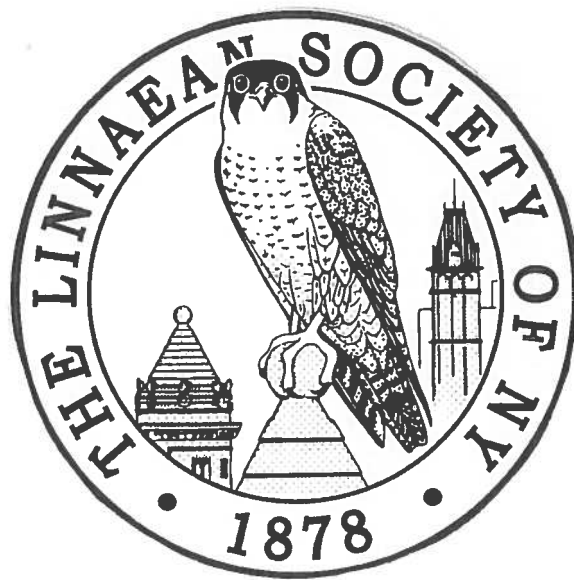


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New York**



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## About the Linnaean Society of New York

Founded in 1878, the Linnaean Society of New York is the second oldest ornithological society in the United States. Regular meetings of the Society, open to the public and without charge, are held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City usually on the second Tuesday of the month. Presentations by noted scientists and other specialists cover all areas of natural history, with an emphasis on birds and conservation.

Persons interested in natural history are eligible for election to membership. The Society also conducts field trips in New York City and the surrounding area. For information on meetings, membership, and field trips, consult the LSNY website at [www.linnaeannewyork.org](http://www.linnaeannewyork.org).

The Society issues a *News-Letter* as well as two publication series: the *Proceedings*, which records the business of the Society plus articles and notes of ornithological interest, and the *Transactions*, which contains papers and monographs that are more scientific. More information about publications can be found on the LSNY website.

## Officers of the Linnaean Society of New York (elected March 14, 2017)

President	Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President	Barbara Saunders
Secretary	Lydia Thomas
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Recording Secretary	Rochelle Thomas
Editor	Jon Hyman

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## President's Note

The purpose of the *Proceedings* of the Linnaean Society of New York is to record the business of the Society and to offer articles of ornithological interest. In this issue (No. 76), among other matters, you will find annual reports covering 2008 to 2018, an up-to-date list of the recipients of the Society's prestigious awards, and the LSNY Constitution and By-Laws as amended in 2015.

And it gives me great pleasure also to offer to you in this issue the complete run of newsletters that Sarah Elliott published on her own from 1995 to 2008. Sarah was a naturalist, an artist, a writer, and a teacher. Her newsletters carefully, eloquently, passionately, and humorously record the natural and human history of Central Park and, in doing so, many of the activities of the Linnaean Society of New York and its members.

What better tribute to our friend and mentor than to make *The Elliott Newsletter* officially a publication of our Society.

Andrew Rubenfeld  
LSNY President, 2016–2018

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## Annual Report for 2008–2009

At the 130th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 2008, the following officers were elected:

President	Gil Schrank
Vice President	John Cairns
Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Recording Secretary	Susan Scioli
Treasurer	Julia Weinberger
Editor	Alice Deutsch

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Elise Boeger, Wolfgang Demisch and Brad Soucy to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2011.

## Meeting Report

- March 11, 2008      *Annual Meeting: Birds and Wildlife of Alaska and the Arctic Tundra*  
Kevin Karlson
- March 25, 2008      *Working with Aquasis on the North Coast of Brazil*  
Helen Hays  
*Recapture Analysis of Roseate Tern Data from Bahia*  
Joe DiCostanzo  
*Nesting Patterns of Common Terns on Great Gull Island*  
Noah Burg  
*Sexing Terns Using DNA*  
Loretta Stillman
- April 8, 2008      *Bicknell's Thrush: Conserving a Bird of Two Worlds*  
Christopher Rimmer
- April 22, 2008      *Pristine Myth: Columbus Discovered Wilderness or Landscape?*  
Charles Mann
- May 13, 2008      *DNA Barcoding for Identification of World Birds*  
Mark Stoeckle
- September 9, 2008      *Exotic Beauty: Butterflies, Landscapes and Peoples of Mexico*  
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- September 23, 2008      *Generic Relationships within the Acciptridae, Hawks and Eagle Family*  
Carole Griffiths

- October 14, 2008      *Evolutionary Biology 150 Years after On the Origin of Species*  
Douglas Futuyma
- October 28, 2008      *Bhutan: Birding the Last Himalayan Buddhist Kingdom*  
Tom Stephenson
- November 11, 2008      *Hunting with Tools: Chimpanzees in Senegal*  
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- November 25, 2008      *Hind Limb Feathers of Archaeopteryx Lithographica*  
Nick Longrich
- December 9, 2008      *Vagrancy as Exploratory Behavior and Not Misorientation*  
Richard Veit
- January 13, 2009      *White Nose Syndrome: Dark Times for Bats*  
Alan Hicks
- January 27, 2009      *Pecking at the Origin of Avian and Vertebrate Diversity: Insights from Darwin's Finches*  
Arkhat Abzhanov
- February 10, 2009      *Birds and Sea Life of North Sulawesi*  
Michael Stubblefield
- February 24, 2009      *Great Gull Island Project: Papers in The Auk*  
Joe DiCostanzo  
*Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Conservation in Asia*  
Malcolm Coulter

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 63 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2007** \$113,091.44

### **2008 Income**

Dues \$13,100.00

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$5,765.13

                                  Expense           \$4,480.00

                                  Net               \$1,285.13

Sale of Cards, etc.                               \$506.50

Interest   \$3,460.95

General Contributions                         \$2,100.08

**Total Income**                                 \$20,452.66

### **2008 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers                       \$15,653.80

Printing and Mailing                           \$4,389.62

Dues and Subscriptions                       \$50.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses   \$185.94

Website   \$224.10

Other Expenses (Bank Charges, net)       \$219.55

Expenses of Restricted Funds               \$100.00

**Total Expenses**                             \$20,823.01

**Net Income**                                 \$(370.35)

**Balance as of December 31, 2008**

\$112,721.09

**Notes and Summary**

*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE*

**In Memoriam**

*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE*



## Annual Report for 2009–2010

At the 131st annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 10, 2009, the following officers were elected:

President	John Cairns
Vice President	Alice Deutsch
Secretary	Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Treasurer	Julia Weinberger
Editor	Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Keelin Miller, Starr Saphir and Susan Scioli to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2012.

## Meeting Report

March 10, 2009	<i>Annual Meeting: Bird Conservation in the 21st Century</i> Kenneth Rosenberg
March 24, 2009	<i>Birds Through Time on Bermuda</i> Storrs Olson
April 14, 2009	<i>Evolution of Darwin's Finches</i> Rosemary Grant
April 28, 2009	<i>Songs, Brains and Species Identity in Social Finches</i> Sarah Woolley
May 12, 2009	<i>Black Caiman in Guyana</i> Peter Taylor
September 22, 2009	<i>Cloud Forest Virtuosos: Discovering the Wing-Instruments of Club-winged Manakins</i> Kimberly Bostwick
October 13, 2009	<i>Careless Cowbirds and Cheating Cuckoos</i> Mark Hauber
October 27, 2009	<i>Birds and the Balance of Nature</i> John Kricher
November 10, 2009	<i>Osprey Migration, Orientation and Mortality</i> Richard Bierregaard
November 24, 2009	<i>Case of the Killer Potato Chip: Oil Palm Agriculture, Deforestation and Species Endangerment in Borneo</i> David Wilcove

- December 8, 2009      *Early Bear Gets the Goose: Climate Change, Polar Bears  
and Lesser Snow Geese*  
Robert Rockwell
- January 12, 2010      *Bird Song, Plumage Color and the Evolution of Beauty in  
Nature*  
Richard Prum
- January 26, 2010      *Some Beautiful Birds and Beasts of Australia*  
Ardith Bondi
- February 9, 2010      *New Yorker's Guide to Watching Seabirds and Cetaceans*  
Angus Wilson
- February 23, 2010      *Do Wind Turbines Kill Significant Numbers of Night  
Migrants?*  
Paul Kerlinger

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2008** \$112,721.09

### **2009 Income**

Dues \$10,140.00

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$5,953.00

                                  Expense           \$4,873.80

                                  Net                \$1,079.20

Sale of Cards, etc.                               \$20.80

Interest   \$3,139.48

General Contributions                         \$1,072.00

**Total Income**                                 \$15,451.48

### **2009 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers                       \$13,450.98

Printing and Mailing                         \$4,297.58

Dues, Subscriptions and Donations         \$150.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses   \$30.00

Website                                        \$74.85

Expenses of Restricted Funds               \$75.00

**Total Expenses**                             \$18,078.41

**Net Income**                                 \$(2,626.93)

**Balance as of December 31, 2009**

\$110,094.16

**Notes and Summary**

*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE*

**In Memoriam**

Martin Sohmer  
Eleanor Tauber

## Annual Report for 2010–2011

At the 132nd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 9, 2010, the following officers were elected:

President	John Cairns
Vice President	Alice Deutsch
Secretary	Kathleen Howley
Recording Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Irving Cantor, J. Arthur LeMoine and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2013.

## Meeting Report

March 9, 2010	<i>Annual Meeting: Extraordinary Diversity of Himalayan Birds</i> Trevor Price
March 23, 2010	<i>Recent Ornithological Literature</i> Joe DiCostanzo <i>Recent Changes in Status and Distribution of New York State Birds: Detection vs. Population Expansion and Contraction</i> Shaibal Mitra
April 13, 2010	<i>Bird Diversity in a Neotropical Country: Costa Rica</i> Rafael Guillermo
April 27, 2010	<i>Members Photo Show</i> Sean Sime
May 11, 2010	<i>Why Are There More Bird Species in Some Areas of the World Than Others?</i> David Pearson
September 28, 2010	<i>Australasia: The End or the Beginning of Modern Birdlife?</i> Richard Schodde
October 12, 2010	<i>Preventing Avian Mortality at Windows</i> Daniel Klem
October 26, 2010	<i>The Evolution of Beauty</i> Richard Prum

November 9, 2010	<i>Nature's Palette: Wonders of Bird Coloration</i> Geoffrey Hill
November 23, 2010	<i>Wildlife Consequences of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill</i> Michael Fry
December 14, 2010	<i>Causes and Consequences of Family-Living in Birds</i> Dustin Rubenstein
January 11, 2011	<i>Biology and Ecology of North American Birds of Prey</i> Peter Capainolo
January 25, 2011	<i>Taste of Spring: Warblers of the Metropolitan Area</i> David Speiser
February 8, 2011	<i>Avian Distributional Changes over a Century of Climate Change in California</i> Morgan Tingley
February 22, 2011	<i>Evolution of Bird Behavior</i> David Lahti

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2009** \$110,094.16

### **2010 Income**

Dues \$10,565.00

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$4,970.25

                                  Expense           \$4,835.19

                                  Net                \$135.06

Donations \$7,801.75

Interest \$2,336.86

Publications Income \$110.50

**Total Income** \$20,949.17

### **2010 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$10,919.47

Printing and Mailing \$2,239.35

Newsletter \$1,162.04

Subscriptions \$60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$191.59

Website \$119.40

**Total Expenses** \$14,691.85

**Net Income** \$6,257.32

**Balance as of December 31, 2010**

**\$116,351.48**

**Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 9, 2010, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 397, which includes 224 Active members, 40 Associate members, 38 Supporting members, and 95 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

**In Memoriam**

Paul Baur  
Patricia Mazza



## Annual Report for 2011–2012

At the 133rd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 8, 2011, the following officers were elected:

President	Alice Deutsch
Vice President	Geoffrey Nulle
Secretary	Art LeMoine
Recording Secretary	Sandra Maury
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Charles McAlexander, Barbara Saunders and Angus Wilson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2014.

## Meeting Report

March 8, 2011	<i>Annual Meeting: Birds, Birders and Birding in Chile</i> Alvaro Jaramillo
March 22, 2011	<i>Under the Mistletoe: Evolution of Families in Western Bluebirds</i> Janis Dickinson
April 12, 2011	<i>Past, Present and Future</i> Richard Crossley
April 26, 2011	<i>Birds of Brazil: Creating a Two-Language Field Guide and Outreach Programs</i> John Gwynne
May 10, 2011	<i>Investigating the Private Lives of Birds</i> Bridget Stutchbury
September 13, 2011	<i>Birds Britannia: Countryside Birds</i> BBC-TV film <i>Ten Birds That Changed Ornithology</i> Jeffrey Gordon
October 11, 2011	A Talk with Helen Hays <i>Adventures in Molt</i> Peter Pyle
November 8, 2011	<i>Optics</i> Jerry Connolly <i>Warblers in Real Life</i> Tom Stephenson

- December 13, 2011      *Waterbirds to Woodpeckers*  
Mary LeCroy  
*Patterns of Speciation in Australian and North American  
Birds*  
Scott Edwards
- January 10, 2012      A Talk with Irving Cantor  
*Bird Records in the Information Age: Opportunities and  
Challenges Posed by New Media*  
Shaibal Mitra
- February 14, 2012      *Recent Bird News*  
Joe DiCostanzo  
*How Butterflies Work and How They Survive*  
Rick Cech

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 53 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2010** \$116,351.48

### **2011 Income**

Dues \$11,695.00

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$6,747.00

                                  Expense           \$5,510.16

                                  Net               \$1,236.84

Donations \$3,206.00

Interest \$1,703.90

Publications Income \$388.50

**Total Income** \$18,230.24

### **2011 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$14,583.05

Printing and Mailing \$1,307.92

Newsletter \$1,884.43

Subscriptions \$60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$678.06

Website \$134.55

Expenses of Restricted Funds \$2,957.72

**Total Expenses** \$21,605.73

**Net Income** \$(3,375.49)

**Balance as of December 31, 2011**

\$112,975.99

**Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2011, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 395, which includes 218 Active members, 42 Associate members, 37 Supporting members, and 98 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

**In Memoriam**

Frank Bader  
Fred Bunker Davis  
An Gaylord  
Martha Grutchfield  
Elizabeth Manning

## Annual Report for 2012–2013

At the 134th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 13, 2012, the following officers were elected:

President	Alice Deutsch
Vice President	Geoffrey Nulle
Secretary	Sherry Felix
Recording Secretary	Sandra Maury
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Louise Fraza, Lynne Hertzog and Andrew Rubinfeld to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2015.

## Meeting Report

March 13, 2012	<i>Annual Meeting: A Lifetime of Bird-Banding Studies</i> Clive Minton
April 10, 2012	<i>Flycatchers to Finches</i> Mary LeCroy <i>Birds of Paradise Project: Revealing a Biological Wonder of the World</i> Edwin Scholes III
May 8, 2012	<i>Members Photo Show</i> Deborah Allen <i>Saving the Cahow and Other Seabirds of Bermuda</i> David Wingate
June 19, 2012	<i>Geology of Central Park</i> Sidney Horenstein
July 17, 2012	<i>Bats in Central Park</i> Paul Keim
August 21, 2012	<i>Nothing in Central Park</i> Harry Zirlin
September 8, 2012	<i>Side-by-Side Skins</i> Mary LeCroy <i>Seabirds of the Southern Ocean</i> Angus Wilson
October 9, 2012	<i>The eBird Project</i> Chris Wood

*Acoustic Perspective on Nocturnal Bird Migration*  
Andrew Farnsworth

November 6, 2012

*Birds Britannia: Waterbirds*  
BBC-TV film  
*Bird Sense*  
Tim Birkhead

December 11, 2012

A Talk with Bob Paxton  
*Why Ants Are More Like Humans Than You Might Expect*  
Mark Moffett

January 9, 2013

*The Central Park Effect* (film)  
Jeffrey Kimball  
*Hummingbirds of France*  
Rick Wright

February 12, 2013

Linnaean Show-and-Tell  
*Effects of Species Identity and Early Social Experience on Singing and Hearing Song*  
Sarah Woolley

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2011** \$112,975.99

### **2012 Income**

Dues \$11,872.50

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$7,347.00

                                  Expense           \$6,513.87

                                  Net                 \$833.13

Donations \$1,605.00

Interest \$1,200.77

Publications Income \$268.00

**Total Income** \$15,779.40

### **2012 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$7,273.17

Printing and Mailing \$2,538.21

Newsletter \$908.93

Contributions \$552.85

Subscriptions \$60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$225.76

Website \$269.10

Expenses of Restricted Funds \$6,273.15

**Total Expenses** \$18,101.17

**Net Income** \$(2,321.77)

**Balance as of December 31, 2012**

\$110,654.22

**Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 13, 2012, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 388, which includes 219 Active members, 35 Associate members, 36 Supporting members, and 98 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

**In Memoriam**

Robert Baines  
Jurgen Haffer  
Griffin Littell



## Annual Report for 2013–2014

At the 135th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 12, 2013, the following officers were elected:

President	Geoffrey Nulle
Vice President	Angus Wilson
Secretary	Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary	Dale Dancis
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Sherry Felix, Anders Peltomaa and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2016.

## Meeting Report

March 12, 2013	<i>Annual Meeting: Stealth Parade: Capturing the Secret Spectacle of Bird Migration</i> Kenn Kaufman
April 9, 2013	<i>Bridge and Skyscraper Crowd: Peregrine Falcons in New York</i> Barbara Saunders <i>Ups and Downs of Birds in Thoreau Country</i> Peter Alden
May 14, 2013	<i>Members Photo Show</i> Deborah Allen <i>Birding Outside the Box</i> Alvaro Jaramillo
June 18, 2013	<i>Tree Walk in Central Park</i> Ken Chaya
July 16, 2013	<i>Night Crawl in Central Park</i> Paul Keim
August 20, 2013	<i>Crickets and Katydid in Central Park</i> Piotr Naskrecki
September 10, 2013	<i>Scientific Collecting in the Digital Age: Recording Expeditions for Cornell Lab's Macaulay Library</i> Benjamin Clock <i>Century of Change in American Ornithology</i> Chandler Robbins

- October 8, 2013            A Talk with Peter Post  
*The Warbler Guide: Overlooked Points That Make  
Identifying Warblers Easy*  
Tom Stephenson
- November 12, 2013        *Islands in the City* (concert)  
Elijah Shiffer  
*The Unfeathered Bird*  
Katrina van Grouw
- December 10, 2013        *Fall Migration Round-Up*  
Angus Wilson  
*Evolution for Birders: Guide for the Perplexed*  
Douglas Futuyma
- January 14, 2014           *Morning Flight*  
Benjamin Van Doren  
*Birds Are More Colorful Than They Look*  
Bob Montgomerie
- February 11, 2014        *Wilderness Tracking*  
Bill Marple  
*GFP: Lighting Up Life*  
Martin Chalfie

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 54 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2012** \$110,654.22

### **2013 Income**

Dues \$11,145.50

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$8,774.00

                                  Expense           \$8,447.00

                                  Net               \$327.00

Donations \$1,746.00

Interest \$1,209.32

Publications Income \$167.50

**Total Income** \$14,834.41

### **2013 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$9,584.96

Printing and Mailing \$2,627.47

Newsletter \$1,830.08

Contributions \$800.00

Subscriptions \$60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$316.19

Website \$274.10

Expenses of Restricted Funds \$35.00

**Total Expenses** \$15,527.80

**Net Income** \$(693.39)

**Balance as of December 31, 2013**

**\$109,960.83**

**Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 12, 2013, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 390, which includes 218 Active members, 34 Associate members, 38 Supporting members, and 100 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

**In Memoriam**

Joan Bonagura  
Marguerite Nichols  
Starr Saphir

## Annual Report for 2014–2015

At the 136th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 2014, the following officers were elected:

President	Angus Wilson
Vice President	Andrew Rubinfeld
Secretary	Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary	Dale Dancis
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Charles McAlexander, Karen Rubinstein and Barbara Saunders to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2017.

## Meeting Report

March 11, 2014	<i>Annual Meeting: Wildlife of the Eastern and Central Tropical Pacific</i> Sophie Webb
April 8, 2014	<i>Kimball Redux: Outtakes from The Central Park Effect</i> Jeffrey Kimball <i>The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds</i> Julie Zickefoose
May 13, 2014	<i>Bird Photo Quiz</i> Angus Wilson <i>History of Natural History: A Naturalist's Perspective</i> Rick Cech
June 17, 2014	<i>Horticultural Walk in the Ramble</i> Leslie Baglio
July 15, 2014	<i>Mushrooms in Central Park</i> Gary Lincoff
August 19, 2014	<i>Nothing in Central Park</i> Harry Zirlin
September 9, 2014	<i>Bird Painter's Journey</i> Mike DiGiorgio <i>The Bird World: Insights for Humans from the Lives of Birds</i> Noah Strycker

- October 14, 2014      *Macquarie Island: Penguins, Seals and Viruses*  
Andreas Suhrbier  
*Moths of Long Island*  
Hugh McGuinness
- November 18, 2014      *Iceland: Land of Fire, Ice and Birds*  
Sandra Paci  
*Animal Social Evolution*  
Dustin Rubenstein
- December 9, 2014      *Botany of Central Park*  
Regina Alvarez and Daniel Atha  
*Tracing the Sources of Avian Egg Color Diversity*  
Mark Hauber
- January 13, 2015      *LSNY: Who We Are and What We Do*  
Andrew Rubinfeld and Patrick Baglee  
*Winter Pelagics in the Mid-Atlantic*  
Paul Guris
- February 10, 2015      Bird Photo Quiz  
Angus Wilson  
*Canopy Biology*  
Mark Moffett

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 49 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2013** \$109,960.83

### **2014 Income**

Dues \$16,087.50

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$9,096.00

                                  Expense           \$8,572.32

                                  Net               \$523.68

Donations \$2,233.00

Interest \$1,276.61

Publications Income \$134.50

Other Income \$135.00

**Total Income** \$20,390.29

### **2014 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$11,418.70

Printing and Mailing \$2,662.24

Newsletter \$609.61

Contributions \$500.00

Subscriptions \$60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$232.97

Website \$179.39

Expenses of Restricted Funds \$35.00

**Total Expenses** \$15,697.91

<b>Net Income</b>	\$4,692.38
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<b>Balance as of December 31, 2014</b>	\$114,653.21
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### **Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 11, 2014, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 418, which includes 236 Active members, 39 Associate members, 42 Supporting members, and 101 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

### **In Memoriam**

Sheila Fitzpatrick  
Laura Riley  
Joseph Siphron  
A. Richard Turner



## **Annual Report for 2015–2016**

### **Meeting Report**

*To Know the Crow*

*Role of Signal Detection Error in Mate Choice Plasticity*

*Climate Change Comes to Thoreau's Concord*

*Strange Times for Jamaica Bay Terrapins*

*Discovering and Conserving Bryan's Shearwater*

*Central Park Horticultural Walk*

*Orienteering in Central Park*

*Central Park at Night: Bugs and Bats*

*Ancestors in Our Genome*

*Snowy Owls*

*Imagining Animals: Natural History and the Creative Arts*

*Illustrating the Birds of Central America*

*Going the Distance: Physiology of Migration in Birds*

*Leeches and the Origins of Modern Medicine*

*Filmed Birds*

*Birds of Cuba*

*Micro-Parks as Migrant Traps*  
*21st-Century Birding*

*Penguins and Climate Change*

*Birding by Impression*

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**Balance as of December 31, 2014**

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**Total Income**

**2015 Expenses**

**Total Expenses**

**Net Income**

**Balance as of December 31, 2015**

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**In Memoriam**

## Annual Report for 2016–2017

At the 138th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 8, 2016, the following officers were elected:

President	Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President	Barbara Saunders
Secretary	Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary	Rochelle Thomas
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Sherry Felix, James Muchmore and Anders Peltomaa to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2019.

## Meeting Report

March 8, 2016	<i>Annual Meeting: On Being an Ornithologist</i> Tim Birkhead
April 12, 2016	<i>Nocturnal Neighbors</i> Kaitlyn Parkins <i>365 Days, 18,000 Miles, 617 Species, Zero Petroleum</i> Dorian Anderson
May 10, 2016	<i>Frequent Fliers</i> Bridget Stutchbury <i>Collective Intelligence in Bees</i> Thomas Seeley
July 19, 2016	<i>Orienteering in Central Park</i> Sherry Felix
August 17, 2016	<i>Central Park at Night: Bugs and Bats</i> Paul Kiem
August 27, 2016	<i>Central Park Horticultural Walk</i> Regina Alvarez
September 13, 2016	<i>Chile, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands</i> Ardith Bondi <i>Following Birds to the Heart of Brazil</i> Carlos Sanchez
October 11, 2016	<i>Structure and Functions of Avian and Human Lungs</i> Edward Eden <i>Bermuda's Birds</i>

Andrew Dobson

November 15, 2016

*Wildlife Rehabilitation in New York City*  
Rita McMahon  
*Drifters: Stray Tropical Fishes of New York*  
Todd Gardner

December 13, 2016

*Birds of Wood*  
Eric Kaiser  
*Sea-Level Rise*  
Mark Lowery

January 10, 2017

*Thoreau's Wildflowers*  
Geoff Wisner  
*Bird Photo Quiz*  
Phil Jeffrey  
*Remembering Sarah Elliott*  
Neil Emond and Richard ZainEldeen

February 14, 2017

*Making Music from the Sounds of Nature*  
Ben Mirin  
*Seeing Sounds: New Ways to Identify Birds by Ear*  
Nathan Pieplow

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 53 field trips.  
Richard ZainEldeen and Anne Lazarus, Field Trip Co-Chairs

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2015** \$113,958.92

### **2016 Income**

Dues \$13,512.50

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$8,835.00

                                  Expense           \$13,021.77

                                  Net                \$(4,186.77)

Donations \$2,305.00

Interest \$1,338.48

Publications Income \$23.50

Donations for Books \$1,018.00

**Total Income** \$14,010.71

### **2016 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$13,354.89

Printing and Mailing \$2,418.51

Newsletter \$587.82

Contributions \$500.00

Subscriptions \$170.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$179.35

Website \$308.40

Eisenmann Fund Expense \$926.00

Other Expenses \$65.00

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$18,509.97
<b>Net Income</b>	\$(4,499.26)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2016</b>	\$109,459.66

### **Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2016, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 438, which includes 232 Active members, 40 Associate members, 66 Supporting members, and 100 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

### **In Memoriam**

Mary Birchhard



## Annual Report for 2017–2018

At the 139th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 14, 2017, the following officers were elected:

President	Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President	Barbara Saunders
Secretary	Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary	Rochelle Thomas
Treasurer	Stephen Chang
Editor	Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Ken Chaya, Charles McAlexander and Gabriel Willow to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2020.

## Meeting Report

March 14, 2017	<i>Annual Meeting: Seven Years and Seven Continents</i> Peter Harrison
April 11, 2017	<i>The American Redstart</i> Stephane Perreault <i>Who, How, What and Where of Life as a Penguin</i> Heather Lynch
May 9, 2017	<i>Save the Chocó</i> James Muchmore <i>Polyglot Passerines: Mimicry Is Not Just for Mockingbirds</i> Rich Hoyer
July 27, 2017	<i>Orienteering in Central Park</i> Sherry Felix
August 9, 2017	<i>Central Park for Bats, Crickets and Katydid</i> Paul Keim
August 26, 2017	<i>Central Park Horticultural Walk</i> Regina Alvarez
September 12, 2017	<i>Boldest and Most Beautiful: Traprock Ridglands of the Connecticut Valley</i> Peter LeTourneau <i>Birding without Borders: Epic World Big Year</i> Noah Strycker
October 10, 2017	<i>The Artist, the Musician, and the Birds of America</i> Fred Baumgarten

*Why Do Birds Sing? How Do They Learn Their Songs? And How Can Birders Learn Them Too?*  
Tom Stephenson

November 14, 2017

*Birdmania: A Remarkable Passion for Birds*  
Bernd Brunner  
*Chimney Swifts and People*  
John Connors

December 12, 2017

*America's Snake: Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake*  
Ted Levin  
*My Life with Cranes*  
George Archibald

January 9, 2018

*Understanding and Conserving Hawaii's Avifauna*  
Jacob Drucker  
*A Birder's Perspective on Global Warming*  
Alan Messer

February 13, 2018

*Carolus Linnaeus and the Naming of Everything*  
Anita Sanchez  
*Tracking Whimbrels*  
Bryan Watts

### **Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.  
Richard ZainEldeen and Anne Lazarus, Field Trip Co-Chairs

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2016** \$109,459.66

### **2017 Income**

Dues \$15,002.50

Annual Dinner:           Income           \$10,508.00

                                  Expense           \$15,205.45

                                  Net                \$(4,697.45)

Donations \$3,552.00

Interest \$1,212.17

Publications Income \$25.00

**Total Income** \$15,094.22

### **2017 Expenses**

Meetings and Speakers \$7,542.41

Printing and Mailing \$2,309.45

Eisenmann Fund \$917.66

Contributions \$950.00

Subscriptions \$70.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses \$168.46

Website \$318.40

Other Expenses \$589.63

**Total Expenses** \$12,866.01

**Net Income** \$2,228.21

**Balance as of December 31, 2017** \$111,687.87

### **Notes and Summary**

At the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 445, which includes 241 Active members, 34 Associate members, 73 Supporting members, and 97 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

### **In Memoriam**

Rhoda L. Bauch  
Marian Nixon Burr  
Sarah M. Elliott  
Elizabeth G. Loeb  
C. J. "Christina" Norton  
Geoffrey J. Nulle  
Vivienne Sokol  
Margaret R. Stillman

## **Awards**

The Linnaean Society of New York recognizes excellence in several ways.

## **Honorary Members**

According to the Constitution, "Honorary members shall not exceed ten in number, and shall be persons eminent for their attainments in one or more of the natural sciences." As of March 2018 there are nine honorary members:

Humberto Berlanga (Mexico)  
Timothy Birkhead (Great Britain)  
Orlando Garrido (Cuba)  
Dominique Homberger (United States)  
Arturo Kirkconnell (Cuba)  
Yossi Leshem (Israel)  
Guy McCaskie (United States)  
Kiyooki Ozaki (Japan)

## **Fellows**

Fellows are elected from the membership for their contributions to the Society above and beyond committee duties and responsibilities as officers. As of March 2018 there are twelve fellows:

Tom Burke  
John Cairns  
Stephen Chang  
Dale Dancis  
Joseph DiCostanzo  
Sherry Felix  
Jill Hamilton  
Helen Hays  
Kathleen Howley  
Richard Lieberman  
Chuck McAlexander  
Lenore Swenson

### **Shelda Taylor Award**

This award is given in honor of New York City school teacher Shelda Taylor who emphasized natural history in her classes and instilled a love of nature, particularly birds, in her students.

Peter Joost (2007)  
Thom Schuchaskie (2011)  
Theresa Furman (2017)

### **Natural History Service Award**

This award is given to an individual who has triggered a lasting interest in natural history and has made a meaningful difference in preserving the natural habitat.

Sarah Elliott (2006)  
Starr Saphir (2007)  
Mary Yrizarry (2008)  
Darlene Smith (2009)  
Don Riepe (2010)  
Jim Ash (2011)  
Mickey Maxwell Cohen (2012)  
Bette Midler (2014)  
Andrew Baksh (2017)

### **Lillian Stoner Award**

Each year the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs offers the Lillian Stoner Award to high school and college students interested in birds. Bird organizations in New York nominate young birders. The award provides funding to enable the recipient to attend the annual meeting of the federation. The Linnaean Society of New York proposed Jacob Drucker in 2010, Alex Hale in 2011, and Marc Katz in 2014—all of whom won the award.

## **Eugene Eisenmann Medal**

Established in 1983 in memory of Eugene Eisenmann, an amateur ornithologist and citizen-scientist, this award recognizes that individual who has made significant contributions to the field of ornithology in addition to assisting new and young birders in fostering and developing their interests and skills.

Ernst Mayr (1983)  
Joseph Hickey (1984)  
Olin S. Pettingill (1985)  
Roger Tory Peterson (1986)  
Chandler Robbins (1987)  
Frank Gill (1988)  
Helen Hays (1989)  
Stuart Houston (1990)  
David Wingate (1991)  
Stuart Keith (1993)  
Guy Tudor (1995)  
Dean Amadon (1998)  
Robert Ridgley (2001)  
William Clark (2002)  
Gary Stiles (2003)  
David Hussell and Erica Dunn (2004)  
John Fitzpatrick (2005)  
David Sibley (2006)  
Malcolm Coulter (2008)  
Kenneth V. Rosenberg (2009)  
Alvaro Jaramillo (2011)  
Clive Minton (2012)  
Kenn Kaufman (2013)  
Sophie Webb (2014)  
Timothy Birkhead (2016)  
Peter Harrison (2017)

## **Special Funds**

**Eugene Eisenmann Fund** for the purchase and engraving of the Eisenmann medal. It can also be used, if monies allow, to support student research in Central and South America or to assist Central and South American students to work on ornithological projects or attend conferences in the United States.

**Great Gull Island Fund** for support, with the American Museum of Natural History, of the jointly administered research station and facilities on the island.

**Library Fund** for the purchase of books and publications for the Society.

**Life Membership Fund** interest may be applied to the General Fund.

**Publications Fund** for printing of the *Transactions*, the *Proceedings*, and the Linnaean Society field-cards.

**Tom Davis Memorial Fund** for support of an annual Tom Davis Walk at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

**Charles A. Urner Memorial Fund** was originally established for the promotion and publication of field ornithology studies in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The Council voted to dissolve the fund. Its very low assets were transferred to the General Fund.

*Donations (tax-deductible) to these specific funds and to the General Fund are welcome. Checks payable to the Linnaean Society of New York should be sent to: The Linnaean Society of New York (att: Secretary), P. O. Box 801, New York, N.Y. 10024.*





## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE LINNAEAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**

*As amended February 1978, December 1979, May 1983, May 1996, and October 2015*

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **SECTION 1. GENERAL ORGANIZATION**

Article 1. This Society shall be composed primarily of persons living in the New York City area who are interested in the natural sciences.

Article 2. It shall consist of Life, Supporting, Active, Associate and Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows.

Article 3. Only Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall be entitled to vote, to hold office, to serve on the Council, and to transact business. Associate Members and Honorary Members, in addition to the foregoing classes of Members, may attend meetings, serve on committees and take part in the scientific discussions of the Society; but Associate and Honorary Members shall not be entitled to serve on committees dealing with the business or organizational affairs of the Society, nor shall they chair committees or be entitled to vote as members of committees. All Members not in arrears of dues shall be entitled to receive without charge the various publications of the Society issued during the period of membership unless the Council shall otherwise provide on the basis of cost or class of membership.

Article 4. The officers of the Society, who shall be elected annually, shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor. With the exception of the Treasurer and Editor, no officer shall hold the same office more than two consecutive full terms, but shall again be eligible for election one year after the expiration of a second consecutive term. The officers, together with nine Members at large, shall form a board called the Council which shall manage the Society. Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, in such manner that the terms of three councilors shall expire every year.

The current officers and elected councilors shall be called current elective Council members. A quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be a majority of the current elective Council members. Any former President of the Society who is a Member of the Society in good standing shall be entitled to attend Council meetings and to vote as a member of the Council.

Any former President who is qualified to participate in Council meetings and who wishes notice of them shall annually so advise the Secretary in writing.

Article 5. By-Laws for the more particular regulation of the Society shall be made from time to time.

Article 6. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting of the Society, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days previously.

Article 7. Dues for each class of membership and the time for their payment shall be established as set forth

in the By-Laws.

## SECTION 2. OF MEMBERS

Article 1. Active, Supporting and Life Members shall be persons who have shown an interest in some branch of natural science.

Article 2. Associate Members shall be persons interested in some branch of natural science (a) residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting and unable to attend meetings of the Society regularly; or (b) regularly enrolled as full-time students for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning. Persons holding Associate Membership as students shall be obliged to advise the Treasurer on or before the first day of September of each year as to their current and prospective status as students; they may be dropped from membership by the Treasurer if satisfactory evidence of such status is not supplied. Nothing herein shall preclude a student or a person residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting from being elected to any other class of membership.

Article 3. Honorary Members shall not exceed ten in number, and shall be persons eminent for their attainments in one or more of the natural sciences.

Article 4. Benefactors shall be persons who have made a significant financial contribution to the Society as determined by the Council. The names of Benefactors shall be carried on the Society's rolls in perpetuity

Article 5. Any Member may be elected a Fellow in recognition of distinguished service to the Society.

Article 6. All classes of Members shall be chosen by majority vote of those Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at a regular meeting of the Society, after having been nominated by a Member and approved by the Council.

Article 7. Any Member may be expelled from the Society, upon recommendation of the Council, by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed action and of the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken has been sent at least 30 days previously to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow and to the Member involved.

## SECTION 3. OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Article 1. The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and of the Council, preserve order, regulate debate, and conduct all proceedings in accordance with accepted parliamentary usage.

Article 2. The Vice-President shall have charge of the archives of the Society; shall, with the advice and assistance of the President and Secretary, plan and prepare the programs for meetings of the Society; and shall form the duties of President in his or her absence.

Article 3. The Secretary shall give notice to persons of their election as Members, and to committees of their appointment; shall give notice of all regular meetings of the Society; shall call special meetings when directed by the President; shall give notice to all members of the Council of all Council meetings; shall inform officers of all matters requiring their attention; shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and prepare all letters to be written in its name, retaining copies of them; shall, as directed by the Council, make all arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Society; and shall assist the President and Vice-President in planning the programs for meetings of the Society.

Article 4. The Recording Secretary shall take and preserve approved minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Council and shall preserve and compile in systematic order field notes presented by Members.

Article 5. The Editor, with the assistance of Associate Editors who may be appointed from time to time by

the Editor in consultation with the President, shall edit and supervise publications of the Society and shall arrange for their exchange and distribution.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall collect all money due; shall pay all bills against the Society as authorized by the Council; shall keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures; and shall make a detailed report of the same at the Annual Meeting.

Article 7. Officers shall be nominated by majority vote of the Council and elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present. The slate of officers nominated by the Council shall be announced at the first meeting in February each year. Any other Member may be nominated if such nomination is subscribed in writing by 15 persons who are Active, Supporting or Life Members, Benefactors or Fellows and is received by the President or Secretary at any time prior to the fourth Tuesday in February. Any officer resigning prior to the end of his or her term should do so in writing to the Council. Any office, other than that of President, becoming vacant during the year shall be filled at the next meeting of the Society in the same manner, except that the Council need not announce its nomination prior to the meeting and other nominations may be made from the floor. If the office of President becomes vacant during the year, the Vice-President shall become President. Persons who succeed to the office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Recording Secretary as the result of a vacancy shall remain eligible for election to two consecutive full terms in accordance with Article 4 of Section 1.

#### SECTION 4. OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS DUTIES

Article 1. The Council shall review and take action on all nominations of candidates for membership. It shall make such recommendations as it sees fit on new business initiated by Members. Its recommendations shall be presented by the Secretary at the next regular meeting of the Society. A majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at the meeting shall be sufficient to ratify recommendations made and actions taken by the Council.

Article 2. The Council may at any of its meetings initiate any new business promoting the general interests and welfare of the Society, and a majority vote of the members attending such meeting shall be sufficient for ratification. The prior authorization or approval by a majority of the councilors, given at a meeting of the Council, shall be necessary for any appropriation of funds of the Society in excess of \$50.00.

Article 3. The Council shall nominate a slate of officers for the coming year at its January meeting.

Article 4. The Council shall hold regular meetings for the transaction of general business. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of any three councilors.

Article 5. A sufficient number of councilors shall be chosen at the first regular meeting after the Annual Meeting to fill existing vacancies. Councilors shall be nominated by a committee to be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting, such committee to consist of three Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows of the Society, who are not elective members of the Council. This shall not be construed as precluding additional nominations from the floor. If the nominations exceed the numbers of vacancies, the election shall be by written ballot. Those nominees receiving the largest number of votes of Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present shall be elected. If for any reason a councilor does not complete the term of office, his or her successor for the remainder of the term shall be chosen at the next regular meeting by nomination from the floor and election as prescribed above.

#### SECTION 5. OF MEETINGS

Article 1. A meeting shall be held annually for the election of officers and for other general purposes. At this meeting the Secretary shall present a report upon the publications, meetings, membership, and other

general business of the Society, and the Treasurer shall report on the financial affairs of the Society. Prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a committee of two Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows, neither of whom shall be a member of the Council, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

## SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Article 1. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or the participation or intervention in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 2. No officer, director, Member or employee of the Society may receive any pecuniary profit from its operation or upon its dissolution, except reasonable compensation for services rendered in effecting one or more of its purposes.

Article 3. In the event of voluntary dissolution of the Society or in the event of dissolution due to such other circumstances as are permitted or required by law, the funds and assets of the Society then belonging to it shall, after proper payment of liabilities, be distributed in accordance with the law then applicable to charitable organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

Article 4. The Society shall at no time carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a) or 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

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## **BY-LAWS**

### SECTION 1. OF MEMBERS

Article 1. The Council shall, by a majority vote of its current elective members, set the amount of dues for the following categories of membership: Active Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Life Member. Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall not pay dues.

Article 2. Dues of Active, Associate and Supporting Members are payable annually no later than the first regular meeting in September except that dues of newly elected Members shall be payable upon election to membership. Persons elected as Active, Associate and Supporting Members in the months of March, April and May shall pay dues at one-half the regular rates set by the Council until the following September. Dues of Life Members are payable in no more than four consecutive annual installments; upon full payment no further dues are payable.

Article 3. By a majority vote of the current elective Council members, a person who has been an Active or Supporting Member of the Society for at least twenty-five years and has reached the age of sixty-five, may be granted an Active membership at half the annual Active dues upon written application to the Treasurer.

Article 4. Upon written application to the Treasurer, subject to the approval of a majority of the current elective Council members and if the applicant is not in arrears of dues for a previous year, (a) a Member

who for a full year is absent on a scientific expedition or is engaged in military service may be excused from the payment of dues for that year; (b) an Active Member who is regularly enrolled as a full-time student for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning may have his or her status changed to that of Associate Member, provided the application is received on or before the first day of September of the year for which the change of status is sought and provided it is accompanied by the annual dues of an Associate Member for that year.

Article 5. Any Member who shall neglect to pay his or her regular dues shall be dropped from the roll of Members after having been sent notification to that effect in writing by the Treasurer.

## SECTION 2. OF MEETINGS

Article 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the week in March that includes the second Tuesday.

Article 2. Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month from September to May inclusive, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 3. Informal meetings shall be held once a month during June, July and August, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 4. Thirty-five Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Article 5. The following items of business shall be transacted at each regular meeting in any order prescribed by the presiding officer:

1. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the Recording Secretary.
2. Reading of correspondence received by the Secretary.
3. Proposal of candidates for membership.
4. Election of members.
5. Committee reports.
6. Business (a) Unfinished; (b) New.
7. Presentation of program.
8. Presentation of field notes.
9. General discussion.
10. Adjournment.

## SECTION 3. OF CHANGES OF BY-LAWS

Article 1. The By-Laws of the Society may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present (a) at any one regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting, and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days prior thereto, or (b) at any two regular meetings held on the second Tuesday of two successive months, provided such change has been recommended by a vote of eleven of the current elective Council members.

## SECTION 4. OF COMMITTEES

Article 1. A Conservation Committee Chairperson shall be appointed annually by the President to head a Committee to advise, inform and represent the Society on conservation and environmental matters. Said Committee shall be chosen by its Chairperson in consultation with the President.

Article 2. An Editorial Committee shall be appointed annually by the Editor, in consultation with the President, to read and prepare papers for the Society's publications. Said Committee shall, from time to

time, publish with the consent of the Council an issue of the Society's *Proceedings*, which shall contain the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, reports of pertinent Committees, general notes, and scientific papers. The Editorial Committee shall also recommend to the Council, for inclusion in the Society's *Transactions*, publications of extensive papers that are submitted to it from time to time and which, by reason of their length, are barred from the ordinary channels of scientific communication. Upon recommendation by the Council, the publication of a volume of the *Transactions* shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at a regular meeting of the Society. The Society shall also publish a newsletter which shall contain brief articles, announcements and items of general interest to its Members and which shall appear at least six times a year. The editor of the newsletter shall be a member of the Editorial Committee.

Article 3. A Field Work Committee Chairperson may be appointed annually by the President to head a Committee to encourage and conduct constructive field work in the New York City region and to promote the discussion of local natural history matters at meetings of the Society. Said Committee shall be chosen by its Chairperson in consultation with the President.

Article 4. A Field Trip Committee Chairperson shall be appointed annually by the President to head a Committee to arrange field trips for Members and guests of the Society. Said Committee shall be chosen by its Chairperson in consultation with the President.

Article 5. A Communications/Technology Committee Chairperson shall be appointed annually by the President to head a Committee to oversee the Society's electronic and social media communications. Said Committee shall be chosen by its Chairperson in consultation with the President.

Article 6. The President may, with the consent of the Council, appoint such additional committees as may be necessary or advisable from time to time to conduct the affairs of the Society or further its interests.

## SECTION 5. OF FUNDS AND PRIZES

Article 1. The Society, at the discretion of the Council, may accept contributions and establish restricted funds.

Article 2. The Treasurer is authorized to accept from Members and other interested persons contributions to a revolving publication fund, the income and principal of which is to be devoted primarily to the publication of the *Proceedings* and *Transactions*.

## **Linnaean Society of New York, Founded on March 7, 1878 by**

H. B. Bailey  
Franklin Benner  
Eugene P. Bicknell  
John Burroughs  
Harold Herrick  
Frederick H. Hoadley  
Ernest Ingersoll  
Newbold T. Lawrence  
C. Hart Merriam  
William C. Osborn

### **Presidents**

C. Hart Merriam, 1878–1879	Emanuel Levine, 1963–1965
Eugene P. Bicknell, 1879–1887	Ned Boyajian, 1965–1967
George B. Sennett, 1887–1889	Richard Ryan, 1967–1969
Joel A. Allen, 1889–1897	Richard L. Plunkett, 1969–1971
Frank M. Chapman, 1897–1899	Thomas H. Davis, Jr., 1971–1973
Jonathan Dwight, 1899–1921	Helen Hays, 1973–1975
Walter Granger, 1921–1922	Robert W. Dickerman, 1975–1977
John T. Nichols, 1922–1925	Lois Hussey Heilbrun, 1977–1979
E. R. P. Janvrin, 1925–1927	Robert O. Paxton, 1979–1981
Ludlow Griscom, 1927–1928	John Farrand, Jr., 1981–1983
James P. Chapin, 1928–1929	Susan Roney Drennan, 1983–1985
Charles A. Urner, 1929–1931	Joseph DiCostanzo, 1985–1987
Warren P. Eaton, 1931–1933	W. Parker Cane, 1987–1989
John H. Baker, 1933–1935	Richard Cech, 1989–1991
William Vogt, 1935–1937	Jill Hamilton, 1991–1993
Joseph J. Hickey, 1937–1939	Peter Joost, 1993–1995
Allan D. Cruickshank, 1939–1941	Julio de la Torre, 1995–1997
Charles K. Nichols, 1941–1943	Victoria H. Irwin, 1997–1998
Richard H. Pough, 1943–1945	Joseph DiCostanzo, 1998–2001
Hustace H. Poor, 1945–1947	Deborah Allen, 2001–2003
Eugene Eisenmann, 1947–1949	Helen Hays, 2003–2005
Robert S. Arbib, Jr., 1949–1951	Alan Messer, 2005–2007
Dean Amadon, 1951–1953	Gilbert Schrank, 2007–2009
John L. Bull, 1953–1955	John Cairns, 2009–2011
Irwin M. Alperin, 1955–1957	Alice Deutsch, 2011–2013
Geoffrey Carleton, 1957–1959	Geoffrey Nulle, 2013–2014
Richard E. Harrison, 1959–1961	Angus Wilson, 2014–2016
Richard A. Sloss, 1961–1963	Andrew Rubinfeld, 2016–2018

### **Vice Presidents**

Harold Herrick, 1878–1879  
H. B. Bailey, 1879–1880  
Richard P. Pearsall, 1880–1882  
H. B. Bailey, 1882–1884  
A. K. Fisher, 1884–1888  
Frank M. Chapman, 1888–1897  
Jonathan Dwight, 1897–1899  
William Dutcher, 1899–1903  
John L. Childs, 1903–1904  
Walter Granger, 1904–1906  
William Dutcher, 1906–1910  
Clinton G. Abbott, 1910–1914  
Julius M. Johnson, 1914–1919  
Walter Granger, 1919–1921  
John T. Nichols, 1921–1922  
Ludlow Griscom, 1922–1923  
James P. Chapin, 1923–1924  
E. R. P. Janvrin, 1924–1925  
L. Nelson Nichols, 1925–1927  
Charles A. Urner, 1927–1929  
Samuel H. Chubb, 1929–1931  
T. Donald Carter, 1931–1933  
Charles A. Urner, 1933–1935  
Joseph J. Hickey, 1935–1937  
Charles K. Nichols, 1937–1939  
E. R. P. Janvrin, 1939–1941  
Richard H. Pough, 1941–1943  
Hustace H. Poor, 1943–1945  
Eugene Eisenmann, 1945–1947  
Hobart M. Van Deusen, 1947–1948  
Robert S. Arbib, Jr., 1948–1949  
Dean Amadon, 1949–1951  
Christopher K. McKeever, 1951–1953  
Irwin M. Alperin, 1953–1955  
Geoffrey Carleton, 1955–1957  
Richard E. Harrison, 1957–1959  
Walter Sedwitz, 1959–1960

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Franklin Benner, 1878–1879  
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Richard A. Sloss, 1960–1961  
Robert H. Grant, 1961–1962  
Emanuel Levine, 1962–1963  
Ned Boyajian, 1963–1965  
Robert Ryan, 1965–1967  
Richard L. Plunkett, 1967–1969  
Thomas H. Davis, Jr., 1969–1971  
Helen Hays, 1971–1973  
Richard A. Jewett, 1973  
Robert W. Dickerman, 1973–1975  
Lois Hussey Heilbrun, 1975–1977  
Robert O. Paxton, 1977–1979  
John Farrand, Jr., 1979–1981  
Susan Roney Drennan, 1981–1983  
Joseph DiCostanzo, 1983–1985  
W. Parker Cane, 1985–1987  
Clare Lynch, 1987–1988  
Richard Cech, 1988–1989  
John Farrand, Jr., 1989–1990  
Jill Hamilton, 1990–1991  
Peter Joost, 1991–1993  
Julio de la Torre, 1993–1995  
Berry Baker, 1995  
Victoria H. Irwin, 1995–1997  
Richard Rabkin, 1997–1998  
Joseph DiCostanzo, 1998  
Deborah Allen, 1998–2001  
Robert DeCandido, 2001–2003  
Dale Dancis, 2003–2005  
Gilbert Schrank, 2005–2007  
John Cairns, 2007–2009  
Alice Deutsch, 2009–2011  
Geoffrey Nulle, 2011–2013  
Angus Wilson, 2013–2014  
Andrew Rubinfeld, 2014–2016  
Barbara Saunders, 2016–2018

Anne W. Wachenfeld, 1957–1959  
Richard A. Sloss, 1959–1960  
Helen Hays, 1960–1962  
Lisa McGaw, 1962–1964



Louis A. Zerega, 1886–1887  
Jonathan Dwight, 1887–1892  
Arthur H. Howell, 1892–1894  
Walter Granger, 1894–1904  
Clinton G. Abbott, 1904–1910  
Francis Harper, 1910–1912  
Ludlow Griscom, 1912–1915  
Charles H. Rogers, 1915–1920  
E. R. P. Janvrin, 1920–1922  
James P. Chapin, 1922–1923  
T. Donald Carter, 1923–1924  
Charles A. Urner, 1924–1926  
Warren F. Eaton, 1926–1928  
John F. Kuerzi, 1928–1930  
T. Donald Carter, 1930–1931  
William Vogt, 1931–1933  
Ernest Mayr, 1933–1935  
Charles K. Nichols, 1935–1937  
Robert P. Allen, 1937–1939  
John F. Mathews, 1939–1941  
Margaret Brooks, 1941–1942  
Hustace H. Poor, 1942–1943  
John L. Bull, 1943–1944  
Eugene Eisenmann, 1944–1945  
R. Dudley Ross, 1945–1946  
Hobart M. Van Deusen, 1946–1947  
Robert S. Arbib, Jr., 1947–1948  
Walter Sedwitz, 1948  
Herman Goebel, 1948–1951  
Richard E. Harrison, 1951–1953  
Catherine Pessino, 1953–1955  
Lois Hussey, 1955–1957

Jacqueline Backstrom, 1964–1966  
Lucy Boyajian, 1966–1968  
Donald M. Cooper, 1968–1969  
Helen Hirschbein, 1969–1971  
Douglas E. Heilbrun, 1971–1973  
Alice Oliveri, 1973–1975  
Lilla Hind, 1975–1977  
John Farrand, Jr., 1977–1978  
Sheila Madden, 1978–1979  
Erna Hansen, 1979–1981  
Roy Leaf, 1981–1983  
Clare Lynch, 1983–1985  
Katherine Ray, 1985–1987  
John Walsh, 1987–1989  
Jill Hamilton, 1989–1990  
Peter Joost, 1990–1991  
Berry Baker, 1991–1993  
Norman Ford, 1993–1995  
Richard Rabkin, 1995–1997  
Philip J. Dempsey, 1997–1998  
Deborah Allen, 1998  
Dale Dancis, 1998–2001  
Linda Lee, 2001–2002  
Ann Shaw, 2003–2005  
Valerie Heldt, 2005–2007  
Laurie Cairns, 2007–2009  
Kathleen Howley, 2009–2011  
Art LeMoine, 2011–2012  
Sherry Felix, 2012–2013  
Lydia Thomas, 2013–2015  
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John H. Baker, 1925–1929  
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E. R. P. Janvrin, 1931–1935  
C. B. P. Cobb, 1935–1938

Theodora Nelson, 1952–1968  
Lois Hussey Heilbrun, 1968–1974  
Helen Hirschbein, 1974–1979  
Sheila Madden, 1979–1984  
Martin King, 1984–1985  
Florence Guild Nixon, 1985–1991  
Kathleen Howley, 1991–1997  
Karen Hsu, 1997–1998  
Brian McPhillips, 1998–2001  
Antje Katcher, 2001–2003

Allan Cruickshank, 1938–1939  
Irving Kassoy, 1939–1941  
Samuel C. Harriott, 1941–1943  
Eva Rich, 1943–1952

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Richard H. Pough, 1940–1941  
Hustace H. Poor, 1941–1942  
Richard B. Fischer, 1942–1943  
Eugene Eisenmann, 1943–1944  
John L. Bull, 1944–1945  
Christopher K. McKeever, 1945–1946  
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George Komorowski, 1947  
Geoffrey Carleton, 1947–1948  
George C. Rose, 1948–1950  
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Walter Sedwitz, 1955–1957  
Richard Ryan, 1957–1959  
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John Yrizarry, 1961–1962  
Richard Ryan, 1962–1963  
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Cornelius Ward, 1965–1967  
Thomas H. Davis, Jr., 1967–1969  
Helene Tetrault, 1969–1971

Richard A. Jewett, 1971–1973  
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Joseph DiCostanzo, 1975–1977  
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Lilla Hind, 1979–1981  
Hebert Baden, 1981–1983  
Stephen Chang, 1983–1985  
Ann Shaw, 1985–1987  
Jill Hamilton, 1987–1989  
Fred Baumgarten, 1989–1990  
Griffen Littel, 1990–1991  
Norman Ford, 1991–1993  
Patricia Craig, 1993–1994  
Richard Rabkin, 1994–1995  
Philip J. Dempsey, 1995–1997  
Ellen Kornhauser, 1997–1999  
Alan Messer, 1999–2001  
Richard Lieberman, 2001–2003  
Alan Messer, 2003–2005  
Laurie Cairns, 2005–2007  
Susan Scioli, 2007–2009  
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Marc Weinberger, 1980–1985  
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Katherine Ray, 1988–1993  
Richard Cech, 1993–1994  
Jill Hamilton, 1994–1995  
Eric Salzman, 1995–1998  
John Allan, 1998–2001

Anne W. Wachenfeld, 1959–1966  
Lisa McGaw, 1966–1970  
Robert G. Wolk, 1970–1975  
Catherine Pessino, 1975–1979

Terence Clarke, 2001–2006  
Alice Deutsch, 2006–2009  
Sally Weiner, 2009–2014  
Jonathan Hyman, 2015–2018

## The Darling Birds of May

Here are 16 spring warblers, about half the number we can enjoy in Central Park. See if you can identify each male by pattern without color and put the number beside the name in this list. Which of these males wear no yellow in their feathers? Which of their females do?

- a. \_\_\_ American redstart
- b. \_\_\_ black-and-white
- c. \_\_\_ Blackburnian
- d. \_\_\_ blackpoll
- e. \_\_\_ black-throated blue
- f. \_\_\_ black-throated green
- g. \_\_\_ Canada
- h. \_\_\_ chestnut-sided
- i. \_\_\_ common yellowthroat
- j. \_\_\_ hooded
- k. \_\_\_ magnolia
- l. \_\_\_ Northern waterthrush
- m. \_\_\_ ovenbird
- n. \_\_\_ prairie
- o. \_\_\_ Wilson's
- p. \_\_\_ yellow-rumped/ myrtle

