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Birdathon 2012



It's that time of year again! **The Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Birdathon and Fundraiser will be held on May 20th.** We invite you to join a HOBAS team, for all or part of the day, to bird locations across Long

Island as we strive to “get” as many species as possible. (Typically, that is over 100!) Whether you can or can't join us on that day PLEASE consider a donation in support of our efforts. A donation of any amount helps your chapter, sustain the important work of environmental education and stewardship. You can visit us at www.hobaudubon.org to see the many ways we go about doing this.

All who donate are eligible to win wonderful prizes, generously provided by local artists and businesses, at our prize drawing held at the June membership meeting on June 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. You do not have to be present to win.

Please join in celebrating the beauty and song of birds this spring by sending in your donation today! **Contact Ginger Mahoney at 516-922-4599 if you have any questions or to join a Birdathon team.** Thank you!

Calling all Birders!

Are you an active Long Island birder? If so, we can use you! Audubon New York's Long Island Bird Conservation Program is looking for volunteers to collect data about migratory shorebirds. We are currently organizing two citizen science projects: a Piping Plover migration survey and a shorebird migration survey. In both spring and fall we are gathering data about Piping Plovers and other migratory shorebirds to better understand how and when shorebirds use Long Island during migration and to assess levels of human disturbance during this critical part of the year.



Our shorebird survey is developed from the International Shorebird Survey, so information gathered through the survey can guide both local and regional efforts. The International Shorebird Survey, designed by the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, was started in 1974 to monitor shorebird populations and guide conservation. These citizen science surveys are an important tool in shorebird conservation, so while you are out birding (or more specifically “shorebirding”) this spring and fall, please fill out a data sheet to document what you see, and you can help ensure that we will enjoy these birds for years to come!

If you are interested in participating and would like a copy of the protocol and data sheets please contact Kerri Dikun at 516-922-3200 ext. 31 or KDikun@audubon.org.

Walk for Conservation



Get your sneakers ready! HOBAS is planning its first annual **Walk/Run for Conservation**. This fundraiser is for everyone and will raise money for conservation efforts such as habitat restoration, wildlife research projects, and other conservation initiatives. You can help with this important effort while participating in a fun event. This event is being scheduled for the fall. Look for details in the next issue of the *Killdeer* and at hobaudubon.org. We will need volunteers on the day of the event to help with registration, hand out water, and act as course marshals. Please contact Stella Miller (516-695-0763 or stella.miller63@yahoo.com) to be part of the team! Help HOBAS as we work to protect and preserve wildlife and habitat on Long Island.

Membership Meetings

7:00 PM Refreshments
7:30 PM Speaker

Wednesday, May 9, 2012:

A Tale of Two Species: The Shorebird-Horseshoe Crab Connection with John Turner

Wednesday, June 13, 2012:

Leopard Conservation in Africa: Where Science, Hunting, and Policy Converge with Luke Hunter, PhD

See page 6 for details.

The mission of the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society is to increase community awareness about the environment and to encourage others to enjoy and protect birds and other wildlife in their natural habitats.



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The Resplendent Quetzal and the Endemic Birds of Guatemala's Central Highlands

Join us on **Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 PM** at the **Cold Spring Harbor Library** to take a journey deep into the cloud forest and learn about the elusive Resplendent Quetzal and its natural history. On the way, we will learn about many other species of birds endemic to the highlands of northern Mesoamerica. We will discover the connection



between the cloud forests and the birds that visit us each year. We'll explore the ecology of the cloud forest and see how the cloud forest works. As we leave the cloud forest we'll see why cloud forest conservation is both a huge challenge as well as a high priority and why a community-based approach to conservation is necessary.

As co-directors of Community Cloud Forest Conservation (CCFC), Rob Cahill and his wife Tara work to protect the cloud forests of Guatemala's central highlands through community development, education, and reforestation. Rob is an enthusiastic birdwatcher. He has connected his passion for birds with his love of languages through the study of Q'eqchi' Maya avian nomenclature and Q'eqchi' ethno-ornithology. CCFC works to protect cloud forests and alleviate poverty through reforestation, environmental education, and eco-tourism in 40 remote, rural Q'eqchi' Maya villages that border the cloud forests of Guatemala's central highlands. CCFC's current projects include: Food Security and Conservation Upper Cahabon Watershed funded by Heifer Project International, Kids and Birds: Environmental Education through Avian Biology funded by US Fish & Wildlife and Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Agroecology and Conservation Work-Study Scholarships funded by individual donors.

For more information about Community Cloud Forest Conservation's many programs and initiatives, visit them at www.cloudforestconservation.org.



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From the President

Stella Miller

Nature and Kids

I have a question for our members of a certain age: do you remember your childhood? Do you remember growing up before the invention of computers, video games, and cell phones? When playing outside was the norm, not the exception? When we were not paranoid about germs, getting dirty or playing by ourselves outside, worried about the creepy stranger lurking around the corner? When you used your own imagination and creativity to come up with games and activities?

I do. I remember the days when I was ushered out the door first thing in the morning, only returning home in time for dinner. I remember the joy I felt spending the day roaming the woods behind my house, splashing in the creek and yes, talking to the animals. Those woods were my playground. There were vines to swing on, a pond to explore, rocks to collect, and trees to climb. I felt a connection to the world around me, as well as a sense of peace knowing that as long as the water still flowed in the creek and the birds still sang in the trees, all was right with the world. Back then, no child wanted to stay inside and in fact, being sent to your room was the ultimate punishment!

Today's children are growing up in a completely different world than you and I did, a world filled with mesmerizing electronic devices. Parents plop their kids in front of the television for hours on end; a convenient and cheap babysitter. Kids are fixated on video games instead of reality. They have cell phones from a young age. They carry these phones with them everywhere, yet they don't actually talk to one another, they text. Instead of basking in the sunlight, they are indoors, endlessly staring at a computer screen. Being sent to one's room is no longer a punishment because that's where all the fun is.

Today's children are so electronically connected that they have become emotionally disconnected from one another and from nature. They don't venture outdoors and engage their senses. They no longer use their imaginations or have to think very hard when it comes to problem solving. Why should they? There is an app for everything!

Because of this lack of outdoor time, children are suffering from what has become known as nature-deficit disorder, the phrase coined by Richard Louv in his groundbreaking book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Children today are not just missing out on the fun we had as kids, their lack of a connection to the outdoors is affecting them in ways that are far more sinister. Childhood obesity is alarmingly on the rise, doubling in the last two decades, while cases of ADHD are increasing in number and the use of antidepressants in pediatric patients has risen sharply.

In addition to these frightening statistics, there are other more positive reasons why you should encourage your child to play outdoors. For example, children who have access to the outdoors are healthier, more focused, and perform better in school. According to a March 2010 survey of nearly 2,000 educators by the National Wildlife Federation, "78 percent feel students who spend regular time in unstructured outdoor play are better able to concentrate, and 75 percent feel students who spend regular time outdoors are more creative and better problem solvers. Studies confirm access to nature in an educational setting has a positive impact on student focus and learning by improving attentiveness, test scores, and performance."

Other studies show that children who play outside have better self-esteem, enhanced brain development, are more creative and curious, and possess a sense of connectedness to the environment and their communities. Children who are not glued to electronic devices every spare minute of the day are better communicators, more poised, and can relate to others on a more compassionate level. The bottom line is that exposure to the outdoors is vital in the development of a healthy, smart, and well-rounded child.

What can we do about nature-deficit disorder? Raising a child really does take a village, and as parents juggle demanding careers with the needs of their children, it is vital that we provide options that will re-connect kids to a world that frankly, is a mystery to them. We need to instill in children that same sense of wonder, freedom, and appreciation for nature that we experienced as children. We need to provide them with opportunities to explore, expand, and engage.

In recognition of the importance of raising a free-range, outdoor kid, in the upcoming year we will be reinvigorating our children's programming with the reinstatement of our Young Naturalists programs as well as the introduction of our Little Naturalists Club. We will also be working closely with the Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids (LINCK), the largest program of The Early Years Institute (www.eyi.org), in order to create nature-based programs that are designed with children's developmental needs in mind. LINCK is a network of environmentalists, nature educators, early childhood educators, and health professionals working together to bring children outdoors.

If you are a parent, there is so much you can do. Bring your child to a park (check out the "Pick-a-Park" link on our homepage). Encourage them to turn off the screen and go outdoors and play. Take your child to an outdoor activity offered by a nature center or environmental organization. Remember your days of staying outside for hours on end and how much fun it was? Why not pass that gift down to your child? For their mental, physical, and emotional health children belong outdoors.

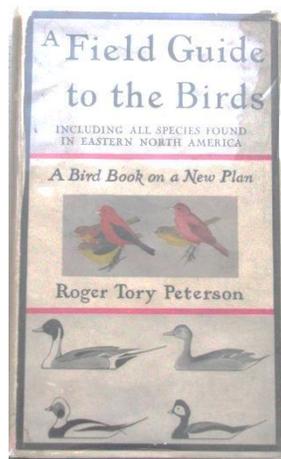
Out on a Limb

Alex McKay

If I were to be found in a field guide, I would be listed among the lesser ornithological bibliophiles. I have been acquiring bird books for many years and now have well over a hundred volumes in my collection. My oldest treasure is an 1869 translation of Jules Michelet's *The Bird*. It suffers from a loose front cover and some staining on the gilt-edged pages, but the text and the 210 illustrations by Giacomelli are in excellent shape. It is a pleasure to look at, leaf through and read a few paragraphs of an almost 150 year-old text. The same could be said of an almost pristine 1874 copy of *Our Own Birds* by William L. Baily with its quaint illustrations, gilded page edges, and heavy Victorian covers.

Among my other goodies are a 1905 printing of Chester Reed's classic *Bird Guide*, the little handbook that introduced an earlier generation to the land birds east of the Rockies. Nearby are a somewhat worn 1906 edition of Frank M. Chapman's *Birds of Eastern North America* and a 1909 original of Mabel Osgood's Wright's *Birdcraft* with "eighty full-page plates by Louis Agassiz Fuertes," another treat to leaf through. On a different shelf with oversized books is a two-volume second edition (1910) of Elon Howard Eaton's *Birds of New York* with illustrations in color by Fuertes.

The treasure of my collection, however, is a 1934 first edition (complete with dust jacket) of Roger Tory Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds*. A recent article in *Birdwatcher* by Pete Dunne, "My First Field Guide," begins with a catalog of some of his birding library which included "three first edition Peterson's (none a first printing)." This set me to wondering if I had a first printing and how one would go about identifying one.



An e-mail to *Birdwatcher* received a vague response, so I set about searching the internet. Finally, on AbeBooks, I learned all I wanted to know. There were four printings or "stages" of the first edition of the guide. The first state has the date 1934 on the title page, tissue guards over the four color plates, a misprint "bop-pumper" (instead of "bog-pumper") in the index, and dirty grey shading on the illustrations for the White Egret and Whistling Swan. A clean first state, first edition copy of the guide listed on AbeBooks for \$3,000. A current listing (not quite clean and no dust jacket) lists for \$2,500.

A second stage first edition has no date on the title page, "bop-pumper" is corrected, but tissue guards and dirty plumaged egret and swan are still present.

Second stage listings can range from \$600 to \$2,000. By the third state, the tissue guards remain, but there is no date on the title page and the egret and swan have been cleaned. Copies can bring \$400 to \$1200. A fourth state copy resembles the third state except the tissue guards on the plates have been omitted. Fourth state copies are priced from \$150 to \$675.

So where do I fit in? With a protected dust jacket, clean egret and swan, corrected "bog-pumper" in the index and tissue guards protecting the color plates, I think I have a very fine third stage first edition of *A Field Guide to the Birds*. A similar third stage with no dust jacket but an inscription in red ink by Peterson lists for \$1,200. I hope I'm in the thousand dollar range for a ten-dollar investment at a decoy show many years ago.

I have another Peterson which was my first and only field guide at the time Roger autographed it for me in red marker pen when he visited Huntington on the wildlife film tour. It is rather ratty and worn as my old working copy, but a treasure nevertheless. Writing this piece has gotten me back to collecting and I've recently added a first edition (1923) of Ludlow Griscom's *Birds of the New York City Region* and a first stage, first edition copy of *A Field Guide to the Birds* - the 1996 Peterson commemorative facsimile edition, complete with smudged egret and swan and "bop-pumper" in the index but no tissue guards.

Millions of later editions of the field guide and its revisions have been sold since 1934. There were only 2,000 copies in the first printing - sold out in one week and Roger had agreed to be paid royalties on just the second thousand. Abe has three for sale, so there are still 1,997 out there somewhere. Check your Petersons and any you might see at book, rummage, and yard sales. Who knows?

Stillwell Woods Grasslands Service Day



Saturday May 19, 1:00 PM. Today we work to rid the grasslands at Stillwell Woods of invasive non-native plants. Bring your garden gloves, loppers, and shears if you have them. After, we will walk the preserve and learn why grasslands are so important on Long Island and what kinds of creatures inhabit them. **Directions:** Jericho Tpke to South Woods Rd in Syosset. Go north about 1.5 miles. As soon as you pass Syosset HS, look right for the entrance to the park. Drive past the ball fields to the end of the parking area near the gate to the trails. **Coordinator:** Stella Miller. Call 516-695-0763 to register.

Protecting Diamondback Terrapins

John L. Turner



Found in many of our bays and harbors, the diamondback terrapin is the only turtle that reliably occurs in the estuaries that

collar our coastline. During the warmer months they can be reliably seen in Oyster Bay, Mt. Sinai Harbor, Great South Bay, the Port Jefferson/Conscience Bay/Setauket Harbor complex, Jamaica Bay, and many more harbors on the North and South Forks. While this view often consists of seeing their head bobbing above the water, you might be lucky to gain a close-up view of a female as she's come ashore to lay her annual clutch of eggs.

The diamondback terrapin gets its name from the pretty diamond-shaped scutes that adorn its shell, typified by a series of concentric angular rings. The scutes are not the only pretty feature on this turtle; the head, neck, and front and back legs are strikingly patterned with a base white color marked with black scrawlings (some that look like a printer gone mad with question marks, commas, and various letters) that impart an attractive pen and ink look (or salt and pepper with those turtles with more dots) to the turtle.

Diamondback terrapins face a number of threats to their survival. Inhabiting estuaries on Long Island means dealing with boats and jet skis, shoreline roads that make egg laying a hazardous exercise, and dealing with pollution of various kinds. A less appreciated hazard for terrapins, but one that perhaps causes the highest mortality, is drowning in fishing gear – crab traps or pots to be precise.

Terrapins are often attracted to the fish bait contained in blue-claw crab pots. Once in a pot the turtle often has difficulty finding its way out (designed that way on purpose to catch crabs!). They can hold their breath for quite a while but if the pot isn't checked for a day or so, and the terrapin can't find its way to escape, it will drown - and apparently many do. The males, typically much smaller than females, more frequently enter pots and thus are more commonly victims of drowning. While the number of drownings hasn't been quantified in New York it's thought that hundreds to thousands of terrapins drown in states where they are more plentiful such as Maryland, New Jersey, and the Carolinas. One estimate, for example, for New Jersey indicated that between 14,000-15,000 terrapins drown annually. For New York, we know from anecdotal reports and a few assessments that terrapins have

drowned in crab pots situated in Jamaica Bay, Accabonac Harbor, Staten Island, and Peconic Bay.

Unlike so many environmental problems which are difficult or expensive to solve, the drowning of terrapins in crab pots has an easy, pain free solution (unless you think that adding about 35 cents to the cost of a \$30 pot constitutes pain!) in the form of Terrapin Excluder Devices (TEDS). These are rectangular openings, typically made of plastic, 1 and 3/4 inch high by 4 and 3/4 inch wide. These dimensions, while not affecting the number of crabs that enter the pot, will prevent approximately 90% of terrapins from entering, including almost all females and most males (diamondback terrapins are highly sexually dimorphic in terms of size and, as mentioned above, the females are much larger than the males; in some cases almost twice as large).

Staff from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Marine Resources will be undertaking a study this summer to assess the effectiveness of TEDS in an effort to gain additional information that will likely be used to advance a regulation requiring these devices on blue-claw crab traps in New York State.

HOBAS strongly supports the adoption of a regulation that mandates the use of TEDS on all commercial crab pots in New York. We will monitor the DEC study upon its completion and urge the agency to take the necessary steps to protect this beautiful and iconic reptile. We will keep you up-to-date as this policy issue advances.



HOBAS Membership Application

For \$20 a year you can be a member of Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society. Your membership will help support conservation efforts, and educational and youth programs. As a member you will receive our newsletter, an open invitation to our monthly guest lectures, field trips, and events, along with special member's only discounts and events.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Membership meetings and most activities of the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society are free to members and nonmembers. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the **Cold Spring Harbor Library** except for the months of July and August. Our refreshments will be set up and ready for you at 6:45 PM so that you will have ample time for socializing, meeting Board members, and perusing the printed materials available. The program starts promptly at 7:30.

Sunday, May 6, 2:00 PM – Program at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. *The Resplendent Quetzal and the Endemic Birds of Guatemala's Central Highlands: Community Based Cloud Forest Conservation among the Q'eqchi' Maya* with Rob Cahill of the Community Cloud Forest Conservation. (See the article on page 2 for more information.)

Special Program!

Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 PM – Membership meeting at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. *A Tale of Two Species: The Shorebird-Horseshoe Crab Connection* with John Turner. The program will explore the ecological relationship, not until recently recognized, between these interesting species and discuss how the fate of some shorebirds is tied to that of the horseshoe crab. John Turner is an adjunct professor of ornithology at the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at SUNY-Stony Brook and is the Assistant Director of the Division of Environmental Protection for the Town of Brookhaven.

Wednesday, May 16, 7:15 PM – Meeting of the Board of Directors at the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 PM – Membership meeting at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. *Leopard Conservation in Africa: Where Science, Hunting, and Policy Converge* with Luke Hunter, PhD. Tonight we will learn about the natural history of leopards, as well as the conservation efforts that are being employed to protect this magnificent big cat. Dr. Hunter is an Australian biologist and is the President of Panthera (www.panthera.org), a New York-based conservation nonprofit he helped to create in 2006, which is dedicated to the range-wide conservation of the world's wild cat species. His sixth and current book, *A Field Guide to Carnivores of the World*, was released in 2011. Dr. Hunter will bring copies of his latest book for sale and signing.

Wednesday, June 20, 7:15 PM – Meeting of the Board of Directors at the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Monday, July 2 – Deadline for August-September-October Killdeer.

Birders' Box

February 25, Croton. Blair Broughton and six others made the short trip to the Croton area and were rewarded with a few great birds. Bald Eagles were the highlight, but numerous Turkey Vultures and Red-tailed Hawks were also seen. Other sightings included Wild Turkeys, Great Cormorants, and Song Sparrows.

March 10, Norman J. Levy Preserve. This walk, led by Peter Martin was one of those rare cold days this winter. Windy and sunny, 6 people participated in the walk. While not particularly birdy, a great time was had by all. Highlights included: Great Egret, Tree Swallow, Red-tailed Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Northern Pintail, and Killdeer.

March 11, Target Rock NWR. Six birders joined Blair Broughton on a beautiful spring day. Many seals were seen basking on the rocks. As far as birds, Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed duck, Brandt, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and Common Grackles were the highlights.

Species seen on 2012 HOBAS trips: 56

Invasive Pulls at Shu Swamp



Join us in helping to restore one of the finest preserves on Long Island. Come to the swamp for this fun and worthwhile effort. Snacks will be provided to the volunteers. Bring garden gloves if you have them; wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting muddy. Call Stella Miller, 516-695-0763, to register.

- **Saturday, May 26, 10:00 AM – Garlic Mustard**
- **Sunday, July 29, 8:30 AM – English Ivy**

Directions: From Route 25A in East Norwich, take Route 106 north to Oyster Bay. Make left on to Lexington Ave then another left on to West Shore Road. At the Mill Pond (on the left), bear to the right as if to go to Bayville. At first traffic light (water will be on your right) make a left onto Cleft Road. Take Cleft Road to Frost Mill Road, make a left. (If you wind up on the causeway going over Beaver Dam, you have gone too far.) Shu Swamp will be on your right after you go under the train trestle.



FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Field trips are free, unless otherwise specified, and open to the public. Newcomers are welcome. Binoculars are advised. Carpooling is possible, gas and tolls are shared. The trip leader is not responsible for arranging carpools, but will provide names of others who are interested in carpooling. Registration is necessary. Call the trip leader by 9:00 PM Thursday for a Saturday trip and by 9:00 PM Friday for a Sunday trip. You may participate if you didn't register, but we will not be able to notify you of any changes or cancellations without your phone number. Call the leader if in doubt about the weather. For the comfort and safety of all participants, there is no smoking on field trips.

Peconic River Paddle

Saturday, May 5, 9:00 AM. We will paddle the scenic six mile section between Connecticut Ave and Grangebél Park in downtown Riverhead. Bring lunch. Optional birding trip at 8:00 AM at the Calverton Grasslands. Canoe and kayak rentals available: \$60 for tandem kayak and \$40 for single. **Leaders:** Mike Bottini and Stella Miller. Call 516-695-0763 for more information and to register.

Directions: Meet at the Connecticut Ave launch site. From L.I. Expressway exit 71, turn left and pass under the LIE, over the Peconic River, turn left onto River Road. Pass the Peconic River Herb Farm and turn left onto Connecticut Ave (unmarked, 2 miles). The parking area and launch site is well-marked on the left (2.3 miles).

Central Park

Sunday, May 6, 8:00 AM. One of the finest spots for warblers and spring migrants in the Metropolitan area. **Leader:** Blair Broughton. Call 516-802-5356 to register.

Directions: Meet at the Boathouse, easily accessed from the pedestrian entrance at Fifth Ave and near 76th Street.

Garret Mountain Reservation

Sunday, May 13, 9:00 AM. This Passaic County park sits atop the First Watchung Mountain just south of Patterson and is outstanding area for spring songbird migration. It also has a pond that attracts waterfowl and an overlook that provides a spectacular view of northeastern NJ. **Leader:** Blair Broughton. Call 516-802-5356 to register.

Directions: From the GWB, take I-80 to exit 56A. Go south on Squirrelwood Dr. for 0.4 mi. and bear right onto Rifle Camp Rd. Go about 0.2 mi. Meet in the parking lot on the left, just past the intersection with Mountain Ave.

Birdathon

Sunday, May 20, 6:45 AM. Special all-day event. Participate for all or part of the day and leave at any time. Begin at the parking lot on 76th Ave of Alley Pond Park, then Forest Park, then Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. **This is a fundraiser for HOBAS. Join us or sponsor a participant.** Contact Ginger Mahoney at 516-922-4599.

Iselin Preserve Nature Walk for Families

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 AM. Join us this morning as we look for flowers, butterflies, and breeding birds. **Leaders:** Jane Jackson of North Shore Land Alliance and Stella Miller. Call 516-640-0061 to register and for directions.

Avalon Park and Preserve

Sunday, June 3, 9:00 AM. We'll look for wildflowers and birds in the park and then proceed to the 76 acres in the Preserve looking for nature's wonders. **Leader:** Blair Broughton. Call 516-802-5356 to register.

Directions: From LIE, take exit 62 (CR 97, Nicolls Road) north until it ends at 25A. Turn left onto 25A and proceed approximately 1.5 miles to Main Street. Immediately before the stoplight, bear right onto Main Street. One block ahead on the left is Harbor Road. The park's boardwalk entrance is on Harbor Road. Parking is available along Main Street, on Harbor Road, and in the village shopping center just past the park on Main Street.

Beach Cleanup at Target Rock NWR

Saturday, June 30, 9:00 AM. Volunteers Needed! We partner with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for a fun morning. Snacks, water, and giveaways will be provided.

Coordinator: Call Stella Miller, 516-695-0763 to register.

Directions: From Main Street (Route 25A) in the village of Huntington, take West Neck Road for 5 miles, continue on Lloyd Neck Road which ends at Target Rock Road, follow Target Rock Road for 0.5 mile, the entrance is on the right. Meet in the parking lot. Parking fee is waived for all volunteers.

Butterfly Discovery at Stillwell for Families

Saturday, July 7, 9:30 AM. We'll search for various butterfly species that utilize this preserve and learn about the remarkable annual journey of the Monarch butterfly.

Leaders: Steve Rosenthal and Stella Miller. Call 516-695-0763 to register. **Directions:** See page 4.

Target Rock Beach Discovery Adventure for Kids

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 AM. Learn about the maritime oak-hickory forest while walking along the 1-mile path to the beach. Once at the beach, we'll learn about the different parts of the beach, the processes that created it, and discover the types of creatures that live there by collecting shells and identifying them. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. All ages are welcome, but the trip is geared toward children ages 6-12 and their parents.

Leader: Call Kelly Simmons at 516-965-1659 to register.

Directions: See above beach cleanup. There is a \$4 parking per car fee unless you have a Migratory Duck stamp, then admission is free.



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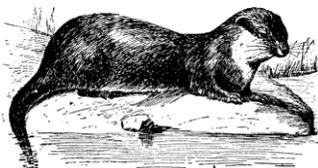
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The Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society Otter Fund



Help us raise funds to help document and protect otters within our chapter territory

Otters are making a comeback on Long island, but unfortunately, they are

already in peril. Just within the last three months, three otters have been killed by cars while crossing the road, including two females of breeding age. In an already small and struggling population, these two deaths are a tremendous loss. HOBAS is working with biologist Mike Bottini to help identify otter "hotspots" and document population trends. We have already funded two surveillance cameras as well as a video cam which have yielded photographs of at least six individual otters. We would like to raise money to purchase additional cameras as well as signage to warn motorists to slow down in these otter crossing zones.

Will you please help by making a donation? Make your checkout to Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon and send it to HOBAS c/o Stella Miller, PO Box 735, Huntington, NY 11743. Please write Otter Fund in the subject line.

Thank you!

Highway Cleanups

HOBAS has been conducting cleanups along Pulaski Road parallel to Wicks Farm for the past two years. Perhaps you have noticed the blue and white signs announcing our stewardship of this stretch of road. **Cleanups are conducted at 7:30 AM and usually take only about an hour and a half.** Meet at the parking lot across from Wicks Farm. The next cleanup days are:



- **Saturday, June 16**
- **Saturday, July 7**
- **Saturday, August 4**
- **Sunday, September 30**

If you want to be part of this fun group, contact Simone DaRos at 516-987-7136. You can make a difference by creating a cleaner environment while getting a sense of community by being part of a nation-wide program.