

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society

May 2018 Program

Trashed Nests, Poisoned Bellies and Entangled Wings: A Bird's Eye View of Plastic Pollution



**May 9, 2018 at 7 P.M.
Cold Spring Harbor Library
95 Shore Rd.
Cold Spring Harbor**

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

Like modern humans, today's birds come in contact with plastic on a near-daily basis: They see it, they build with it, they eat it, they feed it to their young. This is especially true of birds living in the plastic-strewn marine environment, which has resulted in more than 90 percent of the world's seabirds having consumed plastic at some point in their lives. All this plastic has come at an enormous cost to birds' survival on Earth. In this presentation you'll learn more about the threats plastic poses to avian wildlife and what you can do to help.



Our speaker, Erica Cirino is an international science writer, artist and award-winning photographer interested in exploring the human connection to nature – wild creatures in particular — in both her writing and art. One of her major inspirations is her role as a licensed wildlife rehabber. As a writer, Erica covers wildlife and the environment, and specializes in biology, conservation and policy. Her stories have appeared in *Scientific American*, *Audubon*, *The Atlantic*, *National Geographic Voices*, etc.