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# **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: ONLINE

SPEAKER: Mike Andersen

TOPIC: Towards a Stable Taxonomy

of the Birds of the World



# **NEXT MEETING AFTER NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: ONLINE
SPEAKER: Don Riepe

TOPIC: Jamaica Bay: History, Management,

and Wildlife

Advances in DNA sequencing have improved our understanding of the evolutionary relationships of birds. In this talk, Mike Andersen will discuss what is happening in this exciting area of research called systematics. He will explain why changes to the order and names of birds occur by linking scientific discovery to taxonomic reclassification. He will give an overview of the birds of the world by focusing on key clades, including the so called "magnificent seven." The overarching goal of this talk is to encourage you to see taxonomy as an exciting window into the evolutionary biology of birds.

Mike Andersen is Assistant Professor of Biology and Curator of Genomic Resources in the Museum of Southwestern Biology at the University of New Mexico. He is a lifelong birder, having grown up on Long Island, NY where he started birding. He graduated from Cornell University in 2004 and worked in the Macaulay Library at the Lab of Ornithology before moving to the University of Kansas, where he received his PhD in 2013. He is a systematic ornithologist and he studies the diversity and biogeography of birds on islands in the South Pacific.

See our website or Facebook for Zoom Meeting links.

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 to preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

Don has been photographing and working with birds, plants, management issues, and wildlife around Jamaica Bay for over 40 years. This show contains a variety of wildlife in an urban setting and how we have been creatively managing for them. Over 340 species of birds, 108 species of finfish, 70 species of butterflies, and 600 species of moths have been found in the bay either as breeding, migrating through, overwintering, or accidentally spending time in the area. His talk will include a long-standing raptor management marsh restoration project, terrapin research, marine debris removal, and unique photos of birds and wildlife living within the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens in NYC.

Don Riepe retired in 2003 from the National Park Service, where he worked as a naturalist, ranger, and manager of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in NYC. Currently, he is employed as Jamaica Bay Guardian and Director of the Northeast Chapter for the American Littoral Society. Don has written many articles on natural history subjects and his photographs have been published in many journals including Scientific American, National Wildlife, Audubon, Defenders, Underwater Naturalist, Parade, and The New York Times. He has an MS in Natural Resources Management from the University of New Hampshire and has taught a course in Wildlife Management at St. John's University. A long time member of the Port Authority's Bird Hazard Task Force, he also serves on the advisory board of NYC Audubon and is co-chair of the Jamaica Bay Task Force. He has no spare time.

# IN MEMORIAM: SY SCHIFF

# I Remember Sy -- a Wonderful Guy!

Paul Stessel

SSAS has lost an important member of our birding family! On January 14th Sy Schiff left us! What a bitter pill to take! But, we must remember the important memories that will be with us, forever. He was our oldest "active" member and many of us have fond memories of birding with him. I got to know Sy long before I moved to the South Shore and joined SSAS. I got to know Sy when we would bird in Joe Giunta's birding class at Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

He was a wonderful and knowledgeable birder who was always willing to share his knowledge and wisdom about all things "birds." He was always willing to share this wisdom with whomever was within earshot! When on a bird walk, I always tried to stay by his side so that I could learn from him. Oh, the stories he told!

Once, on a bird walk at Jamaica Bay, we were walking through the gardens on the West Pond side and we came to a grove of willow oaks and he immediately told the story of being there for the dedication of this grove. You just had to stop and listen!

Sy loved the hobby of birding and the wonder of birds. He was an avid student of ornithology and a gifted birder and he passed his wisdom on to all who would listen. He wanted all of us to become better birders. His love of all things about birding was passed on to all who listened with a passion that was electric and intense.

I can remember a bird walk at Riis Park with our birding class, and as we were walking on the Mall, I mentioned the poet who had just given the poem at someone's inauguration. I mentioned how I liked the poem. To which Sy casually said to me, "If it doesn't rhyme, it's NOT a poem, it's prose!" We had a passionate discussion about his remark. I couldn't help remembering that moment when I recently listened to Amanda Gorman's own poem at Joe Biden's swearing-in ceremony. What memories! He will be missed by so many of us!

Before I forget, if you've ever birded Hempstead Lake State Park, you know what a wonderful experience it can be, but did you know that it was Sy who did the Birding Atlas that got the Park its IBA (Important Bird Area) designation from the State? Well, he did both the songbirds as well as the waterfowl at the Park. He was always involved! Enough already! I could go on forever! He will be missed!!



# Remembering Sy

Michael Farina

Many know of Sy's birding adventures and expertise, but few are aware of his artistic interest in drawing, pastels, and woodcarving. In between his weekly birding visits and stories of how proud he was about his grandchildren, we would walk then eventually ride around the Marine Nature Study Area. He would start his visit by sharing a pastel he was working on in his art class. His number one interest was showing me his woodwork. From a relief on a plank, a figure carving, or a human head, he would always carry it with pride before showing me with a big grin. I would always have a separate pile of smaller logs, from my pruning, set aside for his inspection. Sy would examine each one with that discerning grin, looking for just the right piece. In 2011, I put his carving skills to the test when I asked him to create a Striped Bass for our hanging fish display. He researched, measured, sketched, created a template, and created our Striped Bass that I have currently hanging in the office. Anytime he was in the office and someone would come in for a question or comment, he would always take the time to introduce them to his handiwork hanging above them.

### **BOOKS FOR BIRDERS**

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Editor's note: Sy shared his wisdom with us not only in the field, but also in print for many years. We mourn the loss of a friend and teacher who educated, encouraged, and inspired so many of us.

Here is his final book review.

# The Hidden Meaning of Birds: A Spiritual Field Guide by Arin Murphy-Hiscock

Sy Schiff

If you're a birder and into astrology and/or spiritualism, this book is for you. Birds as such are covered as a general entity. Sometimes a genus is mentioned, sometimes a few allied birds, and sometimes a single species. Each entry lists the name, scientific name, popular and common variants, geographic distribution, environment, physical description, and interesting facts.

Finally, a section on each species that no bird book has: "Myths, folklore and cultural associations" and "Omens and divinatory meaning." Myths come from many sources. Sometimes they are the same from all places and eras and sometimes they differ. Much of this comes from folklore of both cultural and indigenous sources.

For starters, I skipped directly to the topic of Raven to get a feel for the book. If anything is spooky this has to be it. There, the tales differ depending where the information comes from. For the Raven, tales come from the Bible, Swedish folklore, German mythology, Native Americans, and British legend. Not all show the bird in a bad light. Ignoring everything else, this section in each bird description is the most interesting. A great deal of work has gone into exploring the literature and assessing it. If your interested in myths about individual birds, this is the place to go. Lots of detail and it covers many of the bird families.

The section on omens, etc. moves into areas that are into the realm of hidden meanings. A bird flying across your path means "whatever." This part on the birds in the book is like a more definitive reading of the day's astrology column. Not my thing, but some of it can be interesting. Not a book for everyone.

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Sponsored by SSAS, two \$1000 scholarships are offered to college juniors or seniors or graduate students earning a degree in the areas of biological or environmental science. To receive an application, contact Professor Gulotta at Betsy.Gulotta@ncc.edu or download one from http://www.ssaudubon.org/ bishop-scholarship. Applications are due by April 30, 2021.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Any member in good standing may suggest candidates for officers and directors for the 2021-2022 term, which will start in June 2021. If you are interested in helping to lead SSAS, please contact Nominating Committee members Betty Borowsky (764-3596), Gail Brown (608-1446), or Wendy Murbach (546-6303).

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# **COME JOIN US** IN THE TACKAPAUSHA GARDEN

Louise DeCesare

As Spring approaches, a new season begins at the Tackapausha Museum native plant garden in Seaford. We look forward to seeing the dedicated SSAS volunteers who have helped improve and maintain the garden, and welcome all new comers. Please join us in this effort to help build bird-friendly communities.



When the weather is ready, we will be there on the first Saturday of the month in the morning and the third Tuesday in the late afternoon. Since Covid will still be with us, we will follow public health guidelines to keep our gardening a safe

social activity. We ask that you bring your own tools and supplies. Those who volunteered last year will receive an email with starting date details. Newcomers can find up-to-date information on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/SSAudubon. If you would like to participate or would like additional information, please contact Louise at Lmdecesare128@ gmail.com or 917-548-6974.

To learn more about the native plants in the Tackapausha garden and how to grow them, there is a printed guide in the museum. This information will also be posted on the SSAS website. You can watch our video, Native Plant Garden at Tackapausha Museum, at http://www.ssaudubon.org/video. For information on plants indigenous to your local area and the birds they benefit, visit the National Audubon Native Plants Database at https://www.audubon.org/native-plants.

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# MICHAEL SPERLING MEMORIAL

SSAS created the Michael Sperling Bird Sanctuary by converting a Nassau County Stormwater Basin into a living tribute of native plants and wildlife habitat to honor our treasured President, Michael Sperling, who passed on February 5, 2020. We thank those who have generously contributed to his Memorial Fund. If you would like to make a donation to help us with the Sanctuary and similar projects, please make out your check to South Shore Audubon Society, and write Michael Sperling Memorial Fund on the memo line. Mail your check to P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your donation is fully tax deductible.

To learn more about Mike and the Sanctuary, and to see photos, videos, and a complete plant list, visit https://smpilconsulting.com/the-michael-sperling-memorial-bird-sanctuary/. The webpage will be updated to include a short film about the Sanctuary, information about Sanctuary events, and spring photos.

# CREATE YOUR OWN BACKYARD BIRD SANCTUARY (AND HELP SSAS)

SSAS is delighted to announce an exciting partnership with the up-and-coming restoration contractor and design firm Spadefoot Design and Construction, LLC. Spadefoot helped us create the Michael Sperling Bird Sanctuary and we are now offering to restore bird habitat in your own backyard! Imagine birding while sipping your morning coffee in the comfort of your own home. Spadefoot Design and Construction will generously work free of cost for any of our supporters who donate \$200 or more to SSAS during the first four months of 2021. Included in this gift are an individualized design consultation, a visual rendering, and a plant list to create your at-home bird sanctuary. Further, your contribution will be earmarked for future restoration projects and maintenance of the Michael Sperling Bird Sanctuary. Visit https://www.spadefootny.com or call (516) 225-8545.



# **THANK YOU**

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# SCOBE SQUAWKS The Big Birds

Frank Scoblete

I will admit that songbirds can be lovely, quick-flighted, and spectacularly colorful, but I have to tell the truth: I love the big birds -- the predators, the raptors. There is something truly wonderful watching an eagle or hawk eye its prey and then descend from the clouds at lightning speed to nail his or her breakfast, lunch, or dinner at that very moment.

As we were being driven up a Norwegian mountain, my wife, the Beautiful AP, and I saw a Golden Eagle

soar high above us. He wasn't flapping his wings; he was being driven by an airshaft. His speed was impressive.

His descent was awesome. We couldn't see what animal he was hunting because the valley below was so deep, but I am guessing he enjoyed his meal.



Now many readers are aware that the latest theory of bird evolution traces birds back to the dinosaurs. That's correct, that little Blue Jay in your backyard eating the food you've laid out for him could be a direct evolutionary offshoot of the Tyrannosaurus Rex; after all, Blue Jays have been known to sever other birds' heads! They take no prisoners.

The largest flying birds on our planet at the moment belong to the Albatross family. Their wing span can reach 12 feet. That's impressive. The best eagles can reach is somewhere between six to seven feet. Still quite impressive.

Still these modern birds cannot match the prehistoric pterosaurs. These flying beasts had wing spans at times over 34 feet. These aerial brutes could weigh up

to 500 pounds! Think of the power required to launch and maneuver 500 pounds.

The pterosaur could descend from the skies and eat animals that weighed close to 100 pounds. That correct, an entire class of grade schoolers would be in trouble if these monsters still existed today.

Both cadaverous and full-figured fashion models gliding down runways would be easy pickings for these monsters.

In my mind's eye, I see the pterosaurs hurtling to earth like a comic book antagonist that Stan Lee created. These brutes would thud, crash, boom onto terrified victims, until a superhero could save the day.

There is one little wrinkle in the pterosaur family, one fact I must now disclose -- winged as they were, they were not birds! Thus, our modern birds have no evolutionary relationship to them. They were more like bats than birds and scientists believe they were wiped out in the great meteor disaster some 66 million years ago.

But I do like to look at pictures of them, the great giants of the past. And perhaps one day, they will show up in a comic book.

Visit Frank's website at www.frankscoblete.com. His books are available from smile.amazon.com (where you can support SSAS), Barnes and Noble, Kindle, eBooks, and at bookstores.

# **COYOTES IN OUR MIDST**

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SSAS joined 33 organizations in signing on to the following letter, written by the Long Island Coyote Study Group. The colonization of LI by coyotes is imminent, with implications for bird feeders. Rodents, especially squirrels, are attracted to bird seed, and they are a coyote's natural prey. Coyotes will also eat bird seed, fruit, and compost for an easy meal.

Dear County Executive Bellone and County Executive Curran:

We, the undersigned biologists, ecologists, naturalists, and conservation advocates, write to alert you to the colonization of Long Island by the Eastern Coyote (Canis latrans) and to urge you and your administrations to engage in helping Long Islanders prepare to peacefully coexist with a top predator in our midst.

Coyotes historically existed only in the western and central United States. However, the persecution of other major predators in the east, including wolves and bears, left empty niches that coyotes have been slowly filling over the past century. They've now expanded their range to include the entire continental United States, with the exception of Long Island, which is the last major landmass they haven't fully colonized. But

the process is underway, and experts expect they'll be found across all parts of Long Island within a decade.

Coyotes have been moving onto Long Island (primarily northern Queens) for more than a decade as they've sought to expand from well-established territories in the Bronx and Westchester. However, we write to you now because 2020 was a significant year in this process. For the first time, we are confident that multiple pairs of coyotes have successfully established territories on Long Island and are breeding. We expect 2020 will mark the point coyotes gained a solid foothold on the island and the colonization commenced in earnest.

Trying to prevent or slow the process is almost certainly futile. Over the past half century, no effort across the country to stop the expansion of coyotes or remove them has been successful. Whether we like the idea or not, communities across Long Island will be increasingly living with coyotes in the coming years.

The good news is that across the country, coyotes have demonstrated that they can coexist alongside humans, even in urban and suburban settings. They generally keep to themselves and stay out of the way. They also rely on a diversity of natural foods, including rodents, birds, insects, and plants.

However, conflicts can and do arise, including attacks on pets and people. Studies have shown that these unwanted incidents almost always occur when coyotes acclimate to humans. Which brings us to our primary message: The burden is on us to take the necessary common-sense steps to minimize conflicts.

These steps include securing food sources like garbage and pet food, avoiding feeding animals outdoors, carefully watching children, keeping small pets close at hand or on a leash, and loudly scaring off any coyotes that venture too close. (The



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides a detailed list of guidelines for avoiding coyote conflicts.) Coyotes have a natural aversion to humans; it's up to us to keep it that way.

We urge you and other leaders to take a proactive role in educating Long Islanders about living with coyotes. It is imperative that this message reach people before coyotes arrive and conflicts arise. We pledge our support in assisting in this outreach effort – please let us know how we can help.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the following:

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Russell Burke, Professor of Biology, Hofstra University - Russell.L.Burke@hofstra.edu, (516) 463-5521

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For more information about NYSDEC's coyote guidelines please contact Leslie Lupo, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Wildlife at (631) 444-0310.

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SSAS MEMBER ALERT:
NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

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All SSAS-only members will renew their membership in September. National Audubon Society members will need to check their renewal date and renew directly through NAS.

# **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 to our next online meeting from 7:30–9:00 P.M., normally 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.

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:

Babylon	Luke Merz
Baldwin	Elizabeth Dean, Mireille Mesias
Bellmore	Robert Yodice
Cedarhurst	David Millner
East Meadow	Robert Lipper
East Rockaway	Rosemary Gross, Valerie Waxmar
Elmont	Hilda Ballero

Farmingdale	Alan Anderson, Emily Goldman,
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# NEW YORKERS FOR CLEAN WATER AND JOBS

Editor's note: SSAS joined New Yorkers for Clean Water and Jobs, a coalition of more than 176 New York organizations calling on state and federal leaders to support environmental funding that will protect and restore clean water, clean air, and other natural resources necessary for the health, safety, and prosperity of all New Yorkers. Here is an excerpt from the coalition's press release on Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal.

New Yorkers for Clean Water and Jobs' coalition commends Governor Cuomo for his continued commitment to critical environmental programs in the 2022 Executive Budget. The Executive Budget includes funding for environmental programs that support jobs, conserve natural resources, update New York's water infrastructure, and expand State Parks.

The Executive Budget proposal includes:

- \$300M for the Environmental Protection Fund
- \$440M for State Parks capital projects over the next four years
  - \$500M for critical water infrastructure projects

across the state

• \$75M for capital projects by New York State Department of EnvironmentalConservation

These investments are critical to New York's economic recovery.

The coalition was also pleased to hear New York State budget director Robert Mujica state that Governor Cuomo remains committed to the \$3 billion Environmental Bond Act, and that through discussions with the Legislature, would determine when to place it on the ballot.

The following statement is from Erin McGrath, Policy Manager for of Audubon New York, a state program of the National Audubon Society.

"Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal will build toward the future by investing in our environment and New York State's birds and people. During the ongoing Covid-19 and climate crises, we need to make smart choices about investing our resources and reinvigorating our economy -- while also taking much-needed steps to restore our environment and improve climate resiliency.

The Environmental Protection Fund and Clean Water Infrastructure Fund have a proven track record of creating positive economic impacts and good-paying jobs while protecting vulnerable wildlife and their habitats. At a time when more and more New Yorkers are going outdoors, it is even more critical that we continue to invest in our natural landscapes. The Parks 100 proposal will also address the growing use of our State Parks, and we are especially excited to work with the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to create the new Empire State Birding Trail. In New York State, 3.8 billion people watch birds and other wildlife and generate approximately \$1.6 billion in ecotourism revenue each year."

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# #BreakFreeFromPlastic

SSAS joined more than 250 organizations, including dozens of members of the #breakfreefromplastic movement to support 13 recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress to include in a stimulus package, infrastructure bill, and/or climate change legislation, in order to address the devastating impacts caused by plastic pollution. Here are excerpts from the coalition's press release.

As the United States builds back from our ongoing health and economic crisis, these systemic reforms would provide equitable protection against the environmental and health damage caused by plastics. By investing a minimum of \$1.3 billion in solutions, the federal government would protect the health of the communities on the frontlines of extraction, plastic production, and incineration (which are also being disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic), stimulate innovation and jobs, and promote public health, cleaner communities, healthy oceans, and a more sustainable economy.

In a new report, 13 priorities to help transform the country's extractive, throwaway culture into a regenerative, inclusive one that is good for our economy and environment were identified:

- 1. \$150 Million for Government Facilities, Educational Institutions, and Public Lands To Shift To Reusable Products
- 2. \$25 Million to Investigate and Pursue Violations of Environmental Laws by the Petrochemical Industry in Environmental Justice Communities
- \$6 Million to Install Water Refill Stations to Replace Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles at National Parks and Across Public Lands
- 4. \$50 Million to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Improve Data Collection and Better Regulate the Plastics Industry
- 5. \$150 Million for Research on the Health Impacts of Plastics
- \$500 Million to the EPA for Recycling Programs and Materials Recovery Facilities for Non-Plastic Recyclables
- 7. \$250 Million for Composting
- 8. \$50 Million to Develop Waste Reduction, Reuse and Refill Systems
- \$1 Million for the Architect of the Capitol to Reduce Single-Use Plastic in the Capitol and Legislative Offices
- 10. \$25 Million for Green Chemistry
- 11. \$50 Million for AmeriCorps
- 12. \$20 Million to the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Stormwater, Trash, and Debris Capture Systems and Green Infrastructure Design 13. \$25 Million for Reducing and Mitigating Plastic in the Ocean

These recommendations address the immense damage caused across the full plastic supply chain: namely, gas extraction, production, manufacturing, distribution, use in consumer products, and disposal, which often takes the form of plastic waste being buried in landfills, dumped in waterways, or burned in incinerators. The policy solutions focus both "upstream" on eliminating the source of plastic production and its negative impacts, and "downstream" on mitigating the impacts in communities, on land, and in our oceans and rivers.

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