

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society

February 2018 Program



Where Eagles Dare: Two Centuries of Environmental Change on Long Island

**February 13, 2018 at 7 P.M.
Cold Spring Harbor Library
95 Shore Rd. Cold Spring Harbor**

Long Island, New York was historically home to Bald Eagles and the largest colonies of Ospreys ever described. As human pressures reshaped this region during the 19th and 20th centuries, both raptors fared badly, reaching a nadir under the post-World War II DDT crisis. This talk will focus on the history of Long Island's estuarine communities, the remarkable role that scientists and activists from Long Island played in recognizing and mitigating the DDT crisis, and the resurgence here of these two magnificent species in recent decades.

Our speaker, Shai Mitra, is an Assistant Professor of Biology at the College of Staten Island, with research interests in 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.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.