



The Sandpiper

Great South Bay Audubon Society

A Chapter of National Audubon Society

ECO-FOCUS: Why Are Over 20 National Monuments at Risk?

Habitats for Diverse Bird Species Now Jeopardized

by Gail Marquardt Black

Used by 16 presidents from Theodore Roosevelt to Barack Obama, 157 national monuments have been created under the 1906 Antiquities Act. The Antiquities Act allows a US president to protect cultural, historic, scientific or natural resources existing on public lands in order to preserve them for present and future generations and, significantly, to prevent exploitation of these public lands.

Many recently created national monuments are ecologically important, offering protection to extensive ecosystems which support diverse bird, animal, plant and marine life, as well as safeguarding water resources. Additionally, they play a positive role in climate protection with their vast reserves of fossil fuels, minerals and timber removed from development. Public lands receiving monument status also are no longer open to new oil or gas leasing or new mining claims. These national monument restrictions help control both climatic and environmental degradation.

The current unprecedented review of more than 20 national monuments established after 1995—most over 100,000 acres—has been implemented by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke under an April 26, 2017 presidential order by Donald Trump. Its purpose is to identify monuments that can be reduced in size or eliminated totally. Zinke's full report with policy recommendations for presidential action and/or legislative proposals was due by August 24, 2017. Many questions exist as to the legality of a president reducing or eliminating any national monuments.

The prime factor prompting this controversial review of the currently protected monuments is pressure from vested interests, who want environmental protections lifted from these publicly owned natural resources now out of their reach. This move to exploit public natural resources comes from numerous special interest groups driven by profit—mining, quarry and prospecting companies; logging and timber firms; coal, oil, gas and energy development industries; commercial fishing companies.

Earthjustice, the nation's largest nonprofit environmental law firm, has identified six monuments included in the current presidential review as most at risk for size reduction or complete elimination:

- 1. Bears Ears National Monument, Utah** (estab. 2016): scenic canyons, mesas, and diverse ecology; including varied birdlife; rich in native American cultural and archaeological sites containing tribal artifacts—its uranium, coal, crude oil and natural gas reserves are currently unavailable to industry.
- 2. Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon and California** (estab. 2000/expanded 2017): Bio-diverse area which is a biological pathway for a broad range of bird, animal and plant species thru distinct ecosystems—its extensive forested areas are currently unavailable to logging firms.



Habitat for the rare Spotted Owl is now under threat at Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

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. Pre-program refreshments begin at 7:00. Program begins at 7:30 pm.

New Meeting Location:
Seatuck Environmental Association
at the Scully Estate in Islip
 See page 3 for address and directions

Thursday, September 21

"John James Audubon: His Life and Art"

John James Audubon was an ornithologist, naturalist and painter who spent a good part of his life documenting and painting about half of the 914 species of birds found in North America. His name is synonymous with birds and bird conservation all over the world. Our speaker for the evening, **Jack Finkenberg**, an Audubon Society member for 42 years and retired environmental attorney, will discuss Audubon's travels, the science behind his art, and how he was able to publish his stories and paintings.

Thursday, October 19

"From Plankton to Whales-

Why Our Local Waters Are Worth Protecting"

With endless stories and photos of fish kills, harmful algal blooms, oil spills, and beach closures filling our daily newsfeeds, it appears that our environment is in a horrific state of "Doom and Gloom". Although we do face many environmental challenges, this constant bombardment of negativity creates a lack of enthusiasm among local communities when it comes to protecting our environment. Regain your enthusiasm for protecting our marine environment by learning about some of the fascinating marine life that inhabits the waters of Long Island with **Chris Paparo, AKA "The Fish Guy"**.

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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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is located at Brookside,
59 Brook St. in Sayville.
It can be accessed Wednesday
and Sunday
from 1 to 3pm



Please Note our New
Meeting Location!
See page 3 for details

The Board-Walk by Annette Brownell

As September begins the new year for Great South Bay Audubon Society, there are some changes that are taking place. There has been an ongoing discussion about changing our meeting location. As much as we love the atmosphere at Connetquot State Park and enjoy the relationship we have, both with the NYS Parks Department and the Friends of Connetquot, having our meetings there has presented some challenges. We recognize that holding the meetings at Brookside County Park comes with some challenges also. At this time we are happy to announce that we will be having our meetings at a new location that is easy to get to, comfortable, and has ample parking. This new location will be at Seatuck Environmental Association located at the Scully Estate. See page 4 for more details and page 3 for directions.

There is a real need for people to step up as volunteers in spearheading various events and ongoing activities for our Chapter. Some of the jobs are one shot deals that require coordination for a particular event and others are on a regular basis. A few people on the Board of Directors have been carrying a lot, and the load must be disseminated in order for this Chapter to continue to run on par. See page 3 for descriptions of the volunteer positions that need to be filled.

There are also a number of activities which have been consistently coordinated by volunteers that most people take for granted – like the newsletter, the mailings and the butterfly garden – and of course, the nature walks.

It is our hope that current members will become more active. Without new volunteers for some of these positions, Great South Bay Audubon Society will not be able to be the fine organization that brings environmental education to members and the public, as well as actively participate in the betterment of our natural world.

The Talented and Persistent Squirrel by Harry Anderson

The largest squirrel in the world would empty your bird feeder in five minutes, since this Indian Giant Squirrel is three feet long. It would also take the feeder with it. Not so with the smallest of all 200 squirrel species; from tip of tail to tip of nose it is only five inches.

Our frolicking creature is the Eastern Gray Tree Squirrel. It belongs to the largest order of mammals on earth, 40% of all species. Squirrels date back to the Eocene Period, more than 50 million years ago. That's a long time to be learning about who you are and what you should be doing.

Our agile feeder raider is a rodent. Even though the term itself carries a negative connotation, all it actually means is a gnawing mammal with strong, constantly growing incisors and no canine teeth. The squirrel's name works its way through history from the Greek σκίουρος, skiouros.

You really have to admire an animal that can do things with ease you could never do. Abilities like running 20 miles per hour, jumping 10 times its body length, falling 100 feet and landing unscathed, rotating its ankles 180° so its hind legs can grip tree bark, and walking like an acrobat on wires.

Squirrels do "bark." They also, rasp, chatter and squeak like a mouse. They bury thousands of nuts for the future, using smell and memory of landmarks to find them again. They also bury fake ones to fool others. They do forget where many nuts have been buried, and some actually sprout trees, estimated over the years at millions of them from accidental planting.

In Meridian, Iowa, a pet squirrel attacked a burglar and drove him out of the house. Easier to keep than a Rottweiler.

January 21st is Squirrel Appreciation Day. Maybe we should make it every day, in spite of all the squirrel proofing modes they force us into.

The Wrong-Way Bat That Heads North for the Winter!

It's a mistake to think that all of our fall migrants travel south. A few species move in other directions. The Gray Bat is one such contrarian.

Rather than seek out warmth, the Gray Bat prefers a nice chill for the winter and will leave its comfortable summer cave for one with a temperature closer to freezing. Sometimes that means saying good-bye to balmy Florida and flying to cooler Alabama or Tennessee.

The reason for the strange migration is that the Gray Bat hibernates during the winter, and it can do so effectively only in a chilly cave. Its heart rate plummets from several hundred beats per minute to twenty or thirty, and its body temperature takes a similar nosedive. Stored fat sustains the bat until spring, and when it's thirsty, it simply licks some of moisture off the cave walls or some of the condensation off its fur. (enature.org)

Great South Bay Audubon Society Activities

Please Note
Location Change

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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW 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.

Park in the main parking lot on your left.

Louise Titus Memorial Tuesday Walks

Tuesday Sept 05, 9:30am, Heckscher State Park Meet in the Field 5 parking lot at the west end of the field.

Tuesday Sept 12, 9:30am, 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 on right.

Tuesday Sept 19, 9:30am, Oceanside MNSA & 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 Road and bear left (on Main Street) turn right on Atlantic Avenue to Waukena Ave. left to Park Avenue to Golf Drive (brown signs from Atlantic to Oceanside Marine EC)

Tuesday Sept 26, 9:30 am, Jamaica Bay NWR Southern State Pkwy. to Belt Pkwy. to Exit 17, Cross Bay Blvd. South. Continue south for about 2 miles. Look for entrance of refuge on the right (west) side. There are signs for park entrance.

Tuesday Oct 03, 9:30 am, Massapequa Preserve Southern State Pkwy. to Exit 30 (Broadway south) to Pittsburgh Ave., go left two blocks to Parkside Blvd. Park on street, and walk into the park

Tuesday Oct 10, 9:30 am, Robert Moses SP Meet in Field 5 at the northeast corner

Tuesday Oct 17, 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 24, 9:30 am, Jones Beach West End Meet in the parking lot at the Marina near the Coast Guard Station.

Tuesday Oct 31, 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 7, 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 9, 8:00 am, Jamaica Bay Leaders: John Gluth (631-827-0120), Bob Grover (516-318-8536) Southern State Pkwy to Belt Pkwy to Exit 17, Cross Bay Blvd. South. Continue south for about 2 miles. Look for entrance of refuge on the right (west) side. There are signs for park entrance.

Sunday September 10, 8:00 am, Connetquot River SPP Breakfast & Birding Leaders: Edith & Bob Wilson, Helga Merryman, Ken Thompson. 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 September 23, 8:00 am, Robert Moses Hawk Watch & Jones Beach WE Leaders: Bob Grover: (516-318-8536) John Gluth (631-827-0120) Meet at Robert Moses State Park parking field #5 northeast corner.

Saturday October 21, 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 18, 8:00 am, Wertheim NWR Leaders: John Gluth (631-827-0120) Vera Capogna (516-639-5430) From the intersection of Montauk and William Floyd Highways in Shirley, proceed West on Montauk Highway 7/10 of a mile to traffic light (Smith Road) turn left, go over the railroad tracks and proceed to a right into Wertheim Visitor Center. There are signs both on Montauk Highway and on Smith Road at the turnoff into Wertheim.

Sunday November 19, 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*

Meets first Sunday of the month at 1:15pm, Brookside County Park, 59 Brook St. Sayville

*The Young Naturalists Club will not meet in September

For details on upcoming Young Naturalists Club 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.



Call For Volunteers!

We are looking for some new volunteers to help keep our chapter running efficiently. We are proud to be part of National Audubon Society and help fulfill the mission of this great organization. Our volunteers keep our chapter running efficiently and enable us to fulfill this mission. Listed below are some of the positions that are open:

Brookside Volunteers We have recently welcomed several new Brookside Volunteers who are energetically and eagerly tending to their jobs at Brookside. We appreciate them, and are in need of more. If you can spare two hours a month on either a Wednesday or Sunday afternoon, call Vera Capogna at 516-639-5430 or email: vlvcap@yahoo.com

Brookside Volunteer Coordinator

This entails scheduling volunteers for Sundays and Wednesdays, maintaining a contact list, coordinating the training. Contact Vera

Capogna for more information: email: vlvcap@yahoo.com or call 516-639-5430

Brookside Spring Cleanup Captain

This would entail picking a date, organizing volunteers, reviewing the scope of the cleanup and coordinating refreshments. For more info, email or call: info@gsbas.org, (631) 563-7716

Audubon Good Egg Program Coordinator

"Be a Good Egg" is a program that works to reduce human disturbances to beach-nesting and migratory shorebirds. It protects the Piping Plovers and other vulnerable shorebirds. This job entails coordinating with NY Audubon, getting permits, and organizing volunteers. We will not be able to do this event without a volunteer coordinator. email at info@gsbas.org or call (631) 563-7716

Dinner Chairman (trainee) This is a big undertaking, but fun and rewarding. Trainee(s) will work with Annette Brownell this coming year for a smooth transition into the following year. Contact Annette at 631-665-4405 or email her at nettiesbaskets2@optonline.net
Hospitality Chairperson We need a person to coordinate with members to bring refreshments, set up and cleanup after meetings. Ideally the chairperson would create a team of two or three people to help. For more info, email or call: info@gsbas.org or (631) 563-7716

Membership This entails maintaining membership spreadsheets and printing the labels for mailing (approximately 8/ year). It also involves monthly membership uploads from National Audubon. Julianne Wohler is currently the membership person and will train. You must have a computer for this position. For more info, email or call: info@gsbas.org or (631) 563-7716

*"Don't ever question the value of volunteers.
Noah's Ark was built by volunteers;
The Titanic was built by professionals."*

--Dave Gynn

CHAPTER NEWS

About Our New Meeting Location

We have been working for quite some time on finding a new meeting location. As beautiful as Connetquot State Park is, and we enjoy our relationship with them and the Friends of Connetquot, there were some obstacles. Moving the general meetings to Brookside County Park seemed a good option as it is Great South Bay Audubon's home. We have listened to and considered all the much appreciated feedback, and ultimately had to concede that Brookside is too small. A lot of work was needed to make it an adequate meeting place that would meet our needs.

We will be partnering with Seatuck Environmental Association to hold our monthly meetings there. There is adequate parking, a beautiful historic setting and a bathroom in the same building. The meeting time will remain 7 pm for

coffee and fellowship and 7:30 for the general meeting. We are looking forward to this new location and hope you will join us monthly.

The address of our new meeting location is: 550 South Bay Avenue, Islip, NY 11751. See top of page 3 for directions.

Stop and Shop Fundraiser: Easy Way to Help

Our Cash for Causes fundraiser continues as we add a \$25 gift card, along with the \$50 cards. This is a "risk free, have to eat anyway" fundraiser. We hope that more people will support this activity.

Mail a check made payable to Great South Bay Audubon Society (GSBAS) to Annette Brownell at 1411 Saxon Ave., Bay Shore NY 11706, along with a stamped, self addressed envelope and the cards will be mailed to you.



CONSERVATION TIPS

by Diane

BYOB!

Bring Your Own Bag

Last November, California became the first state to pass a statewide plastic bag ban. The referendum passed 52% in favor to 48% against. The new law bans single use plastic bags in most stores but allows stores to offer paper or thicker plastic for a charge of at least 10¢. Single use plastic bags cost retailers \$4 billion per year and cannot be recycled. Worse yet, they clog recycling machines.

On Jan. 1, Suffolk County retailers will begin to charge 5¢ per bag to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable bags with them.

Every year plastic bags kill thousands of sea turtles who mistake them for their favorite food—jellyfish.

- Diane Ives

Re-sighting on Long Island of a Lesser Black-backed Gull Banded in Florida

By Kenneth Thompson

On 1 July 2017 I was doing my regular run through Heckscher State Park, Suffolk County, New York, when I spotted a banded Lesser Black-backed Gull in Field 7. The bird was marked with a bright green leg band which I photographed. I submitted the information to the USGS North American Bird Banding Program at <https://www.Reportband.gov> and received responses from both the USGS and the bander.

Originally found in distress on a beach in Daytona, Florida, on 8 November 2015, this hatching-year gull had been brought to the Mary Keller Seabird Rehabilitation Sanctuary at the Marine Sci-

ence Center in Ponce FL. It was banded by Jerome Barry and released on 9 December 2015, implying that it was in its third calendar year when I encountered it on 1 July 2017.

According to the USGS, this represents just the second recovery of a Lesser Black-backed Gull banded in the United States. The Science Center has two ongoing projects: assessing the fate of rehabilitated birds and identifying the breeding sites of the Lesser Black-backed Gulls that winter in the United States. The present re-sighting contributes to both projects, although this particular



photo by Ken Thompson

sub-adult individual was unlikely to have attempted breeding this year.

A cup of coffee, a quick ride in the park, and ten minutes to send an e-mail produced a lot of valuable information.

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Have You Seen a Butterfly Lately?

For the past several years there has been a real decline in the sighting of Monarch and Swallowtail butterflies. Studies and articles have been done on the amazing migration of these creatures, their relationship to milkweed and the dangers they face with deforestation and pesticides. Some years I have seen only one or two of these delicate butterflies. But this year I have seen quite a few, sometimes three or four in my yard at once. It is exciting in a way that only a nature lover could understand.

- Annette Brownell

Editors Note: The Monarch population that will migrate to Mexico this autumn is projected to be higher than it has been since 2012 according to Monarch



Watch (www.monarchwatch.org). Several reasons for this increase are: higher numbers of overwintering Monarchs in Mexico last winter, relatively good migrating conditions this past spring and summer, weather that was conducive to survival. Both migrating as well as overwintering numbers are projected

to be significantly greater than in recent years. - At last, some good news!

This photo was taken in my backyard in October 2011. The butterfly bush was swarming with visitors that year. Since then and up until now, however, there were very few. This year has been a different story: I have been seeing many monarchs flitting all around-- a happy sight indeed!
- Vera Capogna

National Monuments at Risk *continued from page 1*

3. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah (estab. 1996): striking desert scenery and huge fossil area for numerous previously unknown types of dinosaurs and other fossil artifacts---its fossil fuel reserves are currently unavailable to coal mining, oil and gas industry.

4. Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Maine (estab. 2016): a portion of Maine's north woods with large forested areas, unspoiled waterways and a rich, diverse wildlife ecosystem---its pristine forests are currently unavailable to logging

and timber industry.

5. Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, Atlantic Ocean off Cape Cod, MA (estab. 2016): deep sea canyon ecosystem with ancient cold water corals; rare Atlantic seamounts with rich marine life that supports sperm and right whales---this marine area is currently unavailable to industrial bottom scouring fishing, as well as oil and gas exploration.

6. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Hawaii (estab.2006/expanded 2010): extensive deep water ancient coral reefs protect-

ing over 7,000 marine species; habitat for threatened green turtle and Hawaiian monk seal; over 20 sea bird species---its diverse sea life is currently unavailable to commercial long line fishing fleets.

Protection of the foregoing and all other threatened national monuments which serve as refuges for a wide range of bird species needs to be maintained: Contact your Congressional representatives to give support. Ultimately, this assault on America's iconic national monuments may only find resolution through litigation in the courts.

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BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

Compiled by Helga Merryman

FALL 2017-SPRING 2018



I'm writing this at the beginning of August, and although it's the midst of summer, the weather has been tolerable.

In the last few days a profusion of butterflies have been drinking nectar from my two white Buddleia (Butterfly) bushes: it's strange that they seem to be attracted to the white bushes while passing up the lavender and magenta ones. Among the numerous Painted Ladies and skippers were a few Monarchs and an occasional Tiger Swallow Tail. Adult butterflies may nectar (drink) from a variety of plants, some even preferring rotted fruit or dung. The caterpillars usually need specific (host) plants that they actually eat, emphasizing how important it is for us to plant milkweed, asters, parsley and other host plants to make up for the loss of habitat contributing to the decline of butterfly populations. There are many good sites on the internet that explain what specific plants are host to specific butterflies.

A House Wren has been calling in the corner of my yard for a few weeks but no evidence of nesting . . . could it be a bachelor looking for a mate?

Twice on a recent day hawks made themselves visible to me. In the morning, a Coopers hawk swooped low over my head, checking out some bird chatter nearby, probably hoping for a meal. Later that evening in my daughter's garden, Mockingbirds and Blue Jays were raising a huge racket, usually a warning of a predator nearby. We spotted a female Sharp-shinned Hawk sitting in the crook of a tree, the song birds finally were successful in chasing her away with their dive bombing and accompanying din. It's a little early for the fall migration to begin, but these signs make us aware that it is right around the corner, which reminds me that the GSBAS Feeder Survey is also ready to begin.

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 largest 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 largest 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 largest 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, NY, 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 _____

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| 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 _____ |
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59 Brook St, Sayville 11782

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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

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