

# Harbor Herons Subcommittee Past Presentations

December 3-4, 2015

The 11th Annual Meeting of the "Harbor Herons and Other Waterbirds of the Greater NY/NJ Working Group" met at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, NY - [Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

Day 1

- Introduction *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon & Harbor Herons Subcommittee* ([PDF](#))
- Welcome to Gateway *George Frame, Natural Resources Management Division, National Park Service*
- NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons 31st Annual Nest Survey *Tod Winston, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- How Many Cormorants Are There? NE Regional Population Surveys of Double-crested Cormorants *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Update from Hackensack Riverkeeper: Yellow-crowned Night-Herons *Hugh Carola, Hackensack Riverkeeper*
- The Latest on North Brother Island and Other Coastal Restorations in the Harbor *Kristy King, PlaNYC Forest Restoration, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Reflections on the State of the Bay and Report from the Task Force *Don Riepe, Littoral Society, Jamaica Bay Guardian, NYC Audubon*
- Plovers, Skimmers, and Oystercatchers at the Breezy Point Co-Op *Data from Steve Sinkevich, USFWS (presented by Susan Elbin)* ([PDF](#))
- Town of Hempstead *Data from John Zarudsky, Town of Hempstead (presented by Susan Elbin)* ([PDF](#))
- Plovers, Terns, and Shorebirds in Gateway (NY and NJ) *George Frame, Natural Resources Management Division, National Park Service* ([PDF](#))
- Plovers, Skimmers, and Terns on the Rockaway Beaches *Susan Stanley, Natural Resources Group, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- American Oystercatcher Breeding Data in Breezy Point, New York, NY, 2011-2015. Notes on Piping Plover/Oystercatcher Interactions *Emilio Tobon, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Audubon NY's Coastal Bird Program and Be a Good Egg. 2015 Update *Amanda Pochamski, Audubon NY* ([PDF](#))
- Jamaica Bay Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Monitoring. 2015 Update *Debra Kriensky, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Updates from NOAA: A Clear and Present Real Estate Threat on Staten Island *Carl Alderson, Marine Resources, NOAA*
- New York State Freshwater Marshbird Monitoring Program *Angelika Beckman, NY State DEC* ([PDF](#))
- Salt Marsh Sparrows *Alison Kocek, SUNY EFS, (presented by Ellen Pehek, Natural Resources Group, NYC Parks and Recreation)* ([PDF](#))
- Drones in NYC *Jason Smith, NY State DEC Region 2* ([PDF](#))
- More on the Jail Birds of Rikers Island *Jeff Kolodinsky, Port Authority of NY and NJ* ([PDF](#))

## Day 2

- Update on HEP Restoration Efforts *Report from Kate Boicourt, Harbor Estuary Program (presented by Susan Elbin)* ([PDF](#))
- High-rise Herring Gulls in Manhattan *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Dispersal, Migration, & Wintering Areas of Juvenile Great Egrets from Ontario *Chip Weseloh, Canadian Wildlife Service (Emeritus)* ([PDF](#))
- Local and Hemispheric Movements of Great Egrets (*Ardea alba*) *Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Progress with the SWAP, 2015 *Jason Smith, NY State DEC Region 2* ([PDF](#))
- Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial in 2016: Events in the New York Area *Scott Johnston, US Fish and Wildlife Service* ([PDF](#))
- Update on the Barnegat Bay Common Terns, 2015 *Brian Palestis, Wagner College* ([PDF](#))
- Semi-precocial development and movement of juvenile common terns from the nest. *Margaret Shaw, Wagner College* ([PDF](#))
- The Latest on Waterbirds of NJ *Joanna Burger and Michael Gochfeld, Rutgers University* ([PDF](#))
- BioBlitz and Monitoring Results at Fresh Kills Park *Cait Field, Freshkills Park, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Climate Change, Wetlands, and Impoundments *Mike Allen, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Black Rail Survey Results *Kristin Mylecraine, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Black Skimmer Conservation Plan and Research Update, 2015 *Jason Smith, NY State DEC Region 2* ([PDF](#))
- Black Skimmer Habitat Suitability Model and foraging *Stephanie Tougas, NY State DEC Region 2* ([PDF](#))

## December 11-12, 2014

The 10th Annual Meeting of the "Harbor Herons and Other Waterbirds of the Greater NY/NJ Working Group" met at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, NY - [Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

## Day 1

- Introduction *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon & co-chair Harbor Herons Subcommittee* ([PDF](#))
- NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons Program 29th Annual Survey *Tod Winston, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Harbor Herons Foraging Survey Updates NJ and NY *Nellie Tsipoura and Susan Elbin, NJ Audubon Society and NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Local and Hemispheric Movements of Great Egrets (*Ardea alba*). *John Brzorad, Lenoir-Rhyne Univ.* ([PDF](#))
- Contaminants in Herons *Joanna Burger, Rutgers University* ([PDF](#))
- Re-sighting characteristics of banded Great Egrets at a breeding colony in Southern Ontario, 2010-2014. (*Susan Elbin presenting for*) *Chip Weseloh, Canadian Wildlife Service* ([PDF](#))
- Plovers and Terns, and the iPlover App *Hanem Abouelezz, National Park Service* ([PDF](#))
- Plovers on the Rockaway Beaches *Susan Stanley and Richard Simon, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Jamaica Bay Shorebird Monitoring. 2014 Update *Debra Krienski, NYC Audubon and Columbia University* ([PDF](#))
- Audubon NY's Coastal Bird Program and Be a Good Egg. 2014 Update *Kerri Dikun, Audubon NY* ([PDF](#))

- American Oystercatcher Breeding Data in Breezy Point, New York, NY, 2011–2013 and Trapping and Banding *Emilio Tobon, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Update on the East and West Ponds at the JBWR. *George Frame, National Park Service* ([PDF](#))
- USFWS Long Island Field Office Update ([PDF](#))

### Day 2

- Opportunities for Research at Fresh Kills *Cait Field, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Great Egret Roosting Dynamics in Suburban New York City *Mike Allen, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Re-establishing a Breeding Colony of Wading Birds on a Small Island in the Narragansett Bay. *Rick Best, Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation* ([PDF](#))
- Regional Assessment and Prioritization of Coastal Impoundments. *Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Double-crested Cormorants Nesting on U-Thant Island *T. James Matthews, New York University* ([PDF](#))
- Habitat Enhancement for Terns on Governors Island *Susan Elbin NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- 2014 Census of Tidal Marsh Sparrows in New York City *Alison R. Kocek/Jonathan B. Cohen, SUNY ESF* ([PDF](#))

### January 14–15, 2013

The "Greater New York/New Jersey Harbor Herons and Waterbirds Working Group Annual Meet" was held on January 14th and 15th at 290 Broadway, 27th floor, New York, NY - [Agenda](#) ([PDF](#))

### Day 1

- Welcome and Introduction *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon and co-chair Harbor Herons Subcommittee* - Opening Slide ([PDF](#))
- HH Working Group Business Meeting *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon*
- NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons Program 27th Annual Survey *Liz Craig, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Cormorant Population in the NY Harbor 2005–2012 *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Colonies in the Meadowlands *Hugh Carola, Hackensack Riverkeeper*
- Piping Plovers Update *Hanem Abouelezz, National Park Service* ([PDF](#))
- Jamaica Bay Shorebird Monitoring. 2012 Update *Susan Elbin presenting for John Rowden, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Harbor Herons at Randall's Island *Vicki O'Neill, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Barnegat Bay Common Terns: A Terrible Year *Brian Palestis, Wagner College* ([PDF](#))
- Harbor Estuary Program Update *Kate Boicourt and Bob Nyman, Harbor Estuary Program* ([PDF](#))
- Be a Good Egg *Kerri Dikun, Audubon NY* ([PDF](#))
- American Oystercatcher Breeding Data in Breezy Point, New York, NY, 2011–2012 ([PDF](#)) and Trapping and Banding at Arverne *Emilio Tobon and Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- Rikers Island (Herring Gulls) *Jeff Kolodzinski, Port Authority of NY and NJ* ([PDF](#))
- Behavior of Nestling Herring Gulls and Contaminants. A Pilot Study *Emilio Tobon, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))  
*Video accompanying Emilio Tobon's presentation "[Behavior of Nestling Herring Gulls and Contaminants](#)" (credit: Emilio Tobon)*
- Terns on Governors Island *Joe Pane, NY State DEC* ([PDF](#))

- Upstate NY Marshbird Monitoring Program *Katherine Yard, NY State DEC* ([PDF](#))
- NY- DEC Species Assessment. Revising the CWCS *Jason Smith, NY State DEC* ([PDF](#))
- Harbor Herons Foraging Survey Updates NJ 2012 *Mike Allen presenting for Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Discussion: Long-term Avian Impacts as a Result of Superstorm Sandy. What needs to be done?
- Do Winter Foraging Decisions Affect Breeding Conditions of Double-Crested Cormorants? *Liz Craig, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))

## Day 2

- Jessica Browning, National Park Service *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon & Harbor Herons Subcommittee*
- Summary from Monday's Discussions *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon, co-chair Harbor Herons subcommittee*
- American Brant Mid-winter Waterfowl Survey *Sandy Chan, NY DEC* ([PDF](#))
- Black Skimmer Conservation Management Plan *Jason Smith, NY DEC* ([PDF](#))
- Resightings of Great Egrets Banded in the NY Harbor *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#))
- New Jersey and New York City Audubon Roost Blitz of 2012 *Mike Allen, NJ Audubon Society* ([PDF](#))
- Behavioural and physical characteristics of Great Egrets and their roosts in Ontario *Chip Weseloh, Canadian Wildlife Service* ([PDF](#))
- Bird Projects at Rocking the Boat. *Chrissy Word, Rocking the Boat* ([PDF](#))
- HEP Grant Update: Prall's Restoration *Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon* ([PDF](#)); Arthur Kill Spill Summary & Condition Report *Mike Feller, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Preliminary Effects of Hurricane Sandy On Near-Coastal Wetland Foraging Areas. *Jennifer Greenfield presenting for Nate McVay, NYC Parks and Recreation, NRG* ([PDF](#))
- Wetland Restoration Projects Update *Katerli Bounds, NYC Parks and Recreation* ([PDF](#))
- Rapid Assessment of Habitat and Wildlife Losses from Hurricane Sandy in the Hudson-Raritan Estuary *Colin Grubel, City University of NY* ([PDF](#))
- Oil Spill Response *Ed Levine, NOAA* ([PDF](#))
- Images in Gateway from Superstorm Sandy *Tony Luscomb, National Park Service*
- Enhancing the value of shorebird migration monitoring. *Nellie Tsipoura presenting for Larry Niles, New Jersey Conserve Wildlife* ([PDF](#))
- Wrap-up and discussion: Long-term Avian Impacts as a Result of Superstorm Sandy. What needs to be done?
- Bronx River Heron Foraging Survey *Rocking The Boat, New York City Audubon* ([PDF](#))