

LONG ISLAND NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE of PRESENTATIONS

Friday March 23, 2018

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration / set up
- 9:00 - 9:10 *Welcoming Remarks:* Tim Green, Environmental Compliance Manager, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- 9:10 - 9:50 *Whales of New York City and the Return of the Humpback Whale*
Paul L. Sieswerda, President, CEO, Gotham Whale
- 9:50 - 10:30 *Atlantic Sturgeon: Life History, Management and Research*
Kim McKown, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Marine Invertebrate and Protected Resources Unit Leader
- 10:30 - 10:50 BREAK
- 10:50 – 12:10 WORKSHOP: *Nature Observation, Journaling and Citizen Science*
Callie Velmachos, artist, naturalist and Cybertracker level III reading track & sign certification. [NOTE: limited to 20; pre-register]
- 10:50 - 11:30 *Long Island's Coastal Plain Ponds: A Unique Ecosystem Under Threat*
Steve Young, Chief Botanist, New York Natural Heritage Program
- 11:30 - 12:10 *The Very Last Timber Rattlesnake*
Ted Levin, naturalist and writer, author of “America's Snake: The Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake.”
- 12:10 - 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 - 2:10 *New York Seagrass Conservation Activities*
Soren Dahl, NYSDEC
- 2:10 - 2:50 *Restoring Oyster Reefs in Hempstead Bay: Methods, Results and Future Directions*
James P. Browne Ph.D., Dept. of Conservation and Waterways, Town of Hempstead
- 2:50 - 3:30 *Conservation Updates: Bald Eagles:* Kevin Jennings (NYSDEC); *River Otters* Mike Bottini (L.I. Nature Organization) and Leslie Lupo (NYSDEC); *Coyotes:* Frank Vincenti (Wild Dog Foundation).
- 3:30 - 4:30 Open Discussion / closing remarks

Saturday March 24, 2018

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration / set up
- 9:00 - 9:10 *Welcoming Remarks:* Tim Green, Environmental Compliance Manager, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- 9:10 - 9:50 *The Future of Brook Trout in Long Island: Long Term Thinking*
Christopher Aigner, President of Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited
- 9:50 - 10:30 *White-tailed Deer Biology and Monitoring Methods for Landowners*
Sue Booth-Binczik, Ph.D., NYSDEC
- 10:30 - 10:50 BREAK
- 10:50 – 12:10 WORKSHOP: *Smartphone Nature Photography*
Erin Gettler, author of the Birdwatcher's Digest Butterflies Backyard Guide
[NOTE: limited to 20; pre-register]
- 10:50 - 11:30 *Bat Conservation on Long Island and the Case of the Northern Long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis)*
Samantha Hoff, NYSDEC and University at Albany
- 11:30 - 12:10 *Conservation Updates: Diamondback Terrapins:* Russ Burke (Hofstra); *Horseshoe Crabs:* John Turner (Seatuck); *White Sharks:* Frank Quevedo (South Fork Natural History Museum / SoFo); *Plum Island:* Louise Harrison (Preserve Plum Island Coalition)
- 12:10 - 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 - 2:10 *Fire Island's Red Foxes and Their Impacts on Piping Plovers*
Sarah Karpanty, Ph.D., Virginia Tech
- 2:10 - 2:50 *Long Island's Goatsuckers: Whip-poor-will, Chuck-will's-widow, and Common Nighthawk*
John Turner, Seatuck Environmental Association
- 2:50 – 3:30 *Tracking Spotted Turtles Over the Year*
Mike Bottini, Long Island Nature Organization
- 3:30 - 4:00 Open Discussion / closing remarks