



The Sandpiper

Great South Bay Audubon Society

A Chapter of National Audubon Society

Birding in Cemeteries A Spirited Endeavor

By Andrea M. DiGregorio

Thoughts of cemeteries may conjure up visions of eerie gravestones, spooky landscapes, or wistful remembrances of the dearly departed. One thought that might not be so readily summoned up regarding the land of the dead is that cemeteries can be great spots for birding. Indeed, some of the most productive areas to find our feathered friends are graveyards, which, in densely populated areas, provide an urban oasis for birds. Migration season is a particularly fruitful time to search burial grounds for that rare bird; cemeteries along the Atlantic Flyway provide some of the few green spaces, similar to the "Central Park Effect", where birds can rest and refuel on their arduous journey. This article will explore some well-regarded cemeteries for birding, including areas in the New York Metropolitan area.

The crown jewel of nearby birding-friendly graveyards is Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, a 478-acre necropolis of rolling hills, exotic trees, shrubs, glacial ponds, and paths. Although visitors to the site are greeted by a cacophony of screeches from the monk parakeets that nest in the soaring Gothic spires at the main entrance, these noisy exotics (escapees originally from South America) are not the only avian inhabitants. The ponds at Green-Wood attract herons, egrets, geese, ducks, sandpipers (Solitary and Spotted), and the occasional bittern. The cemetery's oak-lined pathways draw warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, and orioles. Fruit-bearing shrubbery provides a haven for fall migrants. Late fall bluebirds perch on tombstones, and red-tailed hawks and eastern meadowlarks frequent open, grassy areas. Migration season is a particularly renowned time of year for birding at Green-Wood, and the cemetery offers birding tours, as found on its website at <https://www.green-wood.com/calendar/>. If you need to recuperate from "warbler neck" after an energetic morning of birding, you can explore the final resting places of some of the cemetery's famous permanent residents, such as Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Charles Ebbets, and Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Another haunt of local birders is the Cemetery of the Resurrection in Staten Island, where over 180 species of birds have been seen. The cemetery, as well as its surrounding area, is one of the few places in the outer borough to see Ring-necked Pheasants, which were once common in Staten Island but are now disappearing due to habitat loss. Other elusive birds that have been spotted here are the woodcock and American bittern. The cemetery's ponds are gathering places for ducks such as Hooded Merganser and American Wigeon, and, in the summer, swallows. The best spot for viewing is the southernmost pond

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS and MONTHLY PROGRAMS

All GSBAS Activities are FREE and open to the public. Join us and bring a friend.

General Membership Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, except May, (which is our Annual Dinner), July & August.

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Ravens, in many cultures, have long been considered a bird of death and ill omen because of their diet of carrion, croaking call, and black plumage.

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Great South Bay Audubon Society is to advocate for the conservation of habitats for native birds and other native wildlife on Long Island.

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President's Message by Jody Banaszak

Hello my little birding friends! Hope you survived the heat. The birds didn't seem to mind it. I enjoyed watching the birds in my backyard this summer. I had the pleasure of having two Green Herons, who always announced themselves as they flew in, as did the kingfishers, and two egrets, all vying for a spot to fish. The other day I was thinking that I hadn't seen a goldfinch at my feeder or a great blue heron since the beginning of the summer. Don't you know the next day there was a goldfinch pair at the feeder and a Great Blue Heron fishing!

I've gone to the dumps (landfill) a few times in the past few weeks, and have seen TurkeyVultures, and of course gulls, and families of Canada Geese. The babies are looking like their parents now and walk single file down the roads. I can't figure out why they have their young there, since the only water there are puddles. I pass the recycling plant and always think it would be a good field trip for school children, as well as adults. So I go in to ask. Yes, they give field trips! I was given the name of the person in charge and called. He was a very nice young man who said they are having a problem with China taking our recyclables and have held off with the field trips. Well, don't you know, two days later, there was a segment about it on Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley, explaining the whole problem! I swear I'm psychic! I think it would be a great field trip for high school students, especially the ones who litter Brookside. You know how I feel about plastic bags and litter bugs! Maybe adults should attend too.

We are making headway with our "For the Birds Festival", which is September 8th. Our volunteers are working hard to make this a wonderful event. If anyone else would like to join our volunteers, that would be great too. We will have different tables with information about our chapter, the Migratory Bird Act, photos of birds, birding bingo and other games for kids, face painting, shade-grown coffee, and native plants. Ranger Eric will be there with his animals. We had so much fun with him, as he's quite entertaining! He spoke at our June program, it was the first time I had a HUGE (22' long) snake crawl across my body! I'm hoping a lot of our members will join us that day and even help out.

On August 1, Annette Brownell and I attended a Coastal Chapter Meeting of NY Audubon which was a coastal collaboration between Long Island chapters and Connecticut chapters. Because one of our neighbors on the north shore is Connecticut, they were invited also. The topic, of course, was our coastal work. One of the topics was developing a new strategic plan and seeking input on coastal priorities and ways to work together. Reducing threats by monitoring and stewarding nesting birds, advocating for beneficial policies and land management, and educating and engaging people to protect coastal birds and their habitats were other topics. We were asked what our chapter does for the coast and environment, what is the top threat to coastal birds, and what issues do we need to work on? In the past, our chapter has done coastal cleanups on Fire Island. We've participated in the Be A Good Egg Project this summer, and maintain regular volunteers at the Robert Moses Hawk Watch. It was amazing to hear what other chapters do and how involved they get.

That's all for now. Happy birding!



Calling All Birds by Harry Anderson

A Red-tailed Hawk recently took up residence atop the Washington National Cathedral. It was there for so long, someone thought that giving it a name was appropriate. So what was chosen? "Millennial Falcon." It didn't take long to be pointed out that a hawk was not a falcon. The bird, as it turned out, was named for the Star Wars spaceship. Odd, but the un-ornithological name still stuck. The hawk was oblivious to it all, as any self-respecting bird would be.

So, what is in a bird's name? The Northern Cardinal has no ecclesiastical duties and it is rumored that the Evening Grosbeak has been seen in the daytime. Goatsuckers would not recognize a goat if they saw one, and Hummingbirds cannot carry a tune. Gnatcatchers also thrive on spiders, weevils, and caterpillars, and Mute Swans do have a voice. Waxwings have no wax, and Canvasback Ducks are not made of plain woven, sturdy fabric. Trumpeter Swans don't even come close to any instrument's blare. Oystercatchers also enjoy clams and mussels, and Tree Swallows seem to enjoy large parking lots and flying along the beach.

The first detail you notice about a Red-bellied Woodpecker is its red cap, not its hard-to-see reddish lower belly. But there already is an aptly named Red-headed Woodpecker. Baltimore Orioles can be spotted in Akron, Ohio, or Wheeling, West Virginia, and East Islip. And the Virginia Rail does appear as it wishes in Maine or Michigan.

However, the Ring-necked Pheasant actually has a white neck ring, Bluebirds are really blue, and the Painted Bunting, if you ever lucky enough see one, looks like something right out of a child's coloring book. The Kingfisher, by the way, has the good fortune of having a Queen.

Great South Bay Audubon Society

General Membership Meetings and Programs

All General Membership Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month (except for May, July and August). Join us at 7:00 pm for pre-program refreshments and casual conversation. Our bird experts will be on hand to field your questions, discuss equipment and share their favorite birding spots.

LOCATION FOR MEETINGS: Seatuck Environmental Association located at the Scully Estate, 550 South Bay Avenue, Islip NY 11751. **Directions:** Sunrise Highway (Rte. 27) to Exit 45 (Rte. 111/Islip/Smithtown), Follow signs to Rte. 111 South toward Islip. Rte. 111 ends at Main St. (Rte. 27A). Turn right onto Main St. (Rte. 27A). Turn left at first traffic light onto South Bay Ave. The entrance to the Environmental Center is almost exactly one mile south of Main St. on the right.

Louise Titus Memorial Tuesday Walks

Tuesday Sept 04, 9:30 am, Connetquot SPP Meet in the parking lot near booth. May require entrance fee of \$8.

Tuesday, Sept 11, 9:30 am, Shinnecock & Dune Rd Sunrise Hwy. East to Exit 65 South to Montauk Highway. Go east and follow signs to Ocean Beaches. Cross Ponquogue Bridge and turn left at the traffic light. Go to end of road to parking lot at inlet. We meet at the ocean overlook parking area south of the road.

Tuesday, Sept 18, 9:30 am, Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area & Jones Beach Southern State Pkwy. to Meadowbrook Pkwy. South to Merrick Road (27A). Go west on Merrick Road a short distance and turn left on Mill Rd. and bear left (on Main St.). Turn right on Atlantic Ave. to Waukena Ave., Left to Park Avenue to Golf Drive, make right (follow brown signs from Atlantic Ave. to Oceanside Marine NSA)

Tuesday Sept 25, 9:30 am, Suffolk County Farm, 350 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank Take Sunrise Highway to exit 57N, Horseblock Rd. Bear right onto County Road 21, Yaphank Ave. Travel approximately one mile to the Cornell Cooperative Extension on left. Turn left onto the entrance road. Take your first right, continue down and meet at the visitors parking area on your left.

Tuesday Oct 02, 9:30 am, Massapequa Preserve Take Southern State Pkwy. to Exit 30 (Broadway south) to Pittsburgh Ave., go left 2 blocks to Parkside Blvd. Park on street, and walk into the park.

Tuesday Oct 9, 9:30 am, Robert Moses SP Meet in Field 5 at the northeast corner.

Tuesday Oct 16, 9:30 am, Avalon Rte. 25A to Village of Stonybrook at Carriage Museum, 25A turns right--do not turn right, but proceed straight ahead on Main St. to Harbor Rd and park in legal spots by Grist Mill.

Tuesday Oct 23, 9:30 am, Jones Beach West End Meet in the parking lot at the Marina near the Coast Guard Station.

Tuesday Oct 30, 9:30 am, Blydenburg CP Entrance on Veterans Highway just west of the Route 347 merge. Use Blydenburgh entrance not Greengate Park entrance. Meet in the parking lot at the boat ramp area.

Tuesday Nov 6, 9:30 am, Sunken Meadow SP Meet in the main parking lot in front of the main pavilion near the traffic circle.

Weekend Nature Walks

Saturday Sept. 15, 8:00 am, Connetquot River SPP Breakfast & Birding Leaders: Edith & Bob Wilson, Helga Merryman, Ken Thompson, Jack Carlson Continental breakfast hosted by Friends of Connetquot. Reservations required - call Connetquot River Park Preserve at 581-1072 to register. Registration fee \$4. plus \$8 parking fee per car - unless you have yearly Empire pass.

Saturday Sept. 22, 8:00 am, Robert Moses Hawk Watch & Jones Beach West End Leaders: John Gluth (631-827-0120) Ken Thompson (631-612-8028) Meet at Robert Moses State Park parking field #5, northeast corner. May require parking fee.

Saturday October 20, 8:30 am, Caumsett SP Leaders: John Gluth (631-827-0120) Ken Thompson (631-612-8028) Northern State to exit 42N (Route 35). 35 to 25A. 25A west to West Neck Road (right turn). West Neck/Lloyd Harbor Rd. into Lloyd Neck. Entrance to park on left. Meet in parking lot.

Saturday November 10, 8:30, Suffolk County Farm Leaders: John Gluth (631-827-0120) Vera Capogna (516-639-5430) 350 Yaphank Avenue Yaphank NY. Take Sunrise Highway to exit 57N, Horseblock Rd. Bear right onto County Road 21, Yaphank Ave. Travel approximately one mile to the Cornell Cooperative Extension on left. Turn left onto the entrance road. Take your first right and follow down and meet at the visitors parking area on your left.

Sunday November 18, 9:00 am, Morton NWR Leaders: Bob Grover (516-318-8536) Ken Thompson (631-612-8028) Sunrise Highway east past Shinnecock Canal. Look for a North Sea Road Noyack sign and bear left on CR52. Stay on CR52 and then turn left at light onto CR38. After 1.4 miles on CR38, turn right onto Noyack Road; after 5 miles turn left onto refuge.,

Young Naturalists Club

Sunday, October 7, 1:15pm, Brookside County Park

The Young Naturalists Club focuses on learning about nature and stewardship of a natural area. Outdoor activities include crafting nature boxes and pinecone feeders, nature scavenger hunts, hiking the trails, gardening, and maintaining bird-feeding stations. Indoor activities include examining birds' nests and feather displays and special presentations. For details on upcoming activities, please email info@gsbas.org or call 631-581-1731, or visit our website: www.gsbas.org.

Registration is not required, but recommended. Program is free, but donations or joining GSBAS is encouraged.

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Now is the Time

Time is a strange thing. Time is our true friend as, indeed, without it, we are not. Yet, time is our true enemy, as it marches forward and stops for no man. We all know this, but when we learn of the passing of someone of great influence, we wonder if there will be another to take their place. This past month the conservation world lost two great men that are worth mention. They are names you may not have even heard of.

The first is Lincoln Brower. Dr. Brower spent more than six decades of his life dedicated to the monarch butterfly. He spent a great deal of time in Mexico studying their migratory habits, but also charted their sharp decline. Herbicide use, logging and weather events such as the freezing temperatures and torrential rains in Mexico in 2002 caused massive die off. In 2014 he was the only scientist to place his name beside conservation groups to petition the federal government to protect the Monarch under the Endangered Species Act.

The other name is Nathaniel Reed, an extraordinary environmental statesman. He had a career in advocacy that spanned 50 years, including stopping a jetport in the Everglades, ending DDT

use and championing the Endangered Species Act. Reed's love for all things wild began with a boyhood of outdoor adventures and help create a conservation giant with extensive scientific knowledge and a passion for birds. There is more to his story than a short memoir can tell. In 2016 he wrote his autobiography, *Travels on the Green Highway: An Environmentalist's Journey*. In it he wrote "I have seen how things can and should work and I hold faith that we may find such alliances again. We must because we can never, never give up the battle. Too much is at stake."

I think that is the point of this article. We cannot give up and we cannot sit by the side and wait for someone else to come along and take up the cause. We can't all be giants, but we can each do our part, perhaps by getting involved in education programs to pass much needed information and passion onto the youth of this nation, or going to town board meetings to call attention to some of the building or land clearing decisions being made. Perhaps it's habitat restoration in your own backyard. It is good to take pause and consider how each of us can positively affect our environment.

-Annette Brownell

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("perpendicular pond" on eBird). If your spirits are flagging after reconnoitering the graveyard, a visit to the nearby Mount Loretto Unique Area will reinvigorate your soul. Mount Loretto provides more than 200 acres of forest, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal shoreline, and features three hiking trails: Wetlands Trail, Grassland Trail, and Beach Loop. A PDF-downloadable guide for the Wetland Trail can be accessed from <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8291.html>. The guide contains information about bird life, including where to find certain species at the reserve. Bobolink, Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Wood Duck are among the 238 species of birds that have been spotted here. North Mount Loretto State Forest – also nearby the Cemetery of the Resurrection – provides more birding opportunity, particularly during spring and fall migration. Over 160 species of birds have been seen here in the Snag Swamp area.

Closer to home is the St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale. There, kestrels have been spotted, and a kestrel box has been set up to attract a nesting pair. Other raptors that have been observed at the cemetery are Northern Harrier, Peregrine Falcon, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, and Sharp-shinned Hawk. And, as befitting a location with a spooky aura, a raven was seen at St. Charles last year. Nearby, Pinelawn Memorial Park features hundreds of acres of bird-friendly bucolic grounds, and is a place where rarities have been found. During a Christmas bird count, some members of our GSBAS came across American Pipits.

No article on graveyard birding would be complete without mention of Mount Auburn Cemetery in Massachusetts. Like Green-Wood, Mt. Auburn provides a haven of food, water and shelter for many species of urban wildlife. Migrating birds swarm to the 175-acre cemetery for respite. Among the 224 species that have been recorded there are Great horned Owl, Eastern Screech-Owl, Common Nighthawk, and Gray-cheeked Thrush. Bird watching programs are offered during peak seasons, and schedules for those activities can be accessed through the cemetery's website at <https://mountauburn.org/category/wildlife/>.



Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn was founded in 1838 and is now a National Historic Landmark. The cemetery's popularity helped inspire the creation of public parks, including New York City's Central and Prospect Parks.

If one continues to travel up the east coast from Massachusetts during migration season, Evergreen Cemetery in Portland, Maine, is a worthy stop. The cemetery's old-growth pine and oaks, vegetation, ponds, and surrounding wetland provide an urban wildlife sanctuary for migrating birds. Maine Audubon uses the 239-acre, 164-year-old cemetery for field trips, including its annual Warbler Weeks in May. Birds found here include Black-billed Cuckoo, Swainson's Thrush, Wilson's Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, and American and Least Bittern.

When flocking to the cemetery for that hard-to-find bird that you have been pining away to see, certain etiquette should be observed. For example, move away from areas where memorial and funeral services are being held, give grieving visitors their privacy, gather only in small, quiet groups, avoid touching monuments, use paths to avoid trampling natural plantings, and be mindful of cemetery rules.

So, if you are dying to complete your bucket list of life birds, consider exploring a cemetery. It is an experience you will not regret, nevermore.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

Compiled by Helga Merryman
FEEDER SURVEY FALL 2018



There is no lack of bird songs in my backyard; Robins, Mockingbirds, Cardinals, House Finches, etc... but the bubbly song of the male House Wren stands out. During breeding season they can repeat their song 9-10 times a minute; the females may also sing answering their mates. Because their calls (not songs) consist of an assortment of raspy scolding sounds, it's easy to bring them into view by trying various pishing sounds, but don't be surprised if you get a verbal thrashing for your efforts (these little fellows are less than 5" long and always seem ready for an argument).

I hung a new House Wren box in my dogwood tree this spring and the male wren quickly packed it with nesting material (singing constantly). It was probably one in a group of nests he made, in hopes of attracting a mate. Male House Wrens typically defend more than one cavity, and may fill a number of nesting sites in an area with twiggy "fake nests." Only one will be selected and used by the female. Happily they chose the house that I put up and raised a noisy brood, and now I am suspicious that they may have renested. They can lay 3-10 eggs and rebrood during the same season. Wrens prefer a house that has an entry hole dimension of 1 1/8 inches: any larger will allow house sparrows and other less desirable birds to use them. These little slender brown birds also have a sinister side. In the process of taking over a nest site, both sexes may destroy the eggs of nearby cavity nesters; it is a good idea, if you are thinking of placing nest boxes for other species, to place them at least 100' away from wren boxes and in more open habitat that is less attractive to wrens.

Planting a few clumps of parsley rewarded me by having pretty Black Swallowtail caterpillars feeding on it. Now they have eaten their fill and are gone. I haven't found any of their chrysalises yet, but feel good that I supplied food for their larva. I'm hoping to find Monarch eggs or larva feeding on my milkweed patch. Seeing evidence that an insect has been chewing on plants in your garden seems like a strange thing to make a gardener happy, but think of it as a sign that your garden is healthy enough to support life.

The GSBAS Feeder Survey has been run for many years. The reward of the survey is to bring awareness of nature to our doorstep and share our observations with others. Everyone is welcome to join the survey. I look forward to a new season with our past participants and welcome all newcomers.

How Does the Survey Work?

- 1) The counting period is 5 months from November to March. You may choose to participate for only one month, several months or the full period of five months.
- 2) During the first 15 days of each month, keep your feeders filled. Whenever you view your feeders, count the number of each individual bird species you observe. Report the highest number of each individual species seen at any one time, e.g., if you see 10 Cardinals on the 1st, 5 on the 2nd, 3 on the 3rd - report the highest number observed, i.e., 10. These birds can actually be at your feeder or attracted to your yard by the feeding activity.
- 3) Make five (5) copies of the form printed below, use (1) form per month to record the highest number of individuals of any species that you see at one time.
- 4) No later than the 19th of each survey month, mail your completed form to Helga Merryman, 38 South Carll Ave., Babylon, N.Y., 11702. You can also email your sightings and photos to me at eider55owl@optonline.net, please put FEEDER SURVEY in the subject line. I will compile the information and the results will be published in the following issue of *The Sandpiper*.

Survey Data: period from _____ to _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Red-tailed Hawk _____	Northern Flicker _____	Brown Thrasher _____	Brown-headed Cowbird _____
Sharp-shinned Hawk _____	Blue Jay _____	European Starling _____	House Finch _____
Cooper's Hawk _____	American Crow _____	Towhee _____	American Goldfinch _____
Rock Pigeon _____	Black-capped Chickadee _____	Fox Sparrow _____	House Sparrow _____
Mourning Dove _____	Tufted Titmouse _____	Song Sparrow _____	OTHER SPECIES _____
Monk Parakeet _____	Red-breasted Nuthatch _____	White-throated Sparrow _____	_____
Red-bellied Woodpecker _____	White-breasted Nuthatch _____	Dark-eyed Junco _____	_____
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker _____	Carolina Wren _____	Northern Cardinal _____	_____
Downy Woodpecker _____	American Robin _____	Red-winged Blackbird _____	_____
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Directions to Brookside County Park

59 Brook St, Sayville 11782

The park is located on the north side of Brook St., just east of, and diagonally across from Sayville High School. Look for the large white sign that says "Brookside County Park".

From the West and East via Sunrise Hwy: Sunrise Highway to Locust Ave. South, to Montauk Highway. Make a left onto Montauk Highway. Then a quick left onto Brook Street. (traffic light). Continue 2 miles, just past Sayville High School. The entrance to the park is on the left (north side of street). Look for the "Brookside County Park" sign. You may park in the high school parking lot and walk across the street to the park.



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