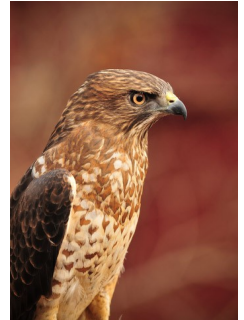


# Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Presents

## Birds and Birding – The Basics and Beyond Workshop Series



Did you know that birds can detect magnetic fields or that a Blue Jay's feather is not really blue? Or that birds breathe differently than people and that some birds can catch prey in complete darkness? Do you want to know why some birds eat clay? Want to know effective steps you can take to help birds? If these questions pique your curiosity and you want to deepen your understanding and appreciation of birds, then we encourage you to participate in this **three-part monthly series of workshops given by John Turner, Conservation Chair of Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon**. After the first workshop, a field trip to view winter waterfowl will be held to apply your newly polished bird identification skills!

### Session 1:

- What it is to be a Bird and What Bird is That? (Introduction and Field Identification)
- Bird Bodies and Minds – An overview of Bird Senses, Anatomy, and Intelligence.

### Session 2:

- Birds on the Wing – The Mechanics of Flight, Elements of Navigation and Migration.
- Nests, Eggs, and Young – The Early Life of a Bird.

### Session 3:

- Food and Feeding – An overview of the types of food birds eat, the ways in which they feed, and ecological implications of feeding.
- Birds for the Next generation – Conserving Birds Today and Through the Years.

**Place:** Cold Spring Harbor Library

**Dates:** Thursdays, February 25, March 25, and April 29

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Price:** \$20 per session or \$50 for the series \*

**Field trip date:** February 27th at 10:00 AM, location to be announced at first workshop

**To register:** please call 516-456-6791. Make out your check to Huntington Audubon and send it to Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon, PO Box 735, Huntington, NY 11743.

**About the instructor:** John Turner is an adjunct professor of Ornithology in the Natural Sciences Department at SUNY -Stony Brook Southampton College and is an interpretive specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. He is the Director of the Division of Environmental Protection for the Town of Brookhaven. Previously, he served as Director of Conservation Programs for the Long Island Chapters of The Nature Conservancy and worked for Defenders of Wildlife. John is a co-founder of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society and served on its board for 26 years. He is the author of two books: "Exploring the Other Island: A Seasonal Nature Guide to Long Island" and a children's book on the water cycle entitled "Waylon's Wandering Waterdrop". He currently serves as Conservation Chair of the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society and is writing the second edition of "Exploring the Other Island".