

Harbor Herons & Other Waterbirds of the Greater NY/NJ Harbor Working Group

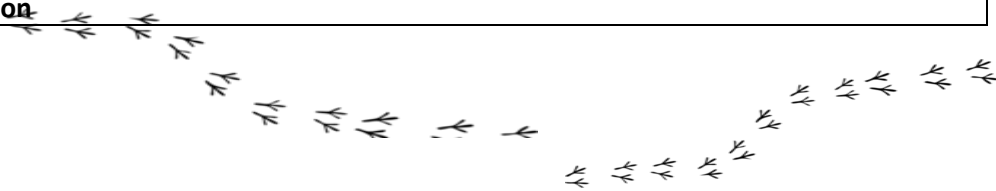
15th Annual Meeting, 10-11 December 2019

Fort Wadsworth Visitors Center, Staten Island, NY



Tuesday, December 10

9:00-9:30	SIGN-IN AND COFFEE
9:30-9:35	Welcome to Harbor Herons. Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon. selbin@nycaudubon.org and Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society. Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org . co-chairs Harbor Herons Subcommittee
9:35-9:55	Restoration Progress Report and Recent HEP Conference Isabelle Stinette, Harbor Estuary Program. isabelle@hudsonriver.org
9:55-10:15	Nesting Osprey in the Harbor Estuary. Update from Hackensack Riverkeeper. Hugh Carola, Hackensack Riverkeeper. hugh@hackensackriverkeeper.org
10:15-10:35	NJ Meadowlands Waterbird and Other Observations from the Hackensack Meadowlands Watershed. Drew P. McQuade. <i>Natural Resources Field Specialist</i> New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. dmcquade@njsea.com
10:35-10:55	Creating Wildlife Habitat in the NJ Meadowlands. Terry Doss and Aleshanee Mooney. <i>New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.</i>
10:55-11:10	BREAK
11:10-11:30	NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons Program 35th Annual Survey. Tod Winston, NYC Audubon. twinston@nycaudubon.org
11:30 -11:50	Age of first breeding, longevity & age structure of Great Egret at a breeding colony in southern Ontario. Chip Weseloh. <i>Canadian Wildlife Service.</i> Chip.weseloh@canada.ca
11:50-12:10	Plovers, Terns, and Shorebirds in Gateway (NY and NJ). George Frame, GNRA, <i>National Park Service.</i> George_Frame@nps.gov
12:10-12:25	Updates from the Co-Op. Steve Sinkevich, <i>USFWS.</i> (Presented by Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon.) Steve_Sinkevich@fws.gov
12:25-1:15	LUNCH
1:15-1:35	American Oystercatcher nesting results for Breezy Point 2019 & *Correlation of Oystercatcher/Piping Plover Reproductive Success and Nesting Density. Emilio Tobon, NYC Audubon. etobon@nycaudubon.org (*with Emily Kelderhaus and Katrina Toal, NYC Parks Wildlife Unit)
1:35-1:55	Updates on American Oystercatchers and other Waterbirds in CT. Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe and Genevieve Nuttall. Audubon Connecticut. cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org .
1:55 – 2:15	Updates from NJ: Stone Harbor Point. Taleen Demirdjian, NJ Audubon. taleendemirdjian@gmail.com and the Jersey Coast. Christina Davis, NJDEP, and Emily Heiser, Conserve Wildlife (Presented by Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon) Christina.Davis@dep.nj.gov
2:15-2:35	Massachusetts Inventory of Nesting Coastal/Colonial Waterbirds in 2019. Andrew Vitz and Carolyn Mostello, Mass. Fish and Wildlife. (Presented by Dick Veit). andrew.vitz@state.ma.us
2:35-2:55	Report from The Wetlands Institute. Samantha Collins, The Wetlands Institute. scollins@wetlandsinstitute.org
2:55-3:15	Audubon NY's Coastal Bird Monitoring Updates. Amanda Pachomski, Audubon NY. apachomski@audubon.org
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-3:50	Randalls Island: Harbor Herons Foraging Updates. Jennifer Adams, Jackie Wu, and Chris Girgenti. Randalls Island Park Alliance. Jennifer.adams@randallsisland.org
3:50-4:10	Citizen Science – What do we do with all the data? Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society. Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org
4:10-4:30	Great Egret Foraging Surveys – Case studies. Nellie Tsipoura, NJ Audubon Society. Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org and Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon
4:30-5:00	Open Discussion





9:00-9:30	SIGN-IN AND COFFEE, Welcome and Introduction. Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon & co-chair, Harbor Herons Subcommittee</i> Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon & co-chair, Harbor Herons Subcommittee</i>
9:30-9:50	Beach-nesting Shorebird Management on the Rockaway Beaches. Emily Kelderhouse and Katrina Toal, <i>NYC Parks and Recreation Wildlife Unit</i> <i>Emily.Kelderhouse@parks.nyc.gov</i>
9:50-10:30	Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Habitat / Avian Population Restoration. Clay Stern, <i>USFWS. clay_stern@fws.gov</i>
10:30-10:50	Roads & Saltmarsh Connectivity Study and Restoration Update. Georgina Cullman, Ellen Pehek*, Carla Garcia, and Emily Stephan, <i>NYC Parks</i> *emeritus <i>Georgina.Cullman@parks.nyc.gov</i>
10:50-11:10	Black Scoter staging in an urban estuary. Jose Ramirez-Garofalo. <i>College of Staten Island. jose.ramirez.garofalo@gmail.com</i>
11:10-11:30	Plastic Ingestion by Seabirds Nesting in the Gulf of Maine. Aliya Caldwell, Jennifer Seavey, Elizabeth Craig. <i>Rutgers University.</i>
11:30-11:40	BREAK
11:40-12:10	Jamaica Bay Perspectives. Don Riepe, <i>Littoral Society, Jamaica Bay Guardian, NYC Audubon. Donriepe@gmail.com</i>
12:10-12:30	Update on maritime habitat restoration efforts in the meadowlands. Terry Doss. <i>New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. TDoss@njsea.com</i>
12:30-1:30	LUNCH
1:30-1:50	Gulls of NY City – Up on the Roof Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon. selbin@nycaudubon.org</i>
1:50-2:10	Jailbirds: The history and future of Herring Gulls on Rikers Island in New York City. Jeff Kolodzinski. <i>The Port Authority of NY & NJ. jkolodzinski@panynj.gov</i>
2:10-2:30	Evaluating seasonal, age-based, and interspecific variation in the diet and foraging behavior of Common and Roseate terns breeding on the Isles of Shoals, NH. Liz Craig, <i>Shoals Marine Laboratory, University of New Hampshire. ecc79@cornell.edu</i>
2:30-2:50	The true snowbirds of the Northeast: Black Skimmer migration along the Atlantic Flyway. Katharine Goodenough, Tara Schneider-Moran, Rob Longiaru. <i>Town of Hempstead Conservation. r.longiaru@gmail.com</i>
2:50-3:10	Semipalmated Shorebirds and Nanotags Update. Kaitlyn Parkins and Debra Kriensky, <i>NYC Audubon. kparkins@nycaudubon.org</i>
3:10-3:30	What's Happening with Selenium in Shorebirds? Joanna Burge, Michael Gochfeld, Nellie Tsipoura, & Chris Jeitner. <i>Rutgers University. burger@biology.rutgers.edu</i>
3:30-3:45	eDNA for Biologists. Mike Allen. <i>Rutgers University. mcallen@scarletmail.rutgers.edu</i>
3:45-4:00	BREAK
4:00-4:30	Discussion : NYDEC to reevaluate species of conservation need status. Christina Knoll, <i>NYSDEC. Christina.Knoll@dec.ny.gov</i>

