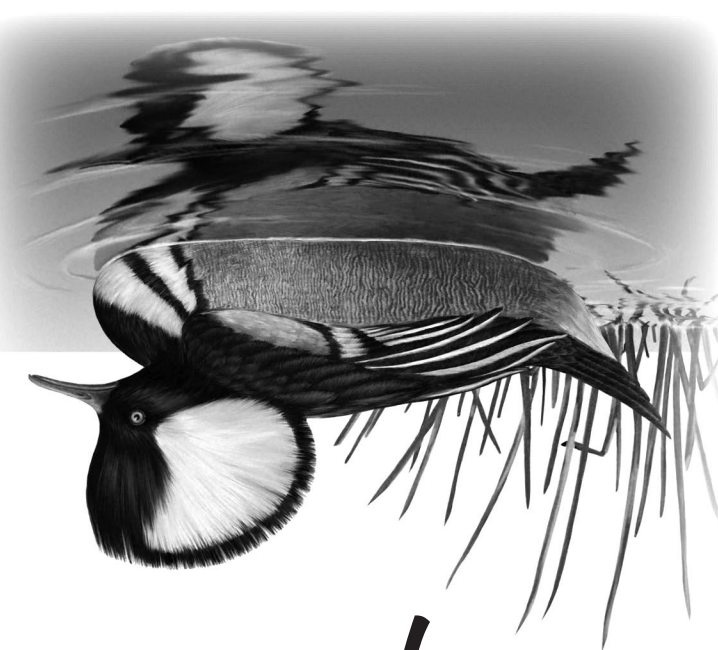


Winter Birding on the South Fork

Watching birds in winter can be a less than enjoyable experience when confronted with freezing weather and howling wind. One way to change that is to bird from the comfort and security of your automobile. Another benefit is that a car makes an excellent mobile blind, which most birds do not associate with danger. The result is that you are often treated to very close views that would not be possible if you were on foot. This map is designed to steer you to some of the more productive and accessible locations available by car.

The South Fork of Long Island is located near the northern limit of some southern species and the southern limit of some northern species. The area is also host to a multitude of migrating birds as they make their way to and from their breeding territories to our north and their wintering grounds to our south. The magnitude and diversity of these migrants and seasonal residents reaches its peak in fall and winter. At this season it is possible to see birds that do not frequent our area at other times of the year. There is also the possibility of seeing species that make it as far south as Long Island only sporadically; for example winter finches and Snowy Owls. Additionally, there is always a chance that you may find a real rarity that has come from the far interior of the country or the arctic. We hope that you find this map useful and if you find a particularly unusual bird or fruitful birding location we would be grateful to hear about it.

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Eastern South Fork

1 Section 1- Montauk

A B **Montauk Point-** Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, *Red-necked Grebe, Horned Grebe, *Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Common Eider, *King Eider, Red-breasted Merganser, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Northern Gannet, Razorbill, Black-legged Kittiwake, Snow Bunting, Harbor Seal.

• Montauk Point is a major migration trap for migrating passerines especially in fall and early winter.

C **Deep Hollow Ranch (Teddy Roosevelt County Park)-** Canada Goose, *Barnacle Goose, *Snow Goose, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, *Golden Plover, American Pipit, Horned Lark, *Lapland Longspur, Phoebe, *Western Kingbird, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon.

• Over the years many rarities have been seen in the pasture south of Montauk Hwy.

D G **Montauk Lake Inlet-** Great Cormorant, Purple Sandpiper, Bonaparte's Gull, Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Snow Bunting.

• Check out the gulls usually resting on the beach on the East Side (D) across from Gosman's Restaurant.

E **South Lake Drive-** Bufflehead, Long-tailed Duck, Canvasback, Red-breasted Merganser, Greater Scaup, Horned Grebe, Common Goldeneye.

F **Ditch Plains-** Same birds as **A B** (Montauk Point)

H **Culloden Point-** *Red-necked and Horned Grebe, White-winged, Surf and Black Scoter, Common and Red-throated Loon, Razorbill.

• Partial Dirt Road.

I **Tuthill Pond & Fort Pond Bay-** Hooded Merganser, Ring-necked Duck, Mallard, Black Duck, Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, Green-winged Teal.

• Check the gulls on the pier behind the Ice House on Fort Pond Bay.

J **Fort Pond, North & South-** Redhead, American Wigeon, *Eurasian Wigeon, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Canvasback, Lesser and Greater Scaup, Ring-necked Duck, Mute Swan, Pied-billed Grebe, Belted Kingfisher.

2 Section 2- Napeague

A **Walking Dunes-** Northern Harrier, *Snowy Owl, *Short-eared Owl, *Rough-legged Hawk, Sanderling.

• The top of the Walking Dune is a good vantage point to watch raptor migration from.

• The area north of the Walking Dune is the place to look for owls.

B **Lazy Point-** Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, Sanderling, Dunlin, Ruddy Turnstone.

C **Napeague Pond-** Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, *Northern Shrike, Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser.

D **Fresh Pond-** Hooded Merganser, Mallard, American Black Duck, Belted Kingfisher, *Purple Sandpiper, White-winged and Surf Scoter, Common Loon.

3 Section 3- Accabonac & Three Mile Harbor

A **Louse Point-** Common Loon, Horned Grebe, *Red-necked Grebe, White-winged, Surf and Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Great Blue Heron, Horned Lark, Snow Bunting, Ipswich Sparrow.

B **Landing Lane-** Screech Owl, *Saw-whet Owl, Red-breasted Merganser, Bufflehead, Virginia Rail, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Eastern Bluebird.

• The entire length of the road out to the landing is good for observing land birds.

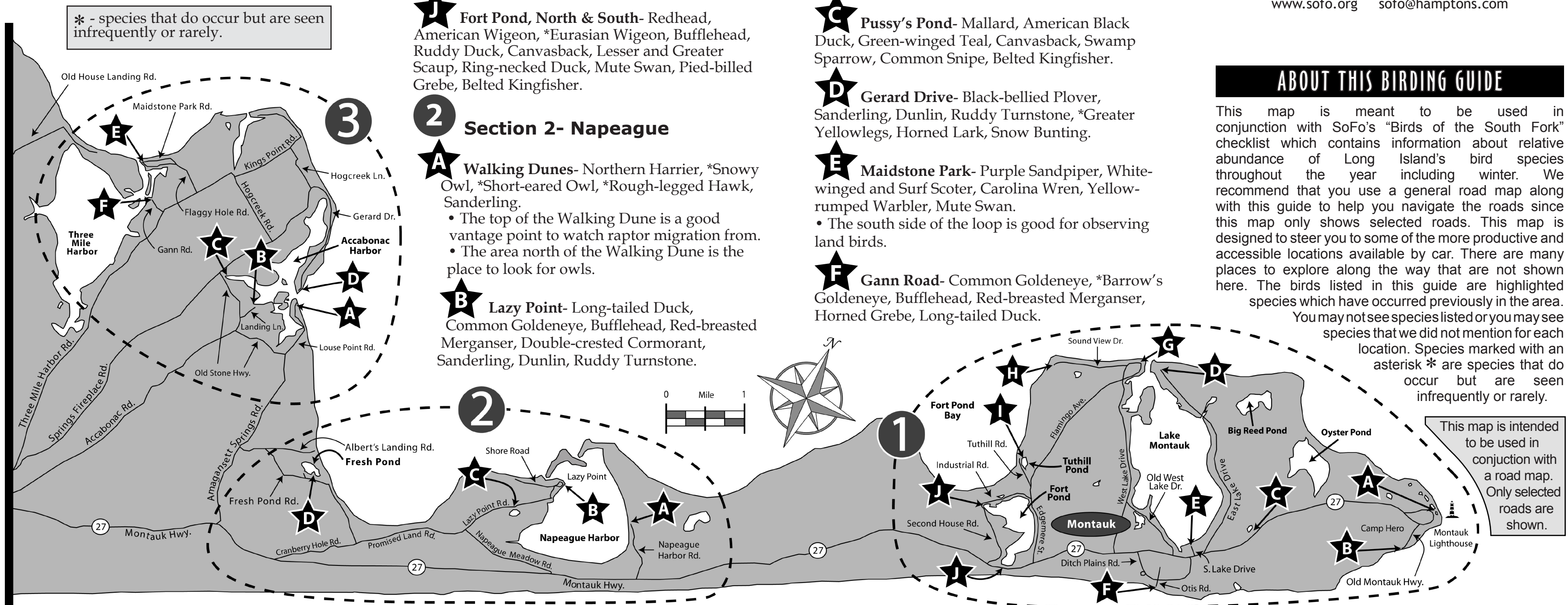
C **Pussy's Pond-** Mallard, American Black Duck, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Swamp Sparrow, Common Snipe, Belted Kingfisher.

D **Gerard Drive-** Black-bellied Plover, Sanderling, Dunlin, Ruddy Turnstone, *Greater Yellowlegs, Horned Lark, Snow Bunting.

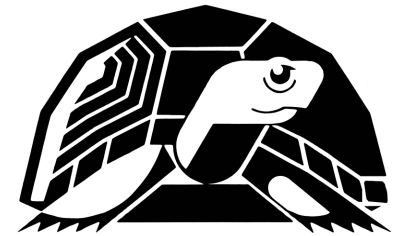
E **Maidstone Park-** Purple Sandpiper, White-winged and Surf Scoter, Carolina Wren, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Mute Swan.

• The south side of the loop is good for observing land birds.

F **Gann Road-** Common Goldeneye, *Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Long-tailed Duck.



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ABOUT THIS BIRDING GUIDE

This map is meant to be used in conjunction with SoFo's "Birds of the South Fork" checklist which contains information about relative abundance of Long Island's bird species throughout the year including winter. We recommend that you use a general road map along with this guide to help you navigate the roads since this map only shows selected roads. This map is designed to steer you to some of the more productive and accessible locations available by car. There are many places to explore along the way that are not shown here. The birds listed in this guide are highlighted species which have occurred previously in the area.

You may not see species listed or you may see species that we did not mention for each location. Species marked with an asterisk * are species that do occur but are seen infrequently or rarely.

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Western South Fork

4 Section 4- East Hampton

A David's Lane Nature Trail- Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, American Coot, and many mixed-blood domestic ducks.

B Pots and Kettles- American Wigeon, *Eurasian Wigeon, Lesser Scaup, Mute Swan, American Coot, Great Blue Heron.

C Hook Pond, South End- Common Merganser, Greater Scaup, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Canada Goose, *Cackling Goose, *White-fronted Goose, Mute Swan, *Tundra Swan.

D Georgica Pond, North End- Hooded Merganser, Gadwall, American Black Duck, Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Common Snipe.

E Wainscott Pond- Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, Gadwall, Canada Goose, *Cackling Goose, Mute Swan, *Tundra Swan.

5 Section 5- Sag Harbor

A Crooked Pond- Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, American Black Duck, Ruddy Duck, Gadwall.

B Otter Pond- Bufflehead, Canvasback, Mallard, American Black Duck, Great Blue Heron.

C Long Warf- Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Ring-billed Gull.

D Redwood Causeway- Common Goldeneye, *Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Common Loon, Double-crested Cormorant.

E Long Beach- Common Loon, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Long-tailed Duck, Horned Grebe, *Iceland Gull, Snow Bunting.

6 Section 6- Bridgehampton to Water Mill

A Sag Pond, North End- Common Snipe, Belted Kingfisher, Mallard, American Black Duck, American Coot.

B Sag Pond Inlet- Same birds as **I** (Mecox Bay Inlet)

C Horsemill Lane- Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Canvasback, Bufflehead, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Northern Harrier, Horned Lark.

D Kellis Pond- Hooded Merganser, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Pied-billed Grebe, Black-crowned Night Heron, Belted Kingfisher.

E Shorts Pond- Canada Goose, *Snow Goose, *Cackling Goose, *White-fronted Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, American Wigeon, Wood Duck, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser.

F Mill Pond- Ruddy Duck, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Gadwall, Mallard, American Black Duck, Canada Goose, *Snow Goose, Mute Swan, Pied-billed Grebe.

G Mill Creek- Black-crowned Night Heron, American Coot, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, American Black Duck, Mute Swan, Canada Goose.

H Cobb Road- Hooded Merganser, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail, Pied-billed Grebe, Belted Kingfisher.

I Mecox Bay Inlet- Northern Gannett, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, White-winged, Surf and Black Scoter, Sanderling.

7 Section 7- Southampton to Shinnecock Bay

A Old Town Pond- Northern Shoveler, Mallard, American Black Duck, *Wood Duck.

B Agawam Pond, North & South- Canada Goose, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Green-winged Teal, *Common Merganser, Gadwall, Mute Swan, Pied-billed Grebe, American Coot.

C Coopers Neck Pond- American Wigeon, *Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, American Black Duck, Mallard, Mute Swan.

D Halsey Neck Pond- Lesser and Greater Scaup, Hooded Merganser, *Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, *Tufted Duck, Ruddy Duck, Common Goldeneye, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail, Pied-billed Grebe.

E Taylor Creek- Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, Hooded Merganser, Greater Scaup, *Tufted Duck, Ruddy Duck, Mute Swan, Pied-billed Grebe.

F Shinnecock Bay, South- Short-eared Owl, *Snowy Owl, American Black Duck, Common Goldeneye, Great Blue Heron, Red-breasted Merganser, Bufflehead.
• The Black Pines all along Dune Rd. are productive during winter finch years.

G Shinnecock Inlet- Northern Gannett, Red-throated Loon, *Harlequin Duck, *Common and *King Eider, Purple Sandpiper, Sanderling, Bonaparte's Gull, Harbor Seal.
• At the inlet you can occasionally find stray alcids such as *Razorbill, *Dovekie, and *Murre.

H Little Neck Road- Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Bufflehead, Horned Grebe, Common Goldeneye, Brant.

I Far Pond Road- Brant, Common Goldeneye, Greater Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Dunlin, Sanderling, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone.

J Shinnecock Bay, North- Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Brant, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Mute Swan.

8 Section 8- Shinnecock Canal to Scallop Pond

A Meschutt Park- Red-breasted Merganser, Long-tailed Duck, Common Loon, Common Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, *Purple Sandpiper.

B Cold Spring Pond- Mallard, American Black Duck, Bufflehead, Great Blue Heron, Mute Swan.
• Cold Spring Rd. is good for observing land birds.

C Sebonac Inlet Road- Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, *Short-eared Owl, Common Loon, Long-tailed Duck.

D Scallop Pond- Northern Harrier, *Short-eared Owl, Double-crested Cormorant, Common Goldeneye, *Sharp-tailed Sparrow.
• Partial Dirt Road.

