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NEXT MEETING

Paul Stessel

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER: Betsy Gulotta

TOPIC: Hempstead Plains: Past, Present & Future

Over 250 species of plants are found on the Hempstead Plains, along with countless numbers of birds, butterflies and other insects. Some are considered rare and endangered, such as the globally endangered plant, Sandplain gerardia, which occurs in only 11 places in the world. The habitat is managed by Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College (www.friendsofhp.org), whose mission is to protect and restore the native prairie grassland through scientific education and research. A state-of-the-art green and sustainable Education and Research Center is now available for programs there. SSAS has scheduled a bird walk at Hempstead Plains for May

Our next meeting will feature a PowerPoint presentation about the Hempstead Plains, a tallgrass prairie habitat that once covered 40,000 acres of land in Nassau County. Today only tiny remnants are left. The Hempstead Plains shaped Long Island's history in many ways, including agriculture, horse racing, aviation, housing development, and natural history. This program touches on the historical significance of the Hempstead Plains and focuses on the importance of the ecological characteristics and education potential of the prairie. Techniques of habitat management and prairie restoration will be discussed, including projects that welcome community involvement and participation.

Betsy, a past president of SSAS and Biology Professor Emeritus at Nassau Community College, is currently an Adjunct Professor of Biology at NCC and Conservation Project Manager for Friends of Hempstead Plains. She holds a BA in zoology from Smith College and an MS in zoology from the University of Michigan. 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 and Sy Schiff reviewed in the previous *Skimmer*. This meeting's book is *Birding for the Curious: The Easiest Way for Anyone to Explore the Incredible World of Birds* by Nate Swick.

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.

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE A Radical Idea: Reserve Half the Planet for Nature

Betty Borowsky

Dr. E.O. Wilson is one of the towering minds of our generation. Basically a naturalist, like so many of us at South Shore, he has taken this interest as the starting point for thinking about the well-being of our species and, indeed, our entire planet.

Over the years, through books, papers, and public conferences, Dr. Wilson has consistently recognized and called attention to problems in the environment before anyone else has, and, more importantly, has suggested ways we might avoid or rectify them. For example, early

on he recognized how rapidly biodiversity is decreasing, and that this is caused in good part by human activities.

Dr. Wilson's most recent contribution is a radical proposal that he describes in his new book, *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life*. In the interest of full disclosure, I have not read it yet, as its official release date comes after this article is going to press; but I have read several reviews of it and, I must say, although at first it seems like a proposal that would be impossible to execute, I have come to believe that not only is it desirable, but it is entirely within our power to achieve.

Briefly, Dr. Wilson proposes that we set aside half of the planet and allow it to remain undeveloped in order to ensure the current level of biodiversity as well as the environmental health of the earth.

My first thought when I read this was that he was proposing that everyone get up and move to one side of the planet. But that was not his meaning at all. What he means



is that we should accomplish this by: 1) allowing all the currently undeveloped areas on the planet to remain undeveloped; and 2) setting aside small areas within

developed communities to remain undeveloped, and to connect these with "green corridors."

Undeveloped parts of the planet are being destroyed at unprecedented rates. "Most experts agree that we are losing upwards of 80,000 acres of tropical rainforest daily, and significantly degrading another 80,000 acres every day on top of that. Along with this loss and degradation, we are losing some 135 plant, animal, and insect species every day — or some 50,000 species a year — as the forests fall" (www.scientificamerican.com/article/earthtalks-daily-destruction). This is horrifying — we are losing these species before we even know they exist!

But, on the other hand, much still remains, even within populated areas, and if we could stop this destruction right now, much would be accomplished. A good example of this is Central Park, a green oasis in the middle of one of the most densely populated areas in the world, but one of the most important birding areas on the entire east coast!

The second part of his suggestion is not far-fetched either. In fact, in many places we're partially there already. In the New York metropolitan area there is a green corridor that runs through eastern Queens; beginning at Alley Pond Park, you can travel through green spaces all the way through Flushing Meadows (www.nycgovparks.org/parks/kissena-corridor-park). There are also corridors connecting significant park spaces in Nassau and Suffolk [see the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference's Web site for details (www.ligreenbelt.org; click on "Map/Trail Information")]. These parks with their interconnecting corridors function as reservoirs of biodiversity.

So — Dr. Wilson's idea is not only not radical, but work toward his objective has already begun.

Dr. Wilson's principal research interest is on the life histories of ants, and his work has added enormously to our understanding of their biology and social behavior. In fact, Dr. Wilson invented the term "sociobiology" as a general term to describe the biological bases of some kinds of social behaviors.

On a personal note, some years ago I attended a lecture at the New York Botanical Garden where Dr. Wilson spoke, and, by chance, found myself in the hallway with him. I did something I had never done before; I went up to him and said "Dr. Wilson: I feel like a groupie, but I wonder if you could sign my program." He thought that was pretty funny, and we had a short but very pleasant conversation. The program he signed (with a little ant that he drew next to his name) is, needless to say, one of my most prized possessions.

We have Dr. Wilson to thank (once again) for identifying an urgent ecological problem and for suggesting a practical, achievable strategic plan for rectifying it. Here at the local level, let's work together to preserve the remaining open spaces in Nassau County and to connect them with "green corridors."

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TACKAPAUSHA HOLIDAY PARTY

Marilyn Hamelz

South Shore Audubon's Holiday Party for Children, an annual event at the Tackapausha Museum, includes a live animal show, nature crafts, refreshments, and the opportunity to view the museum's exhibits.

Many thanks to all the SSAS volunteers — Betty Borowsky, Gail and Jim Brown, Helen Buckley, Larry Gumbs, Sheila Kiefer, Rich Kopsco, and Pearl Weinstein — who helped make the December event a success.

The party and all the other wonderful events at Tackapausha would not be possible without Isabel Fernandes and Dennis Fleury, who lead the staff and volunteers there. We will be honoring them at our Annual Dinner on June 15 with the presentation of the Elliott Kutner Conservation award.

SSAS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Michael Sperling

In accordance with our bylaws, any member in good standing may suggest candidates for officers and directors for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, who will be elected during our meeting in May. This is my third year as Nominating Committee chairperson; if you have suggestions (including yourself), please contact me at mssperling@optonline.net or 221-3921 (evenings), or contact committee members Marilyn Hametz or Jim Brown (see back page).

JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE UPDATE

Editor's intro: A February 19 press release from Gateway National Recreation Area is below. The 45-acre freshwater West Pond (created by Robert Moses in the 1950s before Congress established Gateway) was filled with brackish water when Hurricane Sandy created a 60-foot gap through the trail that looped around it. SSAS, which for decades frequently visited Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on Sunday morning bird walks, has been among the organizations advocating for the restoration of the pond.

Superintendent Jennifer Nersesian announced today the next step toward completing the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge West Pond Trail Breach Repair: a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative has been signed by the NPS (National Park Service) Northeast Regional Director and is now available online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=44691.

The NPS has selected Alternative B: Repair the Breach and Improve Habitat Conditions, the NPS Preferred Alternative, for implementation, which includes repairing the embankment at the breach and installing a water control structure and a groundwater well. The FONSI explains why this action will have no significant effects on the human environment, based on the analysis in the environmental assessment (EA) as well as the comments received from the public and agencies during the public review period, which concluded November 6, 2015. One small design refinement to the planned breach repair was made since the issuance of the EA and is described in the FONSI, but the impacts to the environment will be the same or fewer than those described in the EA. An updated version of the EA with very minor changes, including a more descriptive title and the design refinement, is also available online at the address above; these changes are itemized in the errata attached to the FONSI.

The purpose of the project is to plan for environmentally sensitive and resilient conditions along the West Pond loop trail that support a diversity of Jamaica Bay habitats, wildlife, and enhanced visitor experiences. Repairing the primary breach in West Pond and installing a freshwater source through a groundwater well will allow the NPS to return West Pond to more freshwater conditions and provide a diversity of habitats for wildlife, unusual in an urban area.

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BROOKSIDE PRESERVE SPRING CLEANUP

On **Sunday, April 17**, starting at 1 P.M., SSAS will have its spring cleanup at Brookside Preserve, rain or shine. Brookside is a 20-acre freshwater wetland, woodland,



and upland area owned by Nassau County that was rescued from oblivion and is managed by SSAS. PDF files of the trail guide and freshwater wetland guide for children that we published can be downloaded from ssaudubon.org.

The Preserve is located on the Freeport–Baldwin border, along Milburn Creek; park at the main entrance on Brookside Avenue just north of Sunrise Highway (turn north at the traffic light that's just east of Freeport High School). Please bring gloves, rakes, or clippers if possible, and friends of all ages.

OUR SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK

On **Saturday, May 7**, SSAS is planning to be in Central Park for our annual (weather permitting) early May bird walk. As usual, Chris Cooper (who was featured in HBO's 2012 documentary, "Birders: The Central Park Effect," and traces his birding roots to SSAS) has volunteered to lead us through the twisting, hilly maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park.

In previous years, we've recorded from 31 to 70-plus species in under three hours. Last year we had just 37 species, 11 of which were warblers: Black-throated Green, Yellow, Prairie, Black-and-white, Magnolia, Pine, Palm, Yellow-rumped, Northern Parula, American Redstart, and Ovenbird. The non-warblers included Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Goldfinch, Warbling Vireo, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Hermit Thrush, Chipping Sparrow, Chimney Swift, Great Egret, and Northern Flicker.

The cost of the walk is \$5, which is a tax-deductible 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 (jdelprete47@optonline.net, phone 433-0739).

A group of us will be aboard the local Babylon line train that is due in Penn Station at 8:12; you can look for Joanne on the platform in Massapequa, due to board there at 7:12. We aim to depart from Penn's LIRR waiting room at 8:30 to meet Chris at Belvedere Castle at around 9:15. Please buy a MetroCard for the subway. You can bring lunch, buy lunch in the park or elsewhere, or head back home after the walk if you prefer. Joanne's cell (476-3761) will be on that day only. Join us!

Staircase Alert: Our usual route to Belvedere Castle includes a 30-step climb from the 79th Street Transverse.

THOUGHTS, NEWS, AND REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR CONSERVATION CHAIR Nature Is Healthy for You!

Jim Brown

A recent issue of the *National Geographic* magazine (January 2016) highlights the importance of parks in the United States. Noting that 2016 marks the centennial year of the creation of the National Park Service during the Woodrow Wilson administration, the well-known, iconic magazine will this year be focusing on U.S. National Parks and parks around the world. The magazine has given the phrase "The Power of Parks" to its planned series of relevant articles that will appear in the coming months.

I found one of the initial park-related articles in the January issue especially interesting. Entitled "This is Your Brain on Nature" (by Florence Williams, photographs by Lucas Foglia), the piece explores the positive effects of nature on the human brain and human psychology. Numerous studies from around the world, including Finland, Japan, Holland, England, Sweden, Korea, and the United States, demonstrate the calming, healing, and restorative effects of nature on humans. Modern life seems to require periods of what is termed "directed attention," which can, over time, create "mental fatigue, loss of effectiveness, and stress." Fortunately, getting out into nature (walking in a park for example), by emphasizing what has been termed "involuntary attention," can eliminate fatigue and stress, thereby improving mental health. Struggling through Midtown Manhattan at rush hour is very different from a quiet stroll through the woods!

It is reported that experiencing nature can increase creativity by up to 50% and that forest walks can decrease



a particular stress hormone by up to 16%. People who live near green spaces tend to have lower incidences of anxiety, depression, heart disease, diabetes, and other ailments. Even virtual nature is helpful; if one is exposed to pictures and photographs of nature, there is a notable calming effect,

measurable in positive changes in brain chemistry.

Unfortunately, the attendance at U.S. parks, and at parks in other places in the world, is declining. In general, people are not involving themselves with the outdoors, with nature, as in years past. It is reported that Americans spend less time outdoors than in their vehicles! Children do not play outdoors as children did years ago. All of this has a cost in physical and mental health, as we avoid nature to engage in indoor technologies and amusements. Our South Shore Audubon Society's Vice President, Paul Stessel, often advises people: "More Green, Less Screen!" That solid recommendation underscores a crucial necessity in today's stressful, technological world: It's important for us to get out and experience nature, and to develop

the love of the outdoors in future generations. Not only is it important from the standpoint of conservation — experiencing and learning what has to be conserved and saved on this planet — it is also necessary and good for human health!

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*** WELCOME NEW MEMBER5 社术

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 Memorial 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:

BOOKS FOR BIRDERS

R. U. Abyrdar II with Sy Schiff

It's almost summer (spring, if you want to get specific), so I thought we'd review a good "coffee (shade-grown) table" book: *Good Birders Don't Wear White: 50 Tips from North America's Top Birders*, with a foreword by Pete Dunne and edited by Lisa White.

Most of us will know, or remember reading something by, the authors. Some of the writers of these short pieces are college professors, authors, photographers, or tour leaders. In common, they all bird and commit their observations to print.

One of the 50 pieces was used for the book's title. This short anecdote, "Good Birders Don't Wear White," is followed by a piece that says exactly the opposite. So there is certainly a wide variety of opinions in these short articles. The beauty of this book, and why we called it a coffee-table book, is that you can pick it up and start reading anywhere and find something of interest. This is a book to browse through, not one to read from beginning to end in a single sitting. The subject matter

jumps around so much — when to bird, where to bird, what to bird, etc. These topics are bound to be covered in any one of these 50 pleasing vignettes. But, remember, it's *not* for reading all at once!

These authors are from all over the continent and are not local birders. So, even though most names are well known nationally, you're not likely to run into them on a bird walk. An exception just might be Arthur Morris, formerly of New York City, who occasionally gives photography workshops locally. He writes about the transition from film to digital (this book is circa 2007), and how this transformation is going to become the way of the future. He offers this: "In inclement weather, put your camera in a plastic bag." Sy has tried this and he swears it works! (Editor's interruption: Arthur credits SSAS's late field trip leader, Elliott Kutner, for inspiring his interest in birds during our Sunday morning walks. He was a frequent guest speaker for us from the 1980s to the mid 1990s, and made his most recent appearance eight years ago.)

Throughout this book there are "tips" on proper birding behavior, conservation, birding in different weather, pelagic trips, and bird blinds. Some of these are anecdotal, some are advice, and some are just descriptive. At the conclusion of each essay, there is a brief biography of its author. So, you learn more about each author, in turn.

This is a book to pick up, read for short periods of time, and put down at your leisure. So, to conclude, in these 50 light and fun original essays, the biggest names in birding dispense advice to birders at all levels. Whether satirizing bird snobs or relating the traditions and taboos of the birding culture, each essay is as chock-full of helpful information as it is entertaining. "It's a good book for stop-lights!" Read it ... and ENJOY!!!

🖋 BIRD WALKS 🦋

Joe Landesbero

All walks start at **9 a.m.**; no walk if it rains or snows. Call me at 467-9498 in case of questionable conditions or for other info. Directions and lists of what we've seen are at ssaudubon.org.

Mar. 27	Happy Easter — No Walk	
Apr. 3	Alley Pond Park (76th Ave. parking lot)	
Apr. 10	Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve	
Apr. 17	Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside	
Apr. 24	Hempstead Lake State Park (Southern	
	State Parkway Exit 18 south, Field #3)	
May 1	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)	
May 8	Happy Mother's Day — No Walk	

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SPRING BIRD MIGRATION (Sat., Apr. 16, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.). Meet at the Jamaica Bay Refuge for a slide program and hike around the gardens and ponds. Learn about the mystery of bird migration and look for warblers, thrushes, ibis and other recent arrivals. Leader: Don Riepe. With Gateway NRA and NYC Audubon. Contact Don for reservations. Free.

INTERNATIONAL BIRD MIGRATION DAY (Sat., May 14, times TBA). Meet at Jamaica Bay Refuge for a series of walks and talks about bird migration in NYC. Leader: Don Riepe. For more info, call the refuge at (718) 318-4340.

CELEBRATE BEACH PLUM BLOSSOM AT PLUMB BEACH ROUND HOUSE (Sun. May 15, 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.). Enjoy the profusion of Beach Plum blossoms while learning about the ever-changing Plumb Beach with naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen. Learn about heroic plans to halt the most severe ongoing beach erosion in our area. Binoculars & magnifying glass will be helpful. Contact Mickey at bmcohen2@gmail.com.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET ECOLOGY CRUISE (Sat., May 21, 5 to 8 P.M.). Join us aboard the 100-ft "Golden Sunshine" for a 3-hour narrated cruise into the backwater marshes of Jamaica Bay. Learn about the history, ecology, and wildlife of this 13,000-acre preserve. Cost: \$55. Contact Don to reserve.

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.

BLACK SKIMMER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Editor's intro: Our newsletter's name came from one of our area's most interesting birds to watch, the Black Skimmer. According to *The State of the Birds 2014* (see www. stateofthebirds.org), the species is "significantly declining." It's listed as "climate endangered" in the *Audubon Birds and Climate Change Report* (see climate.audubon. org): "Strictly coastal species like the Black Skimmer are

risk-takers. Coastal storms can wipe out large chunks of any particular region's population, and the direct and indirect effects of human activity have been largely negative. Audubon's climate model introduces additional challenges for this striking and already

beleaguered denizen of barrier beaches and back bays. Climatically suitable areas are forecast to decline by nearly two-thirds in winter. Add to that the specter of rising sea levels, and the Black Skimmer's best hope may be a range shift inland — a possible outcome according to the model."

The Black Skimmer isn't on the federal endangered and threatened species lists, but it's listed as "endangered" in New Jersey and "of special concern" in New York. Here's an announcement that's been waiting for space in the *Skimmer*. The birds themselves will be arriving here soon.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today [May 12, 2015] issued the final Black Skimmer Conservation Management Plan that outlines actions to maintain a self-sustaining population for this New York State species of special concern. The Black Skimmer is a migratory colonial bird species that arrives in the spring to nest along New York's coast throughout the summer and fall. This plan will guide DEC's efforts in Black Skimmer (Rynchops niger) management while providing municipalities, landowners, colony site managers, and the general public with recommendations on how to sustainably manage the birds.

"The Black Skimmer Conservation Management Plan provides a common-sense approach that aims to find a balance between the ecological needs of the Black Skimmer and the societal needs of New York's residents and visitors," said [former] DEC Commissioner Joe Martens.

The plan describes Black Skimmer natural history, identifies the threats that influence successful breeding, and proposes appropriate management actions to ensure a sustainable population for generations to come. This can be ensured by maintaining a five-year annual mean minimum number of 10 colonies and a five-year annual mean minimum population of 550 breeding pairs.

Management, monitoring, research, and outreach tasks are provided to help counteract many of the negative factors influencing skimmer breeding productivity in the state.

Management Actions

- ► Enhance existing habitat;
- ► Restore historical nesting areas;
- ► Place wrack (dead vegetation) in both natural and artificial ways;
- ▶ Place sand and dredge spoil to counteract beach erosion and marsh island subsidence;
- ► Maintain the integrity of vegetative communities along coastal beaches and salt marsh islands;
- ► Employ visual and auditory methods to attract skimmers to enhanced or restored areas; and
- ▶ Provide best management practices for local managers to implement on a site specific basis.

Monitoring Actions

► Establish more accurate survey methods using remote sensing technology.

Research Actions

- ► Conduct a banding survey to assess how skimmers move throughout the NY/NJ Bight;
- ► Examine contaminants and toxins in skimmer forage species;
- ► Understand the distribution and abundance of forage species; and
- ► Establish a pilot project to assess the viability of creating rooftop habitat.

Outreach Actions

- ► Inform both residents and visitors how their actions can aid managers; and
 - ▶ Promote stewardship though volunteer activities.

DEC accepted comments on the *Draft Black Skimmer Conservation Management Plan* from July 16 through September 2, 2014. A downloadable version of the *Black Skimmer Conservation Management Plan* can be found on DEC's website [at www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/blskmgt2015.pdf].

SSAS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Betsy Gulotta



Thanks to the much-appreciated support of longtime member Evelyn Bishop, South Shore Audubon Society is again offering the \$750 Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarship this spring for two college juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are continuing their studies to-

ward a degree in an area of biological or environmental science, such as wildlife management, forestry, animal behavior, ecology, marine biology, oceanography, mammalogy, or ornithology. Our annual college scholarship program began in 1994 and was named in memory of Jerry two years later. For information, call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841 or send e-mail to betsy.gulotta@ncc.edu. Applications are due by **April 30**.



South Shore Audubon Society's 45th Annual Dinner Wednesday, June 15, 2016

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Pompei Ristorante 401 Hempstead Avenue West Hempstead, NY 11552 (516) 485-8620 Cocktail Hour 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM

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Mail your dinner registration and check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, to South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520.

Directions: Southern State Parkway to exit 17N, north on Hempstead Ave. for 1.2 miles.			
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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.

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