young people on our bird walks, and young people coming to some of our meeting programs (especially to see live animals and birds!). It is good to see students help with a Brookside Preserve cleanup and invasive species removal. Environment-oriented parties for children at Tackapausha Museum and Preserve are creative events that children appreciate. One often reads that the many students of today have less exposure and interest in nature. It is probably, unfortunately, true. For that reason, activities of our chapter that can attract the young are so important. In a positive sense, an important goal of our chapter is to help create and motivate future environmental stewards. Our support of a summer environmental camp and our offer-

ing of scholarship awards to high school and college students are so important in this critical context.

Our chapter plays an important role in bringing environmental education, and a love of nature and wildlife, to young Long Islanders. Let us continue and even expand, when possible, our efforts in reaching the young. The future of the environment demands it!

★★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★★

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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 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 new members since the last Skimmer are:

Baldwin	Lynn & Anthony Parisi
Bellmore	Judith Gerber
Bethpage	Jacob Antoninis
	Joan Evans, Harold Lieberman
Floral Park	Silvio Alesandrini, Linda Falacara,
	Annemarie Palagonia
Freeport	Gloria E. Giannuzzi
Garden City	Nancy Orosz, Gwendolyne Rogers
	Donald O'Callaghan
Levittown	Janis Abrams
Long Beach	Patrick Gallagher, Mary A.
	Mazzola
Lynbrook	Lew McCurdy, Rosemary Shields
Malverne	Amelia Cossentino, Edith J. Foley,
	Maria Thomas
Massapequa	Marianne Herbst
Massapequa Park	Susan Martin
Merrick	Gail Goodstein, Barbara Taubleb
	Murray Cohen, Diane Weiss
Rockville Centre	Janet Matthews, Joan M. Moret
Seaford	Robert Sauer
Valley Stream	Julie Roberts
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NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER At a Historic Place I Observed a Species for the First Time

Joe Grupp

We were on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, celebrating our granddaughter's wedding and intent on observing as many bird species, natural vistas, historic places, and tourist spots as our free time would allow. Even before arriving on the island, we knew that Pearl Harbor was on the top of our "to-do list" and not as a curiosity but for the significance of what took place there, the lives lost and the tragedy of the war that followed. We first caught sight of the light-blue harbor on a clear-sky Hawaii perfect day as our plane descended for landing.

Visiting the USS Arizona Memorial in the harbor was the first significant activity that we engaged in. While waiting for the motor launch to take us to the memorial, I spotted two small white birds flying well out in the harbor. Their flight was tern-like and typical of the foraging behavior that terns exhibit as they look for small fish for a meal or to be brought back to a nestling. Immediately I knew that they were a species I had hoped to see long before we left home. Called Fairy Terns by many, they are in fact White Terns; true Fairy Terns differ in color, etc., from the White Terns we saw in the distance.

We glimpsed a few White Terns three or four more times as we were taken by launch to and from, or while at, the monument. It was another perfect Hawaii weather day as we stood on the USS Arizona Monument, looking down into the water at the rusting ship, well aware of the hundreds of men entombed there. The quiet of the beautiful day enhanced by our few tern sightings was the direct opposite of what occurred there on December 7, 1941.

A few days later, we returned to Pearl Harbor to visit the battleship USS Missouri, moored as a permanent museum not very far from the submerged USS Arizona. It was on that ship on September 2, 1945 that Japan signed formal surrender papers ending the war. After our visit and as my grandson was backing the car out of our parking space, I shouted "Stop the car!" and, binoculars in hand, I was out the car door, headed for a tree at the edge of the parking field. In a small opening among the tree's leaves, I had happened to spot two white birds flying into the tree canopy. In a few moments I had a perfect view of the birds through the binoculars and was calling the others over to see them.

They were perched on two branches close to one another. Their appearance was quite dramatic. Their plumage appeared pure white, a few dark wing markings hidden by their folded wings, and was offset by a pitch-black eye made to look larger by an equally pitch-black ring that surrounded it. A somewhat heavy, pointed, deep-black bill added to the black—white contrast of eye and feathers.

Most interesting is the nesting behavior of the species. They lay their eggs on a bare branch in a tree at a spot where the egg will not easily roll off. Both male and female take turns incubating the egg. Once hatched, the young have sharp-clawed webbed feet that allow them to cling to the branch even in high winds. At a botanical garden we visited at a later date, we did discover a young bird having mostly adult coloring but shorter wings and tail, as it perched on a branch with parents nearby.

Sometime in the past I had learned about the species and its unique nesting behavior. I always thought it would be an interesting bird to see. They are commonly found in the trees near the sea on Oahu and over the surrounding waters. Our first sighting of the species could have been at many different places on the island. The fact that our first sightings were associated with the onsite history of World War II was an extraordinary way to check the species off my "want-to-see list."



Steve Schellenger

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Steve at 987-8103. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Sep. 22	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sep. 29	Alley Pond Park (76th Ave. parking lot)
Oct. 6	Mill Pond Park (Wantagh/Bellmore, north side of Merrick Rd.)
Oct. 13	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Oct. 20	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3)
Oct. 27	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Nov. 3	Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner
	(and Lido Preserve afterwards)

	RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 979-3070

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NYS BEACH CLEANUPS

Last month's *Skimmer* had an article about the annual beach cleanups organized by the American Littoral Society, which collect data on litter as part of an international effort to find solutions. A list of the cleanups in SSAS's area is posted at www.nysbeachcleanup.org, including rain dates. Hempstead Lake State Park and Jones Beach have cleanups scheduled for Saturday, September 21; Jones Beach also has cleanups scheduled for September 28.

BUDGET 2013-2014

Annual Dinner	\$2,100
Bank Fees	
Brookside Preserve	
College Scholarships	
Conferences	\$1,000
Conservation	
Donations	
Education	
Festivals	\$250
Greening of Long Island	\$2,000
High School Scholarships	\$1,000
Insurance	\$1,200
Library	\$900
Membership Committee	
Membership Dues	\$210
Miscellaneous	\$200
Office Expenses/Postage	\$3,000
Publicity	1 \$175
Refreshments	\$300
Skimmer	\$3,500
Speakers	\$1,000
TR Camp	\$5,000
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BOOKS FOR BIRDERS

R. U. Abyrdar II

As I was thinking about my next book to review, I happened on an excellent "Nature" episode on PBS, now airing for six Wednesday nights, called "EarthFlight: a Nature Special Presentation." As I was watching, it occurred to me that a wonderful book to review this month, in the midst of fall migration, would be *How Birds Migrate* by the noted ornithologist Paul Kerlinger. This is the perfect time to present a book such as this to our South Shore Audubon members.

This is an exciting and informative book, the perfect primer for us concerning the questions we all must have

about bird migration. The author is a scientist as well as an avid birder. He has a true passion for the hobby we love. Bird migration is a remarkable phenomenon. This is a well-

organized book built around scientific theories.

His chapters are interesting and thoroughly informative. For instance, the chapter on "Finding the Way" is especially so. Questions such as why do birds take straightline routes versus great circle ones are particularly insightful. This book is easy to read and, while containing a huge amount of detail, will be interesting to all of us. The author covers topics such as why birds migrate, how scientists

study migration, why some birds migrate by day and some by night, why rest stops are so important for bird survival during migration, how birds find their way, and how high they fly and why — and, much, much more!

I was especially fascinated with the chapter on bird flight; this is a very complex topic and not easy to understand, but the author does a great job in explaining it to the layperson (that's me!). I also liked the chapter on conservation of migratory species; this topic is getting increased attention from ornithologists and leading birding organizations.

The main focus of this book is on North American and European species. In truth, most migration research has been done on these two continents. Mr. Kerlinger often discusses migration from an evolutionary point of view and explains, as well, where there are still gaps in our knowledge of bird migratory evolution. This is a very educational book with many anecdotes and case studies that are easy to read. He knows this topic in great depth.

Some noted birders have recently observed that migration, as we know it, will eventually disappear. Not in the next 10 years, but in our lifetime it will fade away. The migration events that thrill us all, each fall and spring, will be diminished beyond recognition. These marvelous spectacles will become things of the past! How sad. This is a fascinating book about the when, where, why, and how of bird migration. Wonderful bits of scientific findings become available to each and every one of us. So, if you like to read mysteries, especially those concerning bird migration, this is a wonderful place to begin that journey. Read it and enjoy!

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You can do that now on your 2013 calendar. For 2014, the perfect solution is an Audubon calendar. They are being offered by South Shore Audubon at a reduced price of \$9.00 each. They will be available starting at the October bird walks and the general meeting, and will continue as supplies last. The assortment will include Songbirds, Wildflowers, and National Parks.



SSAS CALENDAR 2013-2014

September 2013

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Sept. 22, 29

October 2013

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library

"Bird Migration Across the Gulf of Mexico"

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 P.M.

New York/New Jersey Audubon Fall Meeting Woodcliff Lake, NJ, Oct.18-20

Global Frackdown

Saturday, Oct. 19, incl. Long Beach Boardwalk

November 2013

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library "Birds & Climate Change" Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 P.M.

Brookside Fall Cleanup Sunday, Nov. 17, 1 P.M.

December 2013

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library (TBA)

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 р.м. Tackapausha Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 P.M.

January 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library Members' Night

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 р.м.

February 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library (TBA)
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.

March 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library (TBA) Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 P.M.

New York State Audubon Council Spring Meeting Saratoga Springs, March 21–23

April 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. April 6, 13, 20, 27

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library (TBA) Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 P.M.

May 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. May 4, 11, 18

Central Park Bird Walk

Saturday, May 3

Birdathon

Friday, May 9 from 5 P.M. till dark Saturday, May 10 until 5 P.M.

General Meeting, Freeport Memorial Library (TBA) Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 P.M.

June 2014

Bird Walks, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. June 1, 8

Annual Dinner

Pompei Restaurant, West Hempstead Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 P.M.

BLUEBIRD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN BETHPAGE

Jim Brown

Bethpage State Park Assistant Golf Superintendent Kathie Wegman and birdbander Susan Harwood are seeking volunteers to help with an important bluebird project

at the park. The two women attend 29 nest boxes at the park and band Eastern Bluebird (pictured) and Tree Swallow chicks. When I was contacted in June, there were four or five breeding pairs of bluebirds in the park. Ms. Wegman will be retir-

ing soon and there will be a need to obtain an assistant to help Ms. Harwood, the licensed birdbander. Part of the volunteer job, to begin next year, would be to drive Ms. Harwood via golf cart throughout the five golf courses at Bethpage as she attends to the nest boxes. The season runs from April through August, usually one day per week, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

This would be a wonderful opportunity to learn about and experience birdbanding firsthand, helping in the important task of maintaining the population of our state bird, the Eastern Bluebird. If you are interested, get in touch with Kathie at 631-316-1173. She will arrange to explain and show potential volunteers all that would be involved at Bethpage State Park. It sounds like a great opportunity!

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PRESERVE PLUM ISLAND

Michael Sperling

SSAS, as many of you know, is one of the original members of the Preserve Plum Island Coalition (www.preserveplumisland.org) that was founded three years ago. Orient Point and Plum Island were designated as an Important Bird Area when Audubon New York's IBA program began in the 1990s (limited copies of the most recent edition of the NY IBA book are available at SSAS meetings for \$5). Here's a recap of recent developments concerning Plum Island, whose Animal Disease Center is slated to be replaced by a future National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Kansas.

New Congressional Legislation Needs Our Help. On July 16, a press conference was held in Orient to introduce legislation that's been designated as H.R. 2691 and S. 1303. According to Stella Miller (president of Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society): "Recently, Congressman Tim Bishop introduced 'Save, Don't Sell Plum Island' legislation in the House of Representatives, along with companion legislation which was introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal [of Connecticut]. These bipartisan bills are aimed at protecting the island's tremendous biodiversity and ecological value. Future development of Plum Island would be prevented by the elimination of the current requirement to sell the island at public auction ... Please ask your federal representatives to join with Congressman Bishop, Congressman Peter King, and Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, Charles Schumer, Christopher Murphy [also of Connecticut], and Blumenthal in supporting the legislation to decouple the sale of Plum Island from the construction of the new Kansas facility."

Note: As of early September, the other two Long Island Congressional Representatives, Carolyn McCarthy and Steve Israel, have not cosponsored H.R. 2691. If you're in one of their districts (most SSAS members are), please contact your Representative at http://carolynmccarthy.house.gov or http://israel.house.gov.

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). On August 3, the Preserve Plum Island Coalition (PPIC) submitted six pages of comments on the FEIS regarding the proposed public sale of the island, including: "In summary, we believe that although the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) contains some useful information and is well written, it is a very incomplete and superficial document which fails to meet its mandate pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Specifically, PPIC believes the DEIS fails to adequately catalog and characterize the natural and cultural resources of the island, and thus fails to reasonably assess and evaluate the numerous adverse impacts of the two residential development scenarios on these resources. It also fails to provide a discussion of an alternative that is clearly provided for in the Congressional language ... and which was specifically requested

by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and PPIC — to consider dedicating a significant fraction of the island to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a National Wildlife Refuge. Because of the DEIS's significant shortcomings and inadequacies as a document for informed decision-making, we strongly urge the General Services Administration to revise the Draft EIS to respond to and address the numerous concerns and issues detailed in the letter."

Town of Southold. To quote Stella Miller once again: "The Southold Town Board unanimously approved zoning for Plum Island on Tuesday [August 27] that would prevent residential development on the island. The zoning would allow laboratory research to take place on 125

acres where the current Plum Island Animal Disease Centersits. But the balance of the roughly 840-acre island will be zoned as a conservation district, if and when the federal government sells the island. Thank you to the Town of Southold!" John Turner, PPIC's spokesperson, commented as follows: "Good news on the Plum Island front! With this action by the Town of Southold, the major reason underpinning the federal government's decision to sell Plum Island in an effort to help defray the costs of the new Kansas facility has been



largely undermined."

Explore the coast with the

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JAMAICA BAY SUNSET ECOLOGY CRUISE (Sat., Sept. 28, 3:30–6:30 p.m). Learn about the history, ecology and wildlife of the Jamaica Bay ecosystem aboard the 100' boat the "Golden Sunshine" out of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Cost: \$55/person includes narrated tour of backwater marshes, wine & cheese, fruit, drink, snacks.

FALL MIGRATION HAWK WATCH (Sun., Oct. 6). Meet 10 A.M. at Bldg. 1, Fort Tilden, Queens and hike to the hawk watch platform. Contact Don.

CHINCOTEAGUE/ASSATEAGUE WILDLIFE WEEKEND (Oct. 31–Nov. 3). Great birding and wildlife on the Maryland/Virginia coast. See wild ponies, sika deer, bald eagle, snow geese and many other species. Cost: \$385 includes 3 nights lodging, Safari bus tour of the backwater flats, guided walks and an "All-you-can-eat" seafood dinner.

WINTER WATERFOWL WALK (Sat., Nov. 16). Meet 10 A.M. at the Jamaica Bay Refuge for an indoor slide presentation and outdoor walk around the ponds. Contact Don.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 474-0896, donriepe@gmail.com, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; www.littoralsociety.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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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 these 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.

Renewing? Please send NAS renewals directly to NAS (the approx. \$3/year we get per member is not based on renewals).

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