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#### A Big Year

By Aidan Perkins, Wildlife Biologist

For as long as I can remember, the woods and the waves have been my home. At age seven, my family moved into a house backed by dense woods, down the road from the beach. I spent my afternoons befriending deer and tracking mice through the leaf litter, but it wasn’t until I was eleven that I discovered birding. I sat down with my family to watch the movie *The Big Year*, and it was like a lightbulb went off in my head. This concept of bird watching was the nature-seeking method I had been looking for.

I walked out of that movie and straight into my backyard to look for any birds I could find. I spent every night before bed flipping through the Stokes Field Guide to Birds of North America, learning about all the birds across the country. Local birders like Patrice, Lucy, Sue, and Eileen took me under their wings during their Audubon walks, teaching me that birding isn’t just about seeing; it’s about understanding the entire ecosystem. By the time I graduated from college in May 2024, I knew I was ready for the ultimate challenge: a Big Year.

#### What is a Big Year?

A Big Year is a grueling, year-long quest to identify as many bird species as possible within a set boundary between January 1st and December 31st. The beauty of the challenge is its flexibility; you can do a "Yard Big Year," a "Patch Big Year" for a specific park or expand to a state or even to the entire world. Because I was a recent graduate with limited funds, I chose Suffolk County. It was more affordable, but it also allowed me to fully explore Suffolk County, where I have built a strong affinity.

The rules are simple: birds can be identified by sight or sound. There is a major social component called "chasing," where you monitor alerts on Discord or eBird



Great Horned Owl

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and drop everything to rush to a rare bird's location. My personal goal, however, was to find as many species as possible on my own. I wasn't just looking to beat my personal best; I was aiming for the record of 304 species set by Taylor Sturm in 2018.

### **Winter: The Cold Grind**

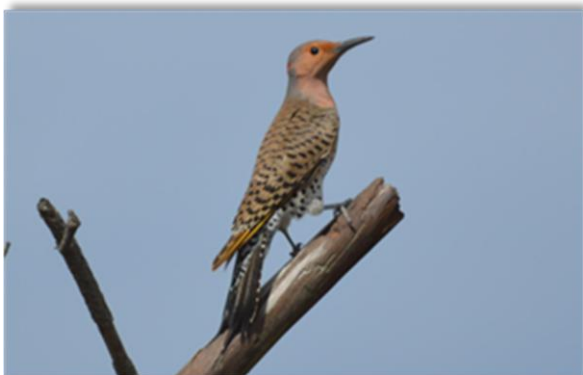
January began with the "winter specialties." I spent my days in the bitter wind at Shinnecock and Montauk, checking off King Eider, Harlequin Duck, Snowy Owl, and Dovekie. I put an incredible amount of effort into the Northern Saw-whet Owl. While most birders find them by playing calls at night, my friend Michael Zambardino and I walked countless miles trying to find one roosting during the day. We struck out on the daylight search, but I eventually added the species by hearing its call at night.

The highlight of January was the day I chased a Northern Lapwing at Sagaponack Pond. After finding it, I headed toward Eastport Lake and set up my scope. I was scanning a flock of Canada Geese when I saw a bird with distinct pink feet—a Pink-footed Goose. It was a bird the characters in the movie *The Big Year* had struggled to find and finding it on my own was a sign that this year was going to be great. I ended the month with 130 species.

In February, heavy snowfall pushed birds toward easy food sources. At a buffalo farm in Riverhead, the farmers had spread corn on the newly fallen snow, attracting hundreds of Horned Larks. As I picked through the flock, I spotted something unusual—a brown longspur that lacked the typical markings of the expected Lapland Longspur. It turned out to be a Chestnut-collared Longspur, only the second record ever for Suffolk County. By the end of February, my list stood at 151.

### **Spring: The Great Migration**

March was a slow month, but April arrived with a bang. On April 4th at Robert Moses State Park, I witnessed a massive migration flight, including 246 Northern Flickers in just four hours.



Northern Flicker

The most exciting moment of the spring came that same morning. I was watching a flock of Glossy Ibis fly in from the ocean after they had likely been migrating all night when I told the other birders who were present that I was hoping for a White-faced Ibis—a species I had never seen in New York but have spent countless hours looking for among flocks of Glossy Ibis. As the flock got closer, half of the flock went straight across the bay while the other half turned west, heading directly towards us. The very first bird in the lead was a White-faced Ibis! I jumped for joy. I ended April with 204 species.

### **Summer: Muddy Toes and Sunburnt Faces**

Summer shifted my focus to the mudflats. I spent countless hours at Cupsogue Beach and Old Inlet west of Smith Point, my face sunburnt and my toes caked in mud, picking through thousands of shorebirds. I spent so much time standing among the shorebirds that I felt that I was becoming a shorebird myself. I also took my first true pelagic trip, heading to the continental shelf to find deep-sea specialists like shearwaters and storm petrels. By late August, fall migration had officially begun, and I stood at Old Inlet watching an estimated 20,000 swallows stream down the beach in a single morning. I ended August with 281 species.



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### **Fall: Chasing the Record**

September was a battle against ticks and mosquitoes as I searched the treetops for any warblers I missed in May. At my local spot, Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai, I recorded a record-breaking flight of 805 Blue Jays in just two and a half hours—a new Suffolk County high count. I spent many of my mornings in the fall at Fire Island Hawkwatch. Some of the highlights from those days

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included counting 8,700 migrating Yellow-rumped Warblers within a single morning, 205 migrating Ospreys over just a few hours, multiple days with 70+ species while standing in a single spot, and thousands more birds.

One of the most stressful moments came when my friend Ben Bolduc found a Bar-tailed Godwit at Cupsogue while I was an hour away at Robert Moses. I made a "game-time" decision to drop everything and rush there. I arrived just in time and got the bird; shortly after I spotted the godwit, it flew off and was never seen again.

In October, the birding world was rocked by the discovery of a Common Cuckoo in Riverhead. It was a mega-rarity from Europe, and standing in a "mob" of birders to see it was an unforgettable experience. While watching the cuckoo, I even managed to pick out another Pink-footed Goose flying overhead. I ended October tying the record with 304 species.

### The Final Stretch: An "Owl-December"

I officially broke the 304-species record in November, and I was grinding to get any new birds I possibly could after that milestone. Completely unexpectedly, I found my own Smith's Longspur in the dunes at Shinnecock after missing one by less than an hour back in February, marking my third longspur species of the year and all self-found!



Smith's Longspur

In December, my goal was to find any last few elusive residents. I took a ferry to Fishers Island to find a Barred Owl, as that island is the only place in Suffolk County where you can find them. I eventually located one with the help of some mobbing Blue Jays. My December

became a "Hot Owl" streak—Long-eared Owls in the pines, a Short-eared Owl on Dune Road, and a Snowy Owl at Robert Moses.

One of the final birds of the year was the most magical. I was on my hands and knees, crawling down a deer trail through dense cedars on the south shore during a Christmas Bird Count. I looked up and locked eyes with a Barn Owl. It was the eighth owl species of my Big Year and by far the toughest owl to find in Suffolk. Definitely not a species I expected to encounter during my Big Year, much less finding one on my own. I ended the year as the easternmost person in Suffolk County as I stood at the very tip of Montauk Point for the last sunrise of the year. At that spot, I spotted a flyby Thick-billed Murre, which was my 319th species of the year and a great finale to an amazing year.

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## —SOFO News—

### Coyote Sighting on SOFO's Trail Camera



SOFO's trail cam monitor and staff representative for our participation in the Snapshot NY wildlife monitoring project, Moe Kennedy, reports that an eastern coyote (*Canis latrans*) was sighted in late December 2025, behind the South Fork Natural History Museum. Thanks to information provided by wildlife biologist Mike Bottini, we were able to conclusively say this was a coyote sighting, based on distinctive markings and fur coloration. This sighting, the second at SOFO over the last two years, suggests that eastern coyotes could be continuing to expand their range across the south fork of Long Island, which historically was the only major area in North America that the species has not colonized. The last sighting documented by the South Fork Natural History Museum was in late October 2024, as was reported in our Winter 2025 newsletter. We will continue to monitor the habitat and hope to document another sighting of the animal.

## –SOFO News–

### Coastal Connections – A SOFO–Chickadeeds Partnership



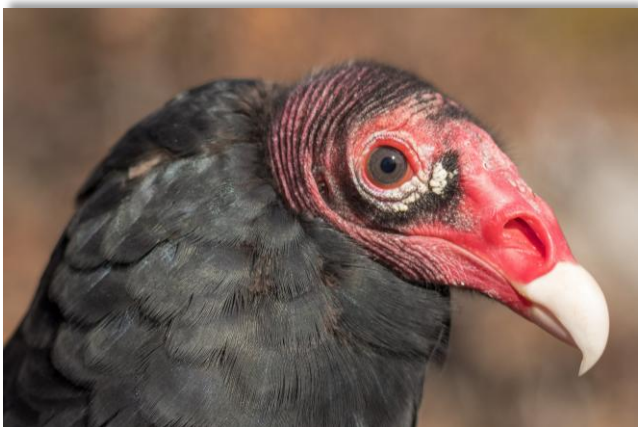
SOFO is pleased to announce a new Community Environmental Education and Outreach Initiative, *Coastal Connections: Shared Shores, Shared Futures*. This one-year collaborative effort with Chickadeeds, a volunteer organization located in Portland, Maine, delivers hands-on, accessible environmental education and stewardship programs to residents in both communities.

This initiative will provide free workshops, environmental learning activities, volunteer-led conservation events, and neighborhood environmental outreach activities geared toward middle school-age children and young adults.

To kick off this new partnership, SOFO's Amphibian Big Night Spotted Salamander and Wood Frog Search will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and Chickadeeds Amphibian Big Night will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. SOFO's Balloons for Sharks project to remove plastic litter on beaches and in the water will take place during the summer months, and Chickadeeds will coordinate a similar plastic litter awareness and removal project in the Portland area.

More youth-focused programs and events are planned both at SOFO and at Chickadeeds throughout the year, so please view our online Calendar of Events <http://sofo.org/calendar> for details.

### Raptor Ambassadors Visit SOFO



“Vlad” the Turkey Vulture

Meet some of Long Island's birds of prey with the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center (EAWRC). Hear their personal rescue stories and learn about these amazing animals. Raptor Ambassadors will be at SOFO on special Raptor Days from April to October.

**April 18, 1:00PM: SOFO's Annual Earth Day Open House. Meet Long Island's Raptor Ambassadors with Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Registration Required. \$5 children (PreK+), \$10 adults**

**May 16, 1:00PM: FREE, Meet Rescued Birds of Prey with the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Adults & Children PreK+”**

**June 27, 1:00PM: FREE, Meet Millenium Falcon” and Hear His Very Own Story with Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Adults & Children PreK+**

View the SOFO Calendar of Events on our website, [sofo.org/calendar](http://sofo.org/calendar) for more Raptor Day dates this summer and fall!

### SOFO Receives Grant from Suffolk County



We are happy to announce that once again, Suffolk County has awarded SOFO a 2026 Omnibus grant for \$20,000 from the County's Department of Economic and Development Planning. The funds will be utilized to renovate the museum's existing shark exhibit to reflect the SOFO Shark Research and Education program's current data analysis, increased species diversity, new software for improved interactive components, and to refocus illustrations on the main wall mural. We are super excited to present this new renovated exhibit to our visitors in the summer of 2026. We are grateful to Suffolk County and County Legislator Ann Welker for their continued support.

## –Footnotes on Nature–

### For the Birds

By Tommy Steinbrecher, SOFO Environmental Educator

When I was tasked with maintaining our bird feeders this past fall, I didn't think much of it. However, by the winter, I was, without a doubt, for the birds. Anyone who's owned a birdfeeder knows how fun it can be to watch them come and go every day. Personally, my bird identification skills have always been colloquial at best. I could identify the usual suspects: blue jays, cardinals, any bird that's also a sports team. As a naturalist constantly seeking to learn more, I took the opportunity to fill a knowledge gap and ran with it. You can only stare at the feeders for so long, and I sought a way for everyone to see who was coming and going from the birdfeeders at all times. Fortunately for us, the technology to do so both exists and is easily accessible to all. Enter: Birdfy Feeder Pro 2.

If you've visited SOFO recently, you may have seen it hanging aside our observation deck. If you've been on our YouTube channel, perhaps you've seen the action unfold on our livestream. When the livestream isn't active, the camera records and saves "moments" every time a bird perches, and the most active days saw well over 250 moments. Overall, the amount of hours spent watching and identifying these avian marvels would take more fingers than I have to count.



SOFO Bird Feeder with Camera

In a way, you could chalk up all those hours to being part of a personal observational study on bird behavior. After enough time, you start noticing which species are most comfortable around people, which seeds are the most desirable, and you'll also experience the joy of seeing a new species for the first time. What's most fascinating is seeing how the birds interact with each other. There are

plenty of disputes that happen on camera as they learn to share space. Turns out, for example, red-bellied woodpeckers can use their tongues like a fencing sword to push other birds away from their spot.

While watching these birds during the harshest storms, I was in awe of how they braved it all. I couldn't help but wonder, why are they even here still? Why not migrate to greener pastures? Surely they're miserable out there, right? What you can't see with a camera is the fact that by day, the birds that frequent our feeder have internal body temperatures that can reach over 105°F! At night, when they aren't active, their body temperature can drop to as low as 95°F to reduce the rate of heat loss from their bodies (Brodin et al., 2017). Their feet are the exception, and those can be just above freezing temperature at the same time! ("Why Don't Birds Get Cold Feet?" 2023).

The term "umwelt" was coined by biologist Jakob von Uexküll. Umwelt, in essence, is the world as it is experienced by an individual. The idea is that species perceive the world in ways that differ depending on what benefits their survival. Thus, they have different umwelts. As Obi-Wan Kenobi once said, "Many of the truths we cling to depend greatly on our own point of view." This is especially important to consider when studying animal behavior, because you don't want the biases of your own perspective to affect how you interpret your observations of them.

To us, it's nothing but cold, rain and snow. To them, it's not particularly bad. I'm sure it's nice not having all those pesky summer migrants around trying to hog up all the good real estate like they own the place. Then again, I can't say for sure what they might think of it all, for that is for their umwelt to know, and my umwelt to find out.

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## -SOFO YES! Corner-

### YES! Presents — "The Lorax"!

By Mare Dianora, YES! Director

Everywhere I go and in nearly every direction that I turn - I see more construction and trees coming down in my community. To prevent this environmental topic from becoming too gloomy for young environmentalists, I thought one fun way YES! could consider the long-term impacts of this situation would be to host a community screening of "The Lorax" - *Illumination Entertainment's* 2012 film featuring the voices of superstars such as Danny DeVito and Taylor Swift. I will not give away the plot, but I will say that the Lorax is a small, outspoken mustached character who speaks for the trees and will go to great lengths to defend the natural world. The moral lesson of this film is the concept of "unless" - meaning we will fall hard *unless* there are those to take action to turn things around and protect nature.

Our film was to be shared on a dark Sunday afternoon in January. The weather report did not look good. We did not have the crowd we had expected but it turned out to be a very special and intimate event. I had six Young Environmentalists Society ambassadors to welcome our guests. They surprised the group with their likeness to the Lorax with bright yellow eyebrows and moustaches.



Lorax Friends

Throughout the movie, there was laughter and enjoyment. For such a serious topic, it is truly a feel-good movie. I surprised the guests with a take-home prize that was a carefully decorated rock with the word "UNLESS." It is a small thing, but a big message. We hope this will spark more thought and protection in our communities. If you have not seen this film, please give it some of your time- it is fun and will have you considering your own role in caring for the places you call home.



Message Rocks with "Unless"

The South Fork Natural History Museum's  
Young Environmentalists Society (YES!) presents....

Dr. Seuss'  
**The LORAX**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Limited seating! Please register at: [info@sofo.org](mailto:info@sofo.org)

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JULY 11, 2026 | 5:30–10:30 PM

*"Conservation is a cause that we must pass on to future generations" - Andy Sabin*



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*Benefiting SOFO Environmental & Educational Programs and Initiatives*

**VIP COCKTAIL RECEPTION | 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

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## SOFO Calendar at a Glance Spring 2026

SOFO's Calendar of Events with program descriptions and registration information can be found on the SOFO website:

<http://www.sofo.org/calendar>

Programs are FREE to members. Programs at the museum: Non-members: \$10 child, \$15 adult, includes museum admission that day. Under 3 is free.

Off-site programs, non-members: \$5 per person, age 3 and up. Under 3 is free.

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### —April—

#### Wednesday, April 1

**8:00-9:00PM: FREE**, Full Pink Moon Hike, Co-sponsored by Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt (FLPG): All Ages

**April 6-10 FREE!** Explore Outside With SOFO: All Ages, **11:00AM**

**Monday: Spring Nature Bingo**

**Tuesday: Scavenger Hunt**

**Wednesday: Wildlife Observations**

**Thursday: Signs of Spring**

**Friday: Bugs & Slugs**

#### Saturday, April 11

**11:00AM: FREE**, Bugwatching Buddies Club: Be Kind to Spiders Week: Ages 5-16

**10:00AM-1:00PM:** Nature & Birdwatching Cruise with Naturalist Aidan Perkins: Adults & Children ages 10+

**10:45 AM:** Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium Tour: Adults & Children ages 8+

#### Wednesday, April 15

**1:00-3:00PM:** East End Outdoor Nature Education at Sagg Swamp Preserve: All Ages

#### Saturday, April 18

**10:00AM-4:00PM:** Earth Day Open House, FREE Admission All Day. All Ages

**10:00AM-1:00PM:** Children's Activities and Crafts

**10:00-11:00AM:** Young Birders Club Walk

**10:30-11:00AM:** Bug Search

**11:00AM-12:00PM:** Pollinator Garden Planting

**12:00-1:00PM:** Meet Long Island's Raptor Ambassadors with Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Adults & Children preK+, **Registration**

**Required for Birds of Prey Animal Show: SOFO Members and Non-Members \$5 children, \$10 adults, limited seating.**

#### Sunday, April 19

**8:30PM:** Stargazing Watch Party! Lyrids Meteor Shower: All Ages

#### Wednesday, April 22: Earth Day Observed

**3:00-5:00PM: FREE**, Lend a Helping Hand and Remove Invasive Garlic Mustard Plants at the Museum. Co-sponsored with Friends of Long Pond Greenbelt: All Ages

#### Saturday, April 25

**11:00AM:** Trade Out Your Traditional Lawns! Turn your grass lawn from an ecological dead zone to a thriving native plant community: Adults & Children ages 10+

#### Sunday, April 26

**8:00AM:** Spring Migration—Birding at Promised Land with Joe Giunta: Adults ages 16+, Limited Enrollment

**10:30AM & 1:30PM:** Story Time – Fun With Frogs, **FREE** with Museum Admission: Family

**11:00AM: FREE**, Join the Great East End Cleanup with SOFO. Sponsored by Southampton Town: All Ages

### —May—

#### Friday, May 1

**8:30-9:30PM: FREE**, Full Flower Moon Hike, Co-sponsored by Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt (FLPG): All Ages

#### Saturday, May 2

**11:00AM: FREE**, Bugwatching Buddies Club: Start Seeing Monarchs Day: Ages 5-16

**4:00PM: FREE, East End Environment Lecture:** History of Oysters on Long Island with "Barley" John Dunne, Director East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery: Adults and Children ages 10+

—June—

**Saturday, May 9**

**8:00AM: FREE**, Annual Larry Penny Memorial

Walk: Adults & Children ages 10+

**11:00AM: FREE**, Protecting the Environment New

York State Environmental Conservation Officer

Justin McGhee and Special Guest “Finn” the Canine

Fish Detective: Adults & Children ages 10+

**Sunday, May 10**

**9:30-11:30AM: FREE**, Birding with Frank, Big

Reed Pond, Montauk. Co-sponsored with Montauk

Library: Adults & Children ages 10+

**Saturday, May 16**

**10:00AM: FREE**, Young Birders Club: Ages 8-18

**10:30AM: FREE**, Birding for Beginners – Spring

Migrants: All Ages

**1:00PM: FREE**, Meet Rescued Birds of Prey with

the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Adults

& Children ages preK+

**Sunday, May 17**

**9:00AM: Kayaking in a Salt Marsh: Adults &**

Children ages 10+

**Wednesday, May 20**

**1:00-3:00PM: East End Outdoor Nature Education at**

Elizabeth Morton Wildlife Refuge: All Ages

**Saturday, May 23**

**9:30AM: Black Racer Snake Search with Andy**

Sabin: All Ages

**10:00AM: Salamander Seining and Some Frogs Too!**

With Andy Sabin: All Ages

**Saturday, May 30**

**8:00AM: Spring Migration – Birding at Hither Hills**

State Park Trail with SOFO Board Member Wayne

Whitmore: Adults ages 16+, Limited Enrollment

**10:00-11:30AM: FREE**, East Hampton Town

Shellfish Hatchery Tour: Adults & Children ages 8+

**3:00PM: FREE**, Piping Plover Walk, Southampton:

Adults & Children ages 10+

**9:00PM: What Goes Buzz in the Night? Adults &**

Children ages 12+

**Sunday, May 31**

**10:30AM & 1:30PM: Story Time – Fantastic**

Flowers, **FREE** with Museum Admission: Family

**Sunday, May 31**

**9:00-10:00PM: FREE**, Full Blue Moon Hike, Co-

sponsored by Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt:

All Ages

**Sunday June 7**

**10:30AM-12:00PM: FREE**, “Bio Blitz”—Surveying

the Life of Vineyard Field: Adults & Children ages 8+

**Saturday, June 13**

**10:00AM-1:00PM: FREE**, Dragonfly Day, co-

sponsored with Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt:

All Ages

**10:30AM: FREE**, Birding for Beginners: All Ages

**3:00-4:00PM: FREE, East End Environment**

**Lecture: Carnivorous Plants and Their Habitats:**

Adults & Children ages 10+

**4:30-5:30PM: FREE**, Carnivorous Plant Walk at

Crooked Pond: Adults & Children ages 10+

**Sunday, June 14**

**8:00AM: Annual Eric Salzman Memorial Walk:**

Adults

**11:00AM: Discovery Nature Walk: All Ages**

**Wednesday, June 17**

**1:00-3:00PM: East End Outdoor Nature Education at**

Orient Point State Park: All Ages

**Saturday, June 20**

**10:00AM: FREE**, Young Birders Club: Ages 8-18

**11:00AM: Celebrate Pollinator Week! Insect**

Encounter at SOFO's Pollinator Garden: Adults &

Children ages 5+

**Wednesday, June 24**

**1:00-3:00PM: The Secret Life in a Pond: Life Cycles**

and Survey of Freshwater Invertebrates: Children ages

7+ in Grades 1-12

**Saturday, June 27**

**10:30AM: Meet the Martins—with John Shemilt,**

SOFO Purple Martin Steward: All Ages

**1:00PM: FREE**, Meet Millenium Falcon with Evelyn

Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center: Adults & Children

ages preK+

**8:30PM: FREE**, Horseshoe Crab Survey & Tagging

with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): All Ages

**Sunday, June 28**

**10:00AM: Hoodoos and Other Curious Geologic**

Features of Montauk Point: Adults & Children ages 8+

**10:30AM & 1:30PM: Story Time – Terrific Turtles,**

**FREE** with Museum Admission: Family

**Monday, June 29**

**9:00-10:00PM: FREE**, Full Strawberry Moon Hike,

Co-sponsored by Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt:

All Ages

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