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World Class Travelers: Bird Migration on Long Island

**With Shaibel Mitra, PhD
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Long Island is an exceptional place to study bird migration, owing to its diversity of habitats and geographic position. This talk will survey some of the many places on Long Island where migrating birds can be seen, with special attention devoted to shorebirds during spring, pelagic birds from land during summer, and the visible migration of hawks and many other species during fall. Bird migration occurs throughout the year on Long Island, and birders can deepen their appreciation of birds and their insights into avian ecology by looking for seasonal movements at unexpected times and in unexpected places.

Shai Mitra has studied birds in the northeastern United States and around the world for more than thirty years. He received a BA in Biology from Cornell University in 1989 and a PhD in Evolutionary Biology from the University of Chicago in 1996. From 1996-2000 he operated a major bird-banding station at the Fire Island Lighthouse, on the South Shore of Long Island. Currently, he is an Assistant Professor of Biology at the College of Staten Island, with research interests in the areas of avian ecology, evolution, and conservation. Shai is Editor of *The Kingbird*, the quarterly publication of the New York State Ornithological Association; co-compiler of bird records for the New York City and Long Island region; Chair of the Rhode Island Avian Records Committee; and co-compiler of three Christmas Bird Counts on Long Island and Rhode Island.

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