### The Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Newsletter

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Photo: Sharon Brody

#### Spotlight: Red-breasted Merganser

Everyone knows what a duck looks like. But do you know thirty different ducks? Remarkably, our chapter is home to nearly that many species most winters! All our ducks are tied to different wetland habitats and habits. Mallards and Gadwall prefer freshwater, where they tip over at the surface—or dabble- for food just below them. The scoters have big parrotlike beaks for cracking open shellfish. Mergansers have long, thin beaks with little serrations that give them a toothy grin. They are not real teeth, but they can really grip a wriggling fish. Maybe even more impressive is that mergansers swim underwater using only their feet. Let's see you try that. Either way, watch for Red-breasted Mergansers diving along the saltwater beaches this winter.

### CALL TO ACTION

There are always opportunities to help our chapter! If you are interested in volunteering on a committee, help with our website, or to be considered for our board of directors, please email the editor at:

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#### **OTTER SUCCESS**

By Brendan Fogarty

River Otters, Lontra canadensis, have experienced many of the same hardships as other animals, including deteriorated water quality and habitat fragmentation. In addition, they have also been long hunted for their pelts. Long Island had few otters left in 1800, and a hundred years later one would be challenged to find an otter anywhere in all but the most remote mountain wildernesses of New York State. Thankfully, the heightened conservation interest of the era, including that from the good and outraged people of the brand new Audubon Society, put pressure on lawmakers to give animals, including otters, a needed hand. In 1936, the first ever moratorium on otter hunting in New York became law, and the otter joined the ranks of egrets and other species that finally had a reprieve from centuries of unchecked hunting.

Through the 20th Century, otters began to repatriate a significant amount of their range, following the Hudson River headwaters in the Adirondacks down all the way to the Lower Hudson Valley. In the mid 1990s, some otters were relocated to the western end of the state to fill out gaps in their original range. Despite rebounding populations as far south as coastal Connecticut, Long Island still had no confirmed permanent otter population. Other studies had shown otters are unlikely to cross more than a couple miles of water, which limited natural otter vagrancy to origins near New York City and the highly-populated Tri-State coastline of Westchester and southwest Connecticut. However the secretive and submarine nature of otters meant that their population was only confirmed to be elusive, not zero. The last major population survey effort was in the 60's. There were too many loose ends. We had to get answers.

In 2008, a study identified over a hundred otter latrines (places where otters spend time on the shore and leave signature traces of their waste) along the North Shore of Long Island.

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A pair of River Otters photographed in the Nissequogue River near Smithtown. Photo: Joe Kelly

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Bay Audubon is to protect wildlife
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Brendan Fogarty

I hope everyone has been enjoying the extended Spring and mostly pleasant Summer! Many organizations take a brief summer hiatus (we do not meet in July as a board), but there seems to be no shortage of things to do. In this issue we explore some of the hidden gems of our world, secretive otters and molting birds having collective bad hair days. We have a wonderful selection of speakers for the remainder of the year, and personalized field trips with our very experienced naturalist leaders. It is easy to miss the beginning of fall migration, and our field trips will help navigate the many intracacies. I have already spent a few evenings at our North Shores beaches and heard Yellow Warblers giving flight calls as the sun set. Yellow Warblers are one of our first songbirds to depart, some as early as July! The birds get excited in the evening with the anticipation of their regular overnight migration, a sensation called *zugunruhe*. The world translates roughly to "trip restlessness" in German. They know a massive and dangerous undertaking is coming. When they finally do fly off one evening, they will be joined by thousands of birds of many species, all chirping quietly in the autumn air. We really hope you take advantage of both our indoor and outdoor offerings, and tell everyone to join you, as people have needed to be more involved with their community and their local environment.

Our board has changed a little over the last few months. We are thrilled to welcome Sharon Brody back to the board. She, along with her husband Marc, have served on the board previously and served HOBAS continuously for decades. They have graciously offered some of their precious retirement to continue tending to the many needs of the organization. Our former treasurer, Sean, moved to Canada (fair play Sean, fair play) and we have been thoroughly enjoying the company of Angelo Garcia III, who has wonderful insights at our meetings and has already gone above-and-beyond with reorganizing our finances. Lastly but certainly not least, our own Simone DaRos, who is the longest consecutively-serving member of the board, has relinquished her officer role after taking the huge initiative of leading HOBAS when nobody else would. She will undoubtedly continue to be a huge help to the board, as she always has been. Thank you Simone.

Our board capacity has been increasing, slowly but surely. But as I have said before, if you find it unbelievable that so few can accomplish so much, well, it is, and we really need help. Do you want to be president? That is great. Do you want to provide snacks to our member's meetings, or maintain a simple spreadsheet, or find speakers for our monthly programs, or attend community events? That is great too! You can help your local chapter in many ways. Do not be shy to offer just an hour of your time. That is exactly how we get things done.

Membership is just	\$20 per year. Your	membership directly su	pports HOBAS	' mission to advocate for wildlife and habitat				
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#### THE MAGIC OF MOLTING

By Andy Burke

There is plenty of summer left but breeding season is nearly over. That means pretty soon we are going to start noticing some VERY FUNNY-LOOKING birds! Gorgeous cardinals will look ridiculous with their bald heads and the usually splendid Blue Jays will look like mini dinosaurs as they lose their head feathers. Goldfinches become sort of scruffy...everyone's just a hot mess but in reality, it's an avian makeover!

Like human hair or fingernails, feathers are basically "dead" structures. Over the year, they become worn and damaged and need to be replaced. Like clockwork, the old feathers fall out in a specific sequence and the brand new feathers grow in. This process is known as molting.



A healthy Blue Jay missing a few of its finest blue feathers on its head and neck.

Molting can be a dangerous period for birds if there are not sufficient resources for them to molt properly. Flying may be difficult if not impossible while molting, which makes birds more susceptible to predators, and while feathers are missing, a bird's insulation and protection from poor weather are compromised. If a bird does not get proper nutrition while molting, its feathers may be thinner or poorly formed, creating difficulties that can last for months or years.

You can help ease the dangers of molting by providing a rich, reliable food source for birds to take advantage of, along with safe, secure shelter for birds that become more elusive and shy while molting. If birds trust their habitat to meet their molting needs, they will stay around during this uncertain period, giving birders the opportunity to witness molting firsthand and enjoy ever more intimate knowledge of their favorite feathered friends.

#### **SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS**

By Simone DaRos

It has been a rewarding experience to provide several summer scholarships to underserved youth in our community this summer. Please read below about the wonderful experiences the summer scholarship recipients have been involved in.

HOBAS provided two youngsters with summer scholarships from Oyster Bay Youth and Family Services to attend week long sessions in Summer Sanctuary Adventures (SSA) at Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center in Oyster Bay, NY. The children gain comradery with peers during outdoor interactive environmental education experiences. Native plant garden explorations, pond adventures, shelter building, led by experienced naturalist educators and counselors, is all part of the outdoor fun and meaningful times children experience during their time at SSA.

HOBAS provided two youngsters with summer scholarships to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County's Sea Stars Marine Camp which provides children with a unique opportunity to experience Long Island like never before. At Sea Stars Marine Camp, campers have the opportunity to meet CCE's Marine Scientists, learn first-hand about exciting new topics in the marine world, and explore Long Island's coastal habitats in beautiful Northport, NY! Through interdisciplinary learning where nature and the outdoors become their classroom. Campers form lasting memories while learning to become environmental stewards.

The two CCE scholarships, f rom Huntington Youth Bureau, were applied to the newest session, Conservation Week! This session focused on marine animals that are in need of help and how we can help protect them! Special guests visited the center to discuss rescue missions. Marine debris and pollution is one of the major threats that was also discussed, followed by a beach clean-up...each camper had the opportunity to become a young environmental steward for our waters! Campers also experience guided nature walks through Fuchs Pond Preserve and explored our coastal woodlands and freshwater pond. They also had the opportunity to collect and observe these wonderful creatures as well as enjoy a trip to Northport's local Asharoken Beach where campers will experience seining, beach games and swimming.

Please consider making a donation designated for summer youth scholarships 2019-2020 as we aim to continue our mission in connecting children to nature through meaningful and enriching outdoor experiences.



Least Tern volunteers in action! Photo: Brendan Fogarty

#### SHELTERS FOR BABY LEAST TERNS

By Brendan Fogarty

On Friday July 12th, I volunteered to help out Audubon New York build Least Tern shelters. I am glad I did, for many reasons!

Firstly, one might ask why such a thing might be helpful. Like all our beach-nesting birds, Least Terns lay their eggs in a shallow scrape in the sand just above the high tide line. Shelter is not exactly their top priority. However when the chicks hatch out, they are confined to the hot bare sand until a few weeks have passed and their flight feathers grow in. Chicks will often sit in the vanishingly small shade of a single stem of beachgrass. Many, many chicks do not make it through this most challenging part of their lives. Chicks can easily succumb to the relentless sun, or opportunistic gulls, or cats and foxes at night.

The shelters we built were simple but got the job done: a pair of square-foot treated plywood, nailed together at a right angle along a common side, like the roof of a dollhouse. It took about 30 seconds for a pair of people to make each one! Needless to say, with over a dozen volunteers, we were very efficient! Even better, a number of kids came with their parents and learned a couple of new skills, including tool safety.

Lastly, the event was held on the grounds of the Theodore Roosevelt Audubon Center in Oyster Bay, which is going through an enormous renovation. It is not open yet, but the gardens are looking very inviting!

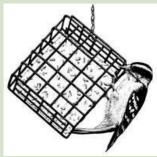
#### THANK YOU FOR THE WELCOME!

By Angelo Garcia III

Thank you for voting me in as Treasurer on June 12, 2019 and I am looking forward to solidifying the financials of Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society. I am eager to move forward and in achieving HOBAS' financial goals in 2019-2020 with fundraising functions and public outreach. Please contact me, Angelo Garcia, III, at the following email: angelo3@futureenv.com, if you have any questions. Many thanks to our membership for your continued support.

### ANNUAL BIRDSEED SALE

It's that time of year again! We are lucky to have our own Andy Burke once again leading the annual sale.



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- 4. Pick your pick-up time for regular pickup on Saturday, October 26th and Sunday October 27th, 10 AM to 5PM. There is also early pickup starting Wednesday the 23rd. Location is **Wild Birds Unlimited** in Syosset, at 625 Jericho Tpk. For GPS, plug in **48 Hidden Ridge Drive, Syosset.**
- **5.** Feed those sweet birds!

#### OTTER SUCCESS continued from cover....

Periodic checking confirmed about two dozens of these to be consistently visited by otters. The most sites with then-current otter evidence were near the Nassau and Suffolk county border—in other words, the heart of HOBAS territory! Cameratraps followed up with evidence of a small family of otters in our area, and at least one other way out east. Additionally, otters were found to be well established on the various islands between the North Fork and Connecticut, such as Fisher's Island, encouraging a theory that eastern Long Island could be receiving island-hopping otters from eastern Connecticut. These results were exciting.

Ten years later and little more had come to light about our otters. Sightings and roadkill specimens appeared at additional sites, so clearly there was more going on that seen on the 2008 surveys. In 2018 more surveys began, this time with all the old supposed and confirmed latrines and many new spots, totaling nearly 200. In January 2019, all the surveys had been completed., and the results were recently published by Mike Bottini of the Long Island Nature Organization: an incredible 77 separate sites, or 45% of all locations surveyed, had otter sign—in twice as many discrete subwatersheds!

The breakdown of the data showed continual use of the 2008 locations, but many more found along the same or new rivers in Suffolk County. In fact, the author notes that all suitable habitat along the North Shore is occupied by otters, in addition to a healthy population around the Peconic Estuary. The South Shore has plenty of suitable habitat, but most of it has yet to be recolonized. The author is hopeful that this will change. Otters do have large home ranges, so this high utilization of habitat does not mean the population is really large, but it is still a good sign. Another good sign is that otters were documented in remote and isolated freshwater areas, meaning they are able to navigate the many roads and suburbanized landscape to recolonize quality habitat. We may imagine such marshy habitat to be abundant on Long Island, but most of our wet habitats are brackish and do not satisfy the otter's specialist needs.

Everyone is excited and encouraged by the study's results, and just as the 2008 study influenced this study, we hope the results will guide further research on our otters so that we can best protect and help them. From our Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society perspective, it is sad to relinquish out title as the River Otter capital of Long Island, but I do not expect anyone is unhappy to see them undergoing a much-needed comeback.

#### NEW YORK CLIMATE PLAN

By Audubon New York

(JULY 18, 2019) – Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo officially signed New York's ambitious Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) into law, setting a nation-leading precedent for the state to achieve the highest reduction of greenhouse gases in the country by 2050. The legislation was championed by Senator Todd Kaminsky and Assemblymember Steve Englebright, who ensured that the Act passed both houses of the Legislature.

"Our changing climate is the number one threat to birds and people. Passing this bill took real leadership—achieving the goals it has set will take even more leadership and determination. Now the hard work begins," said Audubon's President and CEO, David Yarnold. "We look forward to working with Governor Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and the Climate Action Council as we build toward New York's clean energy future."

Climate change is an urgent threat to our local communities and to bird species that depend on New York. More than 300 North American species of birds are predicted to be climate-threatened, including New York's beloved Piping Plover, Wood Thrush, and Snowy Owl. Birds are sensitive to subtle shifts in their environment, and changes in the availability of food, water, and habitat—all of which are influenced by climate—can have a devastating impact on their populations.

"New York has set a bold example for the nation and the rest of the world to follow. We face many of the same climate-related threats as wildlife: Birds and people alike will benefit from quickly eliminating our greenhouse gas emissions and harnessing the power of nature to sequester carbon and restore vulnerable ecosystems," said Ana Paula Tavares, executive director of Audubon New York. "We look forward to aiding in the implementation of this act, and we extend our deepest thanks to Governor Cuomo for signing the CLCPA into law."

In order to hold global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has called on the world to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, which the CLCPA aims to do: It requires New York eliminate 85% of its overall planet-warming emissions by 2050—offsetting or capturing the other 15%. While five other U.S. states have adopted 100% clean-energy targets, New York's calls for the greatest reduction in carbon emissions and is the first to do so across all economic sectors, including transportation, building emissions, manufacturing, agriculture, and others.

A Climate Action Council, which will be chaired by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, will develop a scoping plan to reach net-zero emissions goals in each sector of the economy. The Council will call on experts from the environmental conservation community, impacted industries, the academic community, and beyond to ensure that the plan is robust and inclusive.

### Events: Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

#### FIELD TRIPS

#### REGISTRATION BY PHONE IS REQUIRED.

Please register at least two days ahead of your trip. Membership is not required; experts & newcomers welcome. Don't forget to bring binoculars, proper clothing and shoes, and insect repellant! If you need to borrow binoculars, ask your leader if they have extras.

#### → August 25, Sunday, 8AM

#### Jamaica Bay

Leader: Blair Broughton; Registration: (631) 885-1881 Bring your muck boots as we will walk around the East Pond looking for shorebirds and other interesting migrants. Belt Pkwy to exit 17S, Cross Bay Blvd south, and head south. Look for the traffic light and parking lot entrance on the right side, 1.25 miles south of the bridge. Meet in the parking lot.

#### → September 15, Sunday, 8 AM

#### Blydenburgh County Park

Leader: Coby Klein; Registration: (585) 880-0915

Explore 627 acres of forested hills and valleys at the headwaters of the Nissequogue River. It is one of the least developed and most picturesque spots on LI. Our walk will focus on migrating songbirds. Northern Parkway east and merge onto Route 347/454 E (Veterans' Memorial Highway). Make a U-turn at Ledgewood Drive and enter the park.

#### → September 19, Friday, 6:00 PM

#### Setauket Night-Hawk Migration

Leader: Blair Broughton; Registration: (631) 885-1881 Explore with us this hawk watch spot, right on Long Island's north shore. Perfect after work activity, just make sure you wear comfy shoes and bring bins with you. Take 25A East to Old Town Road and make a left. Continue for half a mile. We will meet at the US Post Office on your right.

#### → October 6, Sunday, 6 AM

#### Buck Moths in Dwarf Pine Plains Preserve

Leader: Coby Klein; Registration: (585) 880-0915

Perhaps Long Island's most unique insect, the buck moth dwells only along the coast in pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, on deep dry sands. We will journey to the Dwarf Pine Plains in Westhampton Beach to find this autumn specialty. Take Exit 63 off the Sunrise Highway and go south 0.2 mile to a parking lot of the Suffolk County Water Authority building. The trail begins at the south side of the lot.

#### → October 29, Sunday, 9 AM

#### Robert Moses Hawk Watch

Leader: Blair Broughton; Registration: (631) 885-1881

The best place to see migrating raptors on Long Island. Great viewing platform, with some of the birds flying by at eye level, always has expert hawk watchers to answer any questions you may have. Exploring the surrounding areas should turn up other migrants as well as possible rarities. Proceed south on Robert Moses Parkway, over the bridge to Robert Moses State Park. From the water tower circle (check for peregrine falcon), proceed east to parking lot #5. We will meet in the NE corner of the parking lot.

#### → November 17, Sunday, 9 AM

#### Sunken Meadow State Park

Leader: Coby Klein; Registration: (585) 880-0915

We will investigate the trails, ponds, and seashore to see what birds are leftover from the fall and which birds have arrived for the winter. Take Sunken Meadow State Pkwy north to end, meet in the northwest corner of field 1.

#### → November 24, Sunday, 9 AM

#### Jones Beach

Leader: Blair Broughton; Registration: (631) 885-1881

Get ready to see winter waterfowl as well as many resident birds. There may be some surprises. Take either Meadowbrook Parkway or Wantagh Parkway to Ocean Parkway. Follow signs for the Coast Guard Station at the West End of Jones Beach. Meet at the parking lot by the restrooms.

### **EVENTS**

#### → October 5, Wednesday, 9 AM — 12 PM

#### Target Rock Beach Cleanup

Please join HOBAS in a collaborative effort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to rid the shoreline of undesirable plastics and debris. Help us remove trash from the Target Rock Beach and help us keep Target Rock NWR the gem that it is! Trash bags, trash pickers and gloves will be provided. Water and light snacks will be available. Dress for outdoor activities. Bathrooms are available on site. No preregistration necessary. Down pour will cancel. Carpooling is encouraged! For more info please call 516-987-7136. Follow W Neck Rd northf rom Huntington onto Lloyd's Neck, past Caumsett State Park to end of road and refuge parking lot.

→ Please check our Facebook and website at **www.hobaudubon.org** for the latest on scheduled and additional events

## Events: Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

#### **PROGRAMS**

- → **ALL PROGRAMS** held at Cold Spring Harbor Library 95 Harbor Rd, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
- → September 9, Wednesday. Light refreshments at 7 PM, speaker at 7:30 PM.

### Attracting Birds To Your Yard-Bird Feeding Mastery Workshop

by Christine Burke

North America is filled with an amazing diversity of feeder birds. From tiny hummingbirds, chickadees, nuthatches and titmice to heftier cardinals, orioles and woodpeckers, we all have the chance to experience the joy of feeding birds and watching their delightful antics wherever we live. This program will explain just how you can do that-through bird feeding mastery!

Christine Burke holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's Degree from Brooklyn Polytech — NYU, both in Chemistry. She has spent most of her life working on green and natural products in the consumer goods sector. In recent years, Christine has discovered her interest in birding. Christine, along with her husband Andy, are the owners of Wild Birds Unlimited of Syosset where she regularly makes presentations and chats with people about our backyard birds and about Back Yard Bird Feeding.

- → October 10, THURSDAY. **Double header!** Fundraiser and light refreshments at 6 PM, speaker at 7:30 PM.
- Photography Fundraiser by Alexa Helburn
- Reflections on a Transparent Problem by John L.
  Turner

Before our regular monthly program, at 6 PM, you are invited to join us to view and enjoy the inspired nature photography of Huntington High School student, Alexa Helburn. Refreshments will be served. There will be refreshments. Original nature photographs will be available as a token of appreciation for your generous donation (cash or check please). Your participation in this fundraiser will be supporting an aspiring new photographer and HOBAS at the same time. Thank you for your support!

**Reflections:** Hundreds of millions of birds, involving several dozen species, die each year in North America from flying into windows. This program will discuss the details of the problem and point out the many solutions that are being developed by conservation organizations, industry, and government to reduce the impact.

John L. Turner currently works part-time for the Town of

Brookhaven's open space and farmland protection program. He also serves on a part-time basis as a Conservation Policy Advocate for the Seatuck Environmental Association working on a variety of wildlife and water quality issues. He has worked extensively with local government, Audubon, and the Nature Conservancy throughout his career, and served as an adjunct professor at SUNY-Stony Brook. John Turner is a cofounder of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society and served on its board for twenty-eight years.

→ November 13, Wednesday. Light refreshments at 7 PM, speaker at 7:30 PM.

THE FEMINIST BIRD CLUB: BIRDING AND INCLUSIVITY by Molly Adams, Akilah Lewis, and Martha Harbison

Join the leadership team of the Feminist Bird Club for a presentation about their formation and ongoing mission to make inclusive birding groups. This lecture will include ways of creating a welcoming space for birders of all backgrounds.

Molly Adams is the President of the Feminist Bird Club. She is also Advocacy and Outreach Manager for NYC Audubon. Akilah Lewis is a Directors for the Feminist Bird Club and also the Media Chairperson for the Queens County Bird Club. Martha Harbison is Vice President of the Feminist Bird Club and Senior Network Content Editor of National Audubon.

 $\rightarrow$  December 14, Wednesday. Light refreshments at 7 PM, speaker at 7:30 PM.

#### I KNOW YOU KNOW THAT I AM NOT TELLING THE TRUTH: AVIAN MIMICRY by Coby Klein

They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and we'll delve into the ways of mockingbirds, lyrebirds, cuckoos, and explore some of the many ways that birds imitate one another - and some inanimate objects.

Coby Klein recently completed his doctoral dissertation at the CUNY Graduate Center. He leads field trips for HOBAS and has served on the board of directors since 2014. In his spare time Coby enjoys photographing insects and watching the Giants find new ways to humiliate themselves every Sunday. He currently teaches ecology at Baruch College.



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#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Just a reminder that the board meets once a month, and meetings are open to all board members! We meet at the Cold Spring Harbor Library, just like for our monthly meetings, except in the round meeting rooms on the main or basement floors. We meet at 7PM on the third Wednesday of the month (exactly a week after the monthly member's meeting). Our remaining meetings before the end of the year are as follows:

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

#### AUDUBON NEW YORK COUNCIL MEETINGS— ADVOCACY IN ACTION

By Brendan Fogarty and Laura McCarthy

The next Audubon Council Meeting will be in the fall, November 1-3 at the Villa Roma in Callicoon, New York, along the extremely scenic Upper Delaware River.

We invite all interested members to apply for a scholarship to attend! It is a great way to become more involved in both Audubon New York and our chapter, and you get a lovely weekend vacation out of it too.

If interested, please email Brendan, the editor, at bnf25@cornell.edu.



#### **BIRDSEED SALE**

Pre-order by OCTOBER 12, 2019
See full details on page 4!



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