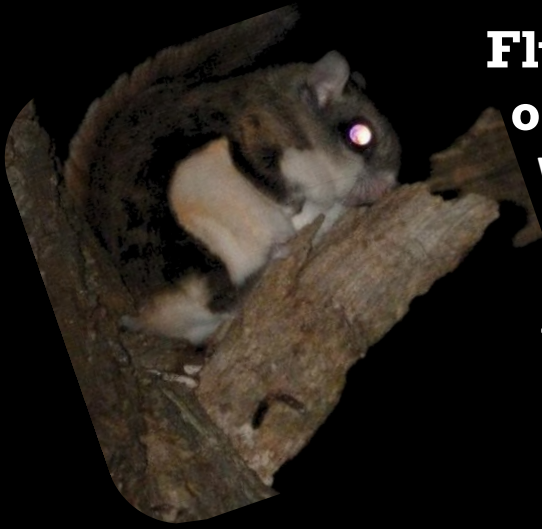


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## Flying Squirrels of Long Island

With Michael Bottini

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Flying squirrels on Long Island? You betcha! Due to this squirrel's strictly nocturnal habits, most Long Islanders are oblivious to this tiny animal's existence, even right in their own backyards (the squirrel pictured above left was photographed in Syosset!). The species found on Long Island is the Southern Flying Squirrel, cousin to the much larger, much better known Eastern Grey Squirrel. With huge eyes (the better to see with) and super long whiskers (the better to navigate with), these diminutive critters don't actually fly, but glide. Join us tonight as Mike discusses the natural history of Long Island's Southern Flying Squirrel and their amazing adaptations.

**Mike Bottini** is a veteran naturalist, outdoor educator, and environmental consultant. After completing graduate studies in wildlife ecology at the University of British Columbia, Mike worked for fourteen years at the Group for the South Fork, a non-profit environmental advocacy organization. He has taught field ecology, environmental science, and natural history courses at St. Lawrence University, Southampton College, and CUNY, has published three books, and is an award-winning columnist. Mike's wildlife research studies have included elk, spotted and tiger salamanders, spotted turtles, piping plovers, and river otters. At St. Lawrence, he designed and taught Winter Field Ecology, and has slept in igloos and snow caves in the mountains of New England, Colorado, Scotland, Labrador and Baffin Island. He continues to introduce people to the outdoors through his field naturalist classes, nature walks, and paddling trips.

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