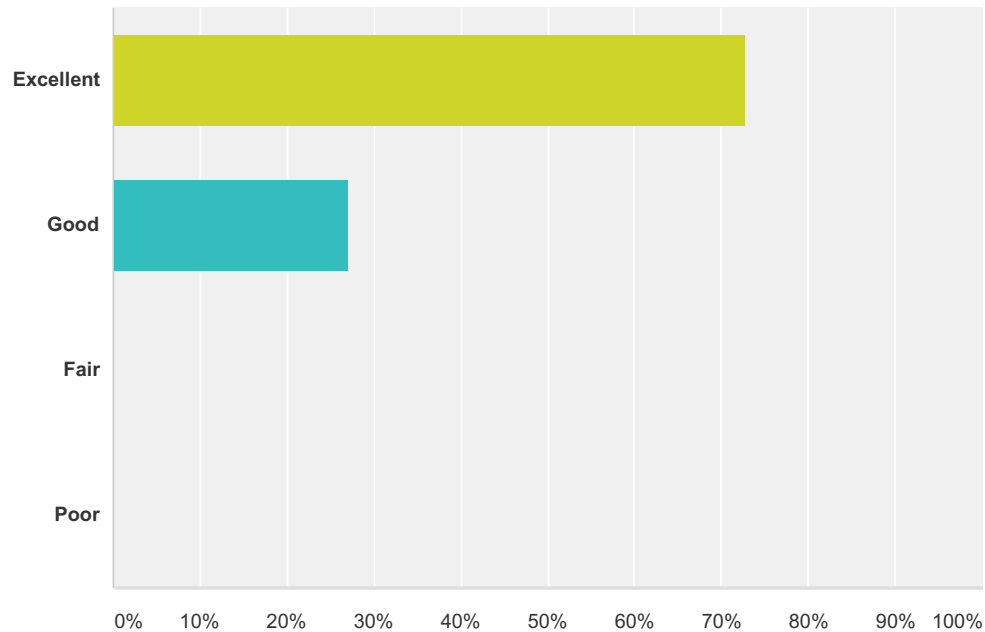


### Q1 Do you feel the 3rd Annual Long Island Natural History Conference was a successful event?

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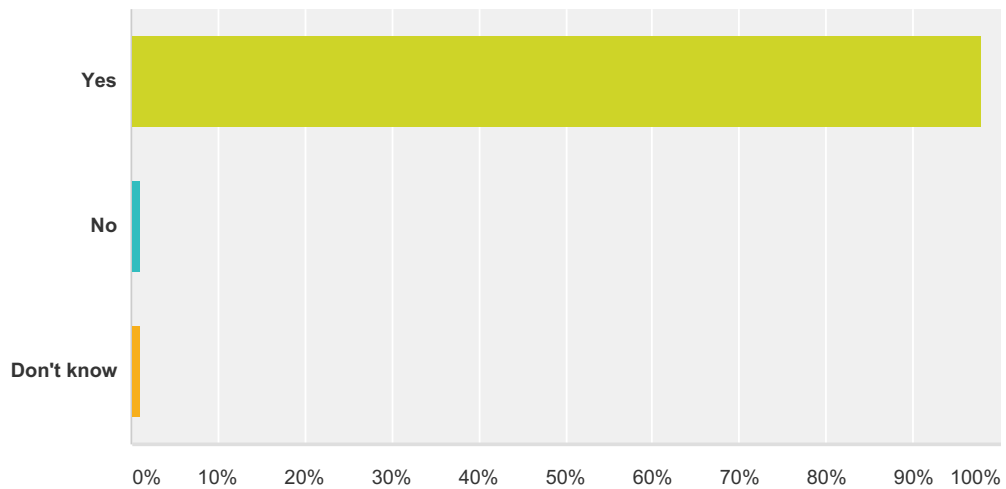
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	72.92% 70
Good	27.08% 26
Fair	0.00% 0
Poor	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	A great idea to have such a conference dedicated to our local environments and organizations.	4/1/2015 5:25 PM
2	Fabulous speakers and great conference	3/31/2015 10:07 PM
3	love seeing all the LI naturalists!	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
4	Great mix of topics - from scholarly to mainstream	3/28/2015 4:51 PM
5	For a newbie and layperson such as myself (without a science background), it provided a wonderful overview of the state of Long Island's natural environment.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
6	Of course, I love these events.	3/28/2015 3:41 PM
7	Good speakers and good range of topics. Only providing a single lecture at any given time was an improvement over the forced-choice format of last year.	3/28/2015 3:00 PM
8	Many great speakers!	3/26/2015 5:31 PM
9	You had a lot of great speakers covering a wide variety of interesting and relevant topics. I learned a lot!	3/26/2015 4:00 PM

10	But I can personally vouch for only the second day as I did not make it to the first or third day.	3/26/2015 3:26 PM
11	Great job. This is such an important event. However, I only heard about it through the Audubon Society. More outreach - possibly each sponsor could increase their level of communication?	3/26/2015 3:00 PM
12	I enjoyed ten of the sixteen speakers over the two days. My preference would be to have presentation choices during each time slot. Also, I would prefer a one-day conference.	3/26/2015 11:18 AM
13	I filled out on my other email account	3/26/2015 9:28 AM
14	also was impressed by the student poster room	3/26/2015 8:54 AM
15	I think changing to two days and only one speaker at a time was a good move. In the past I was frustrated because I could not hear both simultaneous speakers. It also gave the chance for some people to attend on Saturday who had to work on Friday.	3/26/2015 8:25 AM
16	very successful	3/25/2015 9:30 PM
17	only drawback was lack of choice of events	3/25/2015 8:56 PM

## Q2 Did you feel the speakers were knowledgeable?

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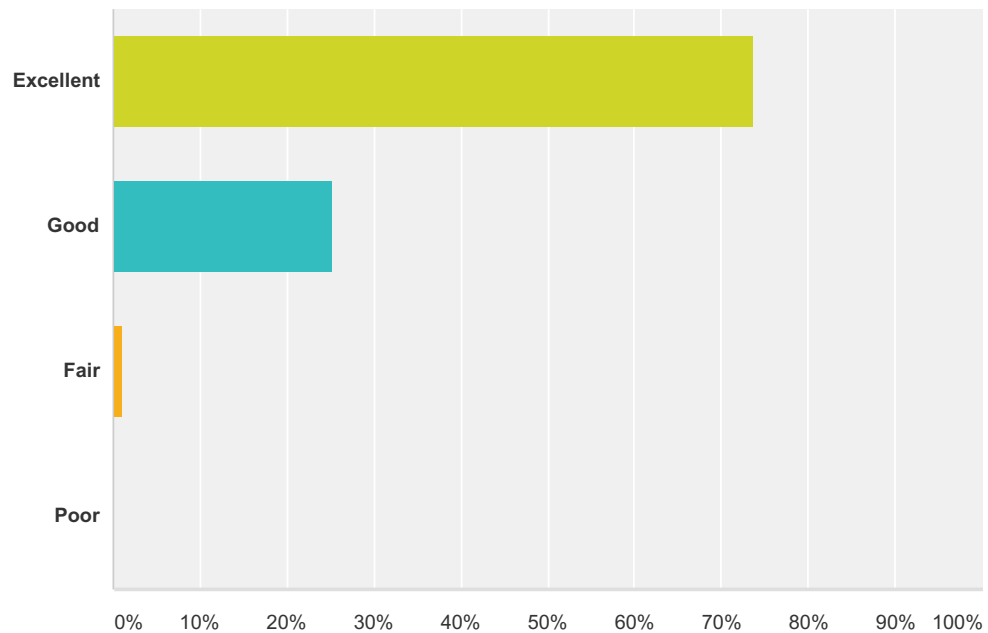
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	97.92% 94
No	1.04% 1
Don't know	1.04% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	So many good ones! Tom Rawinski and James Lendermer were my favorites, along with Polly Wiegand and Kerry Battle, plus Chris Nagy and Mike Scheibel - well, all of them.	3/31/2015 10:07 PM
2	All seemed like experts/very knowledgeable in their fields	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
3	I only heard one speaker, so really can only judge that one.	3/29/2015 10:33 PM
4	There was a nice range of speakers and topics, from the more technical and specific, to the more general and accessible.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
5	They were great, although at times, it was like watching someone's thesis dissertation. Which in some cases we were. Sometimes there were too much data point charts. More engaging natural history overviews with some data for background so that people get an impression is what I'm getting at.	3/28/2015 3:41 PM
6	As always, there are high points and low points. In one or two cases, the speakers were clearly knowledgeable, but didn't organize/convey the material well. The best example may have been the orchids presentation, which was a potentially fascinating topic, but was little more than an animated reading of a field guide, with little personal insight. The breeding birds talk was also not particularly informative, and amounted to little more than a slide presentation with too little substance added.	3/28/2015 3:00 PM
7	Speakers should remember that they are speaking to a broad range of attendees and should tailor their lectures accordingly.	3/28/2015 2:12 PM
8	Palpable excitement in most of the presenters. Lichen! Orchids!	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
9	VERY!!	3/26/2015 3:26 PM

10	Yes. It was a nice mix. Were there any local politicians present? I don't necessarily want to hear them speak, but I would like to know they are listening to experts in the field.	3/26/2015 3:00 PM
11	some were hesitant, but perhaps nerves!	3/26/2015 11:42 AM
12	For the most part. A slight few presentations didn't meet the standard.	3/26/2015 11:18 AM
13	I thought that everyone I saw did a good job, overall. Some were better than others. Eric Salzman is an interesting man and he's knowledgeable, but is not a good presenter. He did the same talk for us at NF Audubon a few years ago and members of the audience were all yelling "What's the name of the bird???" at various points. Not good.	3/26/2015 10:20 AM
14	I only attended the 3/20 morning session and can not comment on the balance	3/26/2015 9:34 AM
15	All the presenters on Friday, March 20th were very knowledgeable as well as Dr. Eric Lamont, Polly Weigand and Dr. Merry Camhi who presented on Saturday.	3/26/2015 8:45 AM
16	Do not provide a yes and no option here so I put know. Most yes some limited.	3/26/2015 8:27 AM

### Q3 How would you rate the speakers' topics?

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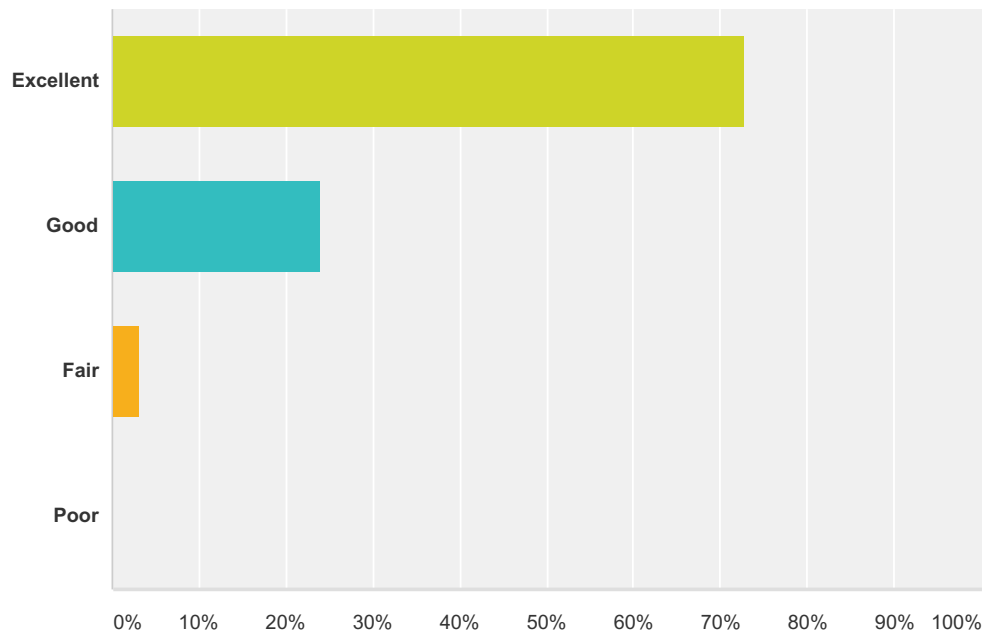
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	73.68% 70
Good	25.26% 24
Fair	1.05% 1
Poor	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	Great diversity of disciplines.	4/1/2015 5:25 PM
2	Topics covered a very good range	3/31/2015 10:07 PM
3	i liked the inclusion of some of the unusual topics- Lichens and Orchids	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
4	Even the couple of presentations I thought I was less interested in, I ended up staying for and really enjoying!	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
5	Mostly great, would have like to have seen more about specific ecosystems and local environments. Also, spotlights on sites might be cool too. Like Connetquot Park and its overall ecology or something. Coastal Plains Ponds of Brookhaven Labs and Manorville, those sort of things. The Pine Barrens conference was really cool too.	3/28/2015 3:41 PM
6	The variety is one of the things that makes the event worthwhile. There always seems to be a "sleeper" presentation that sounds mildly interesting in the abstract, but turns out to be far better than that when actually made. This year, the ctenophore lecture would be my nomination for that title. I am a part-time freelance outdoor writer always looking for new information that can be turned into articles or supplement information already on hand. This year, a number of the lectures provided story ideas that will hopefully be developed into magazine and newspaper pieces.	3/28/2015 3:00 PM

7	wonderful visuals on why parks like Harriman SP look so open...the deer ate everything...did not know that. Also, try to import coyotes that will take down the deer. Progress report next year on coyote diets? How can that information on deer eating up the forested lands get out to a wider audience? No wildflowers? here's why. dying forests? Here's why.	3/28/2015 2:39 PM
8	The topics were more interesting when they related specifically to Long Island. Too many "foreign" tracks for example.	3/28/2015 2:03 PM
9	I felt there was a good variety of topics presented.	3/27/2015 1:10 PM
10	Not sure why coyotes were included twice. Also, I don't know if keeping the topics 100% Long-Island-based is necessary.	3/26/2015 5:31 PM
11	The citizen science projects were great, and I would like to hear about more of them. Especially in western Suffolk. I would like more talks on sprawl, energy efficiency, water quality, erosion and the effects on Long Island's environment. Most of the talks and supporters were from Eastern Long Island. You might be getting to the point where you could block sessions by topic, or environment. Maybe some roundtable discussions with all the marine folks, invasives, mammals, birds and environment, herps, insects, etc.. I'd like to know more about LI seaweed.	3/26/2015 3:00 PM
12	I was excited to see the range of topics, including a few subjects that don't receive much attention (e.g., comb jellies, lichen).	3/26/2015 11:18 AM
13	The talk by the FIRE folks was more geared towards other enumerators, it seemed. I would find another talk about other aspects of their process or the birds they count or their experiences to be interesting.	3/26/2015 10:20 AM
14	Of the four I attended the talk on lichens was fair, but the one on phenology was excellent. One of the best I heard.	3/26/2015 9:34 AM
15	very interesting , learned some thing I had never thought about	3/26/2015 8:54 AM
16	Great niche presentations like Lichens, Comb Jellies, Orchids and Bald Eagles. Cybertracker Conservation Presentation was as 30 minute long advertisement for his company. All other presenters provided useful information and not just what information you could attain if you paid for one of Cybertracker's certificationclasses. Breeding Birds of Long Island could have been much better is scientific data was used in the presentation.	3/26/2015 8:45 AM
17	Favorites were the seal talk by Dr. Artie Kopelman and the ctenophores by Dr. Marianne McNamara.	3/26/2015 8:01 AM
18	The peregrine falcon/hawk presentation didn't have enough photos( I understand that their video didn't work, but photos would have been fine) and enough about the natural history	3/25/2015 9:07 PM
19	The presentations about current research were more useful than the slides on natural history. I think that the majority of the audience already knew a lot of the info that was presented on Bald Eagles and Long Island birds. I also didn't get much out of the falcons on FIRE presentation.	3/25/2015 8:08 PM

### Q4 How would you rate the organization of the Conference?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	72.92% 70
Good	23.96% 23
Fair	3.13% 3
Poor	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

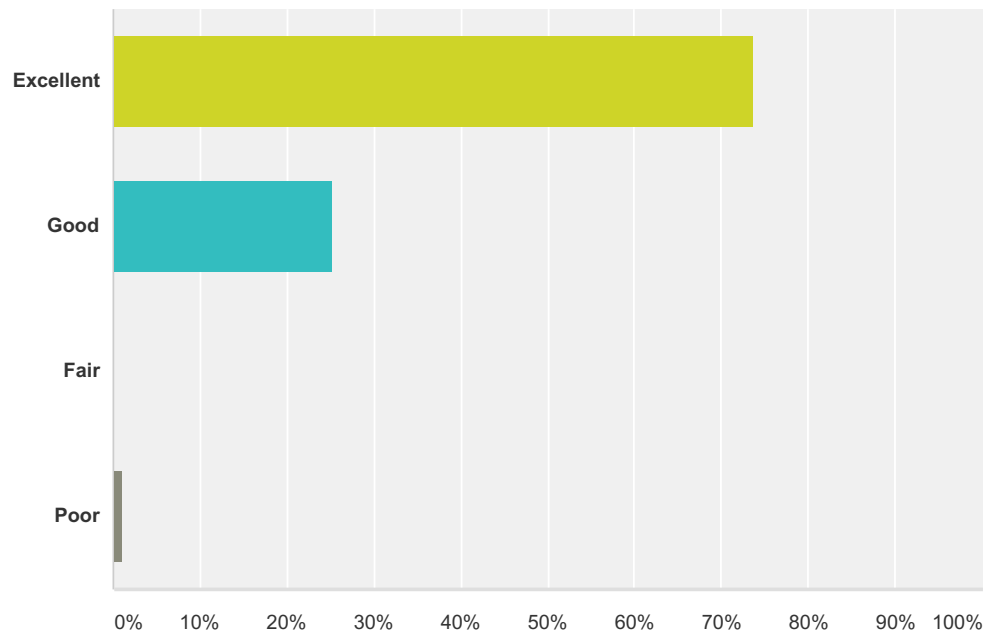
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1	I think the posters were a bit out of the way. Maybe just a sign in the lobby would have helped.	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
2	I preferred this years format with all the speakers in the auditorium and didn't select and dash to another room for a topic of your choice.	3/29/2015 1:38 PM
3	The security check in was ridiculous	3/29/2015 10:31 AM
4	Worked better that only one talk was scheduled at a time. At previous conferences, there were too many conflicts about which talk to attend!	3/28/2015 6:20 PM
5	The organizers kept everything right on schedule. Link to conference was well organized and easy to navigate.	3/28/2015 4:51 PM
6	I liked that events were NOT concurrent and I could choose to attend all talks if I wished. And I loved the field trip options for Sunday. I found Erin Gettler's suggestion that there be lunchtime options for getting outdoors on Brookhaven's trails interesting...not sure how, but intriguing.	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
7	Could maybe use a bit more of a media presence	3/28/2015 3:41 PM

8	I might suggest that there be some notification of having to park your car and sign in at the visitor center before going to the conference. Maybe suggesting that people arrive an hour to 1/2 hour before the opening remarks start. The 2nd annual conference we only had to show ID and the booth and were let in. So it was a hassle this year.	3/27/2015 1:10 PM
9	The only thing I would say is the poster room seemed a little off the beaten track. Maybe you could try to hold some sort of special event in the poster room to draw people in... maybe have a drawing for a free field trip or something? Just thinking off the top of my head!	3/26/2015 4:00 PM
10	Very good. I like the two day format. The pace was more leisurely, and it was easier to catch all of the sessions.	3/26/2015 3:00 PM
11	Parking is always an issue. Maybe have a list and folks can show ID at the booth. Getting out of the cars and waiting to show ID was a traffic jam.	3/26/2015 11:49 AM
12	You guys did a great job. The gatekeepers at BNL need to be more on the ball, though. There was a huge back up in the line to get in for the Friday session, total confusion, and then, they handed out passes willy-nilly. Was neither secure nor efficient.	3/26/2015 10:20 AM
13	We got significantly behind schedule on Saturday (Friday was good), but was setup nicely.	3/26/2015 9:09 AM
14	moved along nicely and plenty of breaks	3/26/2015 8:54 AM
15	This is more of an opinion but I would rather see more on marine environment an Marine Mammals / terrestrial Mammals. Otherwise I think the talks were organized well.	3/26/2015 8:01 AM
16	maybe a better/faster process on getting in/receiving parking passes	3/25/2015 8:30 PM



### Q5 How would you rate the quality of the venue?

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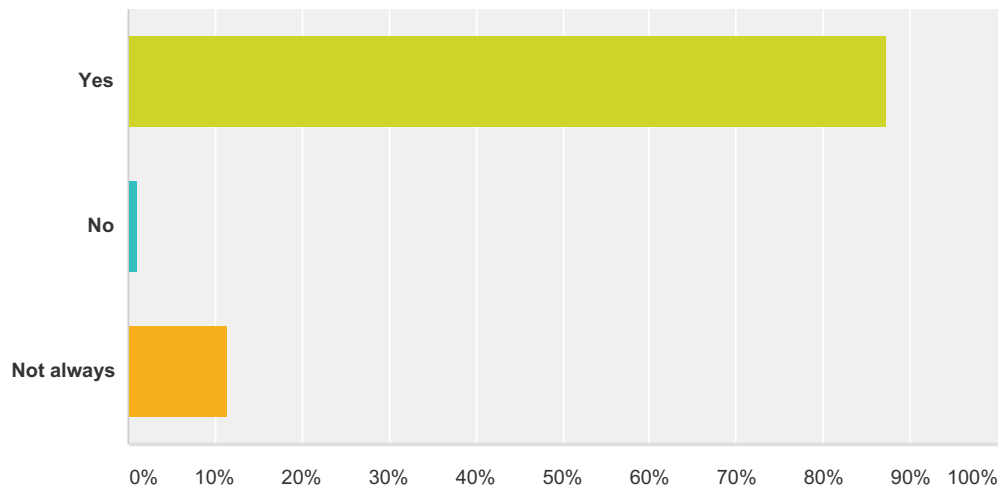
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	73.68% 70
Good	25.26% 24
Fair	0.00% 0
Poor	1.05% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	Check in was confusing, and signs directing toward exit would have been helpful.	3/31/2015 9:44 AM
2	Lots of seating, good food (on Friday)	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
3	Really comfortable and easily navigable. I liked that the cafeteria was right on premise. (I would absolutely take advantage of the lunch pre-order option mentioned, for the weekend when the cafeteria is closed.)	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
4	I do really like the Labs, though lunch on Saturday would have been nice and a social event like in the past would have been nice too. Once of these greatest parts of the events are the opportunities for networking and the chance to coordinate projects and cooperative field work. "A Botanist, a Herpetologist, and an Entomologist walk into a coastal plains pond"	3/28/2015 3:41 PM
5	loved the spacious seats, beautiful building, all fabulous. my first one, and i'll be back!!!	3/27/2015 2:21 PM
6	It would have been nice to have limited lunch on Saturday instead of complete bring-it-yourself.	3/26/2015 5:31 PM
7	I like coming out to Brookhaven, though it is a trek for me. I'm mid-Island and go to the city every day, so it is a nice opportunity to head East. Yes, another venue might be more accessible. I arrived late on Friday (I forgot my wallet, and went back home), so I did not experience the confusion and delays at the gate. Maybe provide more information about that process?	3/26/2015 3:00 PM

8	needs food improvement: veggies and fruit options	3/26/2015 11:28 AM
9	The only negative was the back up going through security.	3/26/2015 9:34 AM
10	easy to get to , good parking , good food choices Fri. very comfortable seating	3/26/2015 8:54 AM
11	It was frustrating to have to stop at the entrance booth and wait outside for 20 mins in order to get a parking permit. But other than that the venue was good.	3/25/2015 8:08 PM

### Q6 Were the audio and video adequate to clearly hear and see the presentations?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	87.37% 83
No	1.05% 1
Not always	11.58% 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	The speakers doing the slide shows had problems and were not able to run any of their videos.	4/8/2015 2:10 PM
2	yes, very good.	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
3	Yes, over all but there was one speaker I couldn't hear as well as the others.	3/29/2015 1:38 PM
4	Excellent acoustics and sight lines, I thought...tho' I was a bit disappointed we were unable to see all of Drew & Trudy's great videos ('Falcons on FIRE'). Not sure what happened there...	3/28/2015 4:48 PM
5	Needs a laser-light show for the ending ceremonies.	3/28/2015 3:41 PM
6	hawk watchers' videos didn't work	3/28/2015 2:39 PM
7	Conflict between illuminating the presenter and seeing the projected image in the glare.	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
8	I could see and hear very well!	3/26/2015 4:00 PM
9	I thought everything was fine. Could you have some kind of tech person on-site in the auditorium to trouble-shoot immediately? I did not find any of the minor hiccups disruptive. Even the hawk videos. The talk was fine w/o them. The podium blocked some of the images from the far left of the theater, but I could have moved.	3/26/2015 3:00 PM
10	The video feed out in the lobby was spotty, but other than that everything was great.	3/26/2015 1:13 PM
11	streaming video outside in lobby cut out often.	3/26/2015 11:28 AM
12	Saturday, the lobby TV went in and out through out the day. We were unable to watch the presentations.	3/26/2015 9:42 AM
13	I had a little trouble hearing James Lentemer.	3/26/2015 9:34 AM

14	Some the speakers had some trouble with the microphone and the clicker/laser pointer. Maybe a Microphone stand would work better.	3/26/2015 8:01 AM
15	I especially like the system that allows us to watch speakers from the lobby.	3/25/2015 9:30 PM

**Q7 Please rate the breaks:a. Were they long enough?b. Was the food sufficient?c. Was the food of good quality?d. Would you suggest something else? If so what would you like to see served?**

Answered: 83 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	They were fine, long enough. Food was not cheap, but not too bad.	4/8/2015 2:17 PM
2	A) Breaks were sufficient B) Coffee and sweets were sufficient C) No food was available on Saturday. Lunch had to be brought with attendees D) no recommendations	4/7/2015 3:33 PM
3	A) Yes, the breaks were long enough. B) Yes, the food on Friday was sufficient. C) Yes, the food was of good quality. D) No, there was more of a selection than I have seen in other cafeterias.	4/1/2015 5:30 PM
4	Liked everything about the breaks. Timing was good, food fine but maybe could have been healthier, but overall liked it.	3/31/2015 10:11 PM
5	Breaks were long enough. I brought a sandwich so I can't rate the food.	3/31/2015 9:46 AM
6	Yes Yes Yes No	3/31/2015 7:45 AM
7	Breaks were fine- enough time to stretch your legs, get to bathroom or a quick snack. Break food was good, although some fruit instead of all bagels/sweets would have been nice. Food quality was good, and the cafe had lots of options.	3/30/2015 2:34 PM
8	Yes food was fine	3/30/2015 10:57 AM
9	A little limited food choicewise, but was of good quality.	3/30/2015 10:33 AM
10	Yes, this event ran perfectly.	3/30/2015 9:48 AM
11	Breaks should be at least 1/2 hour w/variety of food. Maybe some fruits, snack bars, juices. Place some food in the Poster Session room to draw people to that venue.	3/30/2015 9:28 AM
12	everything was perfect.	3/30/2015 8:55 AM
13	good. glad I brought food, it did not look so good.	3/30/2015 7:52 AM
14	The breaks were long enough.	3/29/2015 1:43 PM
15	All where fine	3/29/2015 10:33 AM
16	Breaks and food were fine.	3/29/2015 8:48 AM
17	yes, yes, yes, no	3/28/2015 7:16 PM
18	a yes b your food great. cafe - did not care for	3/28/2015 6:51 PM
19	Breaks were usually long enough. Food was sufficient and good.	3/28/2015 6:26 PM
20	Breaks were just right. Food was fine (though I only attended on Friday). Nice to have bagels & coffee upon arrival.	3/28/2015 4:54 PM
21	Yes, yes and yes...I especially appreciated the coffee and baked goods during the afternoon stretch of talks!	3/28/2015 4:52 PM

22	It can be nice to have short breaks in between each presentation, except that does draw the whole thing longer. Does make it less exhausting though. Having slightly longer breaks after every other presentation is a nice way to do it. Overall, I do like the break system for the conference and think it is a great model. I do really like the cafeteria like on Friday. It would be really great to have something on the Saturday too. We had a sandwich and stuff table that was included in the conference price for the ICPS conference I helped organize in 2012. The thing to look out for, is people taking extras, which wasn't a problem for the smaller crowd we had, but could be for a larger event like this. Pizza deliveries are always fun too. or an option to have a group order to a local place and have delivered. Like place the order in the morning, delivered by lunchtime sort of thing. Is that allowed on the Lab grounds? If not, a volunteer could go pick up the order to bring back. Like how construction crews do it...	3/28/2015 4:08 PM
23	a, Yes b. Yes c. Yes, for what it was. d. As a practical matter, food is difficult to provide. Perhaps a greater diversity of danish; the pastries were pretty much the same. The bagels and cream cheese were fine, and on balance, there seemed to be enough food for everyone.	3/28/2015 3:11 PM
24	The break length was fine on Friday. Another break on Saturday would have been helpful. The food at the break was okay but high in carbohydrates. Other choices such as fruit would have been good.	3/28/2015 2:54 PM
25	healthier	3/28/2015 2:48 PM
26	The breaks were good, and I think long enough. Too long, and people start wondering. The food provided by the conference was excellent, and I think sufficient. The food in the cafeteria is good, and there is nice variety to choose from.	3/28/2015 2:45 PM
27	ok	3/28/2015 2:44 PM
28	Chateaubriand in a light Bearnaise sauce and a nice Merlot.....	3/28/2015 2:19 PM
29	Lunch on Friday was too long. Food was lousy but at least there was food.	3/28/2015 2:08 PM
30	A. Yes B. Yes C. Yes D. No	3/28/2015 2:07 PM
31	Breaks were fine. Food was very good.	3/28/2015 2:00 PM
32	I enjoyed the bagels, etc. Honestly more than I expected.	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
33	Yes throughout	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
34	more produce	3/28/2015 12:32 PM
35	There were no other drink options besides coffee and tea. I drink neither. A simple bottle of water or orange juice would of been fine.	3/28/2015 11:14 AM
36	The conference was well organized. The food was great.	3/28/2015 10:44 AM
37	Plenty of time and food. Food selection was great.	3/27/2015 10:06 PM
38	a. Yes b. Did not have the food c. Did not have the food. d. Nothing else	3/27/2015 1:42 PM
39	Yes, the breaks were adequate. Food was great Very good lunch, and the pastries offered in the morning were good. No suggestions	3/27/2015 1:12 PM
40	Friday afternoon could have included a break-lunch was extended that day and the break was removed due to the snow but it was difficult to sit straight through 4 presentations. Food was plenty-bagels, pastries, and coffee available throughout the day. Cafeteria open Friday but not Saturday which was fine, since the attendees knew about this ahead of time.	3/27/2015 8:24 AM
41	I was only there half day	3/27/2015 8:10 AM
42	The breaks were just right.	3/26/2015 11:04 PM
43	It was good to have breaks, and they could have been a few minutes longer. The bagels and coffee cakes were great! And lots of them. Needed lots of coffee and it was provided. There could have been a break on Friday afternoon.	3/26/2015 5:50 PM
44	The breaks were a good length and the food was good, great bagels!	3/26/2015 4:02 PM
45	There were plenty of breaks. Might there be a way to reconfigure them so that there would be a longer break but go for three sessions between breaks? The food was nice but how about cookies instead of breakfast pastry for the post-lunch break??	3/26/2015 3:35 PM

46	I do this for a living, and the thing people always complain about is the food. No matter what you do. I would have been happy with just coffee and tea in the morning. I took a bit of a scone home. Fresh fruit is expensive, but maybe provide some apples or bananas. We provide mini danish and muffins, and have moved away from bagels. I thought the cafeteria provided plenty of choices, and if someone has a dietary issue they should be encouraged to bring their own food. The registration fee is so low, I don't think you have to try and feed everyone exactly what they want. I don't need to go outside and smell the flowers during the sessions. I know it is a long haul, but it is a rare opportunity to get all these folks together. I want to hear them speak. If someone needs a break, they are free to go outside on their own.	3/26/2015 3:06 PM
47	The breaks were frequent enough and of adequate length. Food was alright and plentiful. Fruit, juice and water would be nice additions.	3/26/2015 2:07 PM
48	a. yes b. food was plentiful c. food was very good, coffee very good d. if anything else, maybe fruit	3/26/2015 2:03 PM
49	a. yes b. yes c. yes	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
50	Breaks were sufficient.	3/26/2015 12:54 PM
51	a. Seemed ok. We were off time by 10+ minutes the first day. Maybe a bit longer by 5 minutes. b. Yes. I don't think it is needed. Coffee and tea yes but the others are a bonus. Thank you for providing them. c. Yes. d. Make sure there is always coffee and hot water. Maybe fruit. Again it is a bonus.	3/26/2015 12:10 PM
52	yes to a b c d, I'm more focused on the lectures and I'd rather bring my own snacks - I find that I don't trust the manners of people and buffet food! coffee was excellent	3/26/2015 11:59 AM
53	The breaks were the right length.	3/26/2015 11:48 AM
54	more than enough food, but could have had more variety. Quality was ok. Also - locating coffee and/or snacks in the poster session room may have brought more attention to the posters.	3/26/2015 11:37 AM
55	They were very good	3/26/2015 11:31 AM
56	I had no problems with any of these.	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
57	a. yes b. yes c. yes d. no	3/26/2015 10:42 AM
58	Yes. All good, I thought. The cafe had plenty of options. Bagels and coffee were abundant. Breaks were good, especially with the audio-video being provided out in the table/coffee area.	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
59	Breaks were too frequent for me. Food in the cafeteria was great.	3/26/2015 9:57 AM
60	All fine.	3/26/2015 9:39 AM
61	Everything was good.	3/26/2015 9:36 AM
62	breaks were long enough to get all speakers done on time very well planed	3/26/2015 9:14 AM
63	a. They breaks were long enough but sometimes it wasn't clear when they were over. Many people were surprised to walk into the conference room with the Lichen presentation already started. The TV in the break area did not always work. The food was good, although it was not advertised that there would be food so I didn't know if I should eat prior to arriving at the conference.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
64	Yes, the breaks were long enough and the food was good.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
65	perfectly fine - no problems	3/26/2015 8:52 AM
66	The breaks were long enough and the food seemed to be sufficient, although I did not eat any because I don't like to eat gluten. I can't suggest any other snacks that would be practical.	3/26/2015 8:32 AM
67	Long enough	3/26/2015 8:30 AM
68	The break times were sufficient. There was plenty of food if you wanted to have it. Quality was fine, probably the easiest type to serve. It was nice to have it available the entire day.	3/26/2015 8:27 AM
69	Breaks were good. When you put the food out OPEN IT. Don't let it sit there with the wrapper on it. There were just bagels for a very long time, then nice muffins much later. To have that many people there on a Saturday, I think the cafeteria could have been opened for our group, maybe on a limited basis. Bagged lunch was poor.	3/26/2015 7:26 AM
70	The breaks were fine and the food was terrific	3/26/2015 4:17 AM
71	I think that the breaks were just right. Food amount and quality was good too.	3/25/2015 9:39 PM

72	The breaks should be longer, we need more time to socialize and network. the food was OK but we could lean a bit more healthy--fruit instead of just pastries.	3/25/2015 9:35 PM
73	Because of the snow, we might have done better on first day to have had shorter breaks. However, breaks were very necessary. Food decent and plenty. Maybe some fruit next time	3/25/2015 9:14 PM
74	a. yes b. yes c. could have been more nutritious d. fruit; carrot and celery sticks, cheese bites	3/25/2015 9:11 PM
75	Everything was terrific	3/25/2015 8:55 PM
76	a. Yes. b. too many carbs. c. yes d. More fruit.	3/25/2015 8:52 PM
77	The breaks were sufficient. It was nice to have some snacks and coffee during the breaks on Saturday when other food was not available.	3/25/2015 8:51 PM
78	Yes, breaks were fine. Food was good.	3/25/2015 8:39 PM
79	I was pleased with the food options The breaks were of ideal lengths	3/25/2015 8:32 PM
80	A. Yes B. yes C. Yes D. Some fresh fruit and veggies and dip would be nice	3/25/2015 8:14 PM
81	Breaks were fine. Food was good. Would like if lunch was provided or food was cheaper.	3/25/2015 7:49 PM
82	My break was more than adequate- and it gave ample time to mingle and make new connections- as well as rekindle old ones	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
83	The food was tasty but fruit or other healthy fare would have been good with it.	3/25/2015 7:45 PM



## Q8 What was the best part of the Conference?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 20

#	Responses	Date
1	I always enjoy the field trips, except this year!	4/8/2015 2:17 PM
2	Exhibits and Lectures.	4/7/2015 3:33 PM
3	The best part of the conference was getting to interact and meet with the presenters themselves as well as with the organizations, professionals, and individuals that are doing great work and fascinating studies here on Long Island.	4/1/2015 5:30 PM
4	Speakers were fantastic! And what an assemblage of people!	3/31/2015 10:11 PM
5	The speakers	3/31/2015 9:46 AM
6	I enjoyed the lectures. They were interesting and the speakers knew their material.	3/31/2015 7:45 AM
7	Getting to see/hear my peers and learning about topics I don't always get to hear about.	3/30/2015 2:34 PM
8	The presentations of course.	3/30/2015 10:33 AM
9	The information keeps me up-to-date for my career as an environmental educator.	3/30/2015 9:48 AM
10	Hard to pick one thing. The topics were great this year, I especially enjoyed the lichens talk, the coyote and bald eagle talks, and of course the deer issue.	3/30/2015 8:55 AM
11	The lichens and the water lectures. Presenters were knowledgeable and captivating.	3/30/2015 7:52 AM
12	Talks	3/29/2015 10:33 AM
13	presentations.	3/29/2015 8:48 AM
14	participation of knowledgeable experts	3/28/2015 7:16 PM
15	seeing everyone, and learning something new.	3/28/2015 6:51 PM
16	It was all good and interesting.	3/28/2015 6:26 PM
17	Wide range of topics covered. The presentations were so professional & visuals just right.	3/28/2015 4:54 PM
18	I most enjoyed and connected with Kerissa Battle's talk on community monitoring and phenological initiatives. It felt really holistic and all-encompassing - something to get excited about! But it was wonderful to finally see and hear in person so many local scientists and experts whose names I've heard mentioned....really, there was hardly a disappointing one in the bunch (although varying degrees of preparation & detail to their presentations). I also appreciated the presence of Canio Books at the Conference and had a really wonderful talk with Kathryn, one of the owners, about various nature writers and book series. I guess my 'liberal arts' background felt at home with people like Kerissa and Kathryn.	3/28/2015 4:52 PM
19	As with any conference, it is the presentations! The opportunities to network are really great too... The Sci-Art Center I am a part of does great mixer events to encourage cross-discipline projects, that's always a fun idea to have as part of the conference. Or some other themed meet-and-greet.	3/28/2015 4:08 PM
20	There were some lectures that stood out above the others. Nitrogen, lichens, ctenophores and sharks/rays were my favorite talks, largely because of the knowledge and style of the presenters, but I'm sure that others would single out others. I attend the conference to learn, and was not disappointed.	3/28/2015 3:11 PM
21	No one thing. The variety of the subjects was good.	3/28/2015 2:54 PM
22	the speakers	3/28/2015 2:48 PM
23	I really like the diversity of attendees, across a broad spectrum of environmental interests. It's great to see so many friends under one roof.	3/28/2015 2:45 PM
24	interaction with exhibitors very important.	3/28/2015 2:44 PM

25	Being able to make direct contact with specific speakers	3/28/2015 2:19 PM
26	Speakers	3/28/2015 2:17 PM
27	Finding out there are Bald Eagles nesting in the Bayard Cutting Arboretum.	3/28/2015 2:08 PM
28	I think one of the most surprisingly interesting talks was the one about Lichen. It was eye opening and something I have never really thought about. There were several other wonderful talks including (but not limited to): sharks and Rays, coyotes, comb jellies, citizen science, etc.	3/28/2015 2:07 PM
29	Learning about what others were up to, getting inspired.	3/28/2015 2:00 PM
30	The talks, also enjoyed the student posters.	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
31	topics were relevant to current management issues - water quality, deer management, etc.	3/28/2015 12:32 PM
32	N/a	3/28/2015 11:14 AM
33	The highly knowledgeable speakers and relevant topics. An absolute wealth of information!	3/28/2015 10:44 AM
34	The topics which covered a very good variety.	3/27/2015 10:06 PM
35	I enjoyed networking with the attendees and I enjoyed several presentations.	3/27/2015 1:42 PM
36	The presentations and quality of the speakers.	3/27/2015 1:12 PM
37	I enjoyed the speakers' presentations and learning about new topics. I also enjoyed the poster sessions and meeting other naturalists and joining several volunteer committees in the area.	3/27/2015 8:24 AM
38	The speakers all showed enthusiasm on their topics.	3/26/2015 11:04 PM
39	Not every speaker was great, but there were a lot of very good ones!	3/26/2015 5:50 PM
40	Quality speakers and interesting topics. I'm not from Long Island so it was really interesting to get a more in depth understanding of its unique biogeographic characteristics.	3/26/2015 4:02 PM
41	The wealth of knowledge and the diversity of topics.	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
42	The variety of talks and the inclusion of "naturalists" as well as "scientists". I really appreciate all of these folks participating and giving up their own time. I liked the poster session.	3/26/2015 3:06 PM
43	Most of the presentations were engaging and informative.	3/26/2015 2:07 PM
44	the talks were all informative, breaks were good and important for meeting up with others	3/26/2015 2:03 PM
45	I enjoyed the coyote presentation and the shark and ray presentation the most.	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
46	Listening to speakers, catching up with old friends, making new connections	3/26/2015 12:10 PM
47	I can't pick one thing, except the tracking field trip. Every lecture was really good. The one about birds had not been prepared properly, but I loved seeing all those photos which seemed more descriptive than my field guides. I got confused about which were native birds. I'm an amateur birder.	3/26/2015 11:59 AM
48	Networking with other nature lovers and there is always more to learn.	3/26/2015 11:48 AM
49	Presentations also enjoyed the sponsor tables	3/26/2015 11:31 AM
50	The majority of the presentations; catching up with many familiar faces	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
51	the speakers info	3/26/2015 10:42 AM
52	I really enjoyed Eric Lamont's talk about orchids. Simple, local, but also exotic.	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
53	New information	3/26/2015 9:57 AM
54	Opportunity to bring people together and increase awareness of re diverse environmental and ecological interests and concerns.	3/26/2015 9:39 AM
55	I only attended the morning of 3/20. The best part was the presentation on phenology	3/26/2015 9:36 AM
56	enjoyed all exhibits , speakers , student posters	3/26/2015 9:14 AM
57	Dr. Gobler, Kerissa Battle, Michael Scheibel, Dr. Camhi and Drew Panko were great presenters. Thank you for having all the presenters!	3/26/2015 9:10 AM

58	Variety of different topics. Some of the talks were more interesting than others.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
59	Orchid Talk	3/26/2015 8:52 AM
60	I liked Friday the best. The speakers were the most interesting.	3/26/2015 8:32 AM
61	Eagles/Hawks;Wildlife:coyotes/foxes	3/26/2015 8:30 AM
62	Listening to the knowledgeable speakers.	3/26/2015 8:27 AM
63	I thought that the topics were very good.	3/26/2015 7:26 AM
64	Eric Lamont's native orchid talk	3/26/2015 4:17 AM
65	Many of the presentations were excellent - this was the best part.	3/25/2015 9:39 PM
66	some of the talks were really excellent--the ctenophore talk, the coyote talks, the algae talk	3/25/2015 9:35 PM
67	The first coyote presentation and the contacts. Also the orchid presentation.	3/25/2015 9:14 PM
68	I loved the presenters' passion for their subjects.	3/25/2015 9:11 PM
69	The talks and time to network.	3/25/2015 8:52 PM
70	I enjoyed Drew Panko and Trudy Battaly's presentation on falcon research, but most other presentations were interesting as well.	3/25/2015 8:51 PM
71	Variety of topics	3/25/2015 8:39 PM
72	the variety of topics	3/25/2015 8:32 PM
73	The presentations on citizen science, nitrogen, sharks and rays, and ctenophores.	3/25/2015 8:14 PM
74	The speakers!!! It is so wonderful to hear from highly knowledgeable experts about current local efforts/research/initiatives. This conference is so valuable for naturalists and educators.	3/25/2015 7:49 PM
75	Being around like minded people	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
76	information	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
77	the weather	3/25/2015 7:41 PM

## Q9 What could we improve about the Conference?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 36

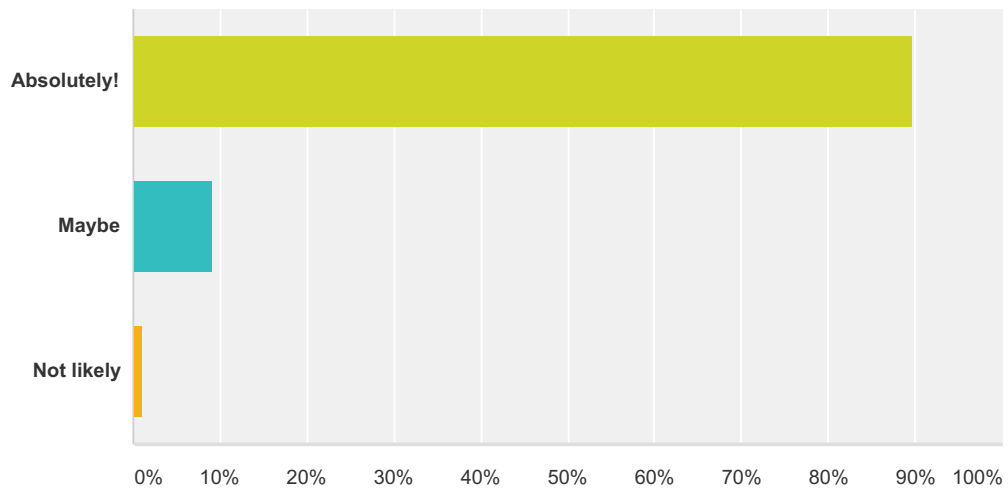
#	Responses	Date
1	Information on the field trips could have been better. Maybe you could order a nice sunny day next year.	4/8/2015 2:17 PM
2	More time for Questions	4/7/2015 3:33 PM
3	Keep getting the best speakers	3/31/2015 10:11 PM
4	Have some rooms set up for side conferences occurring at the same time of speakers so if someone is more concerned about the Pine Barrens, for example, they could go into more detail there and skip a speaker.	3/31/2015 9:46 AM
5	See food suggestions. I knew, but pre-conference instructions/heads-up about needing to stop at the check-in booth would be good.	3/30/2015 2:34 PM
6	I think it's run well. I am easy to please.	3/30/2015 10:33 AM
7	The later half people left because they know the topics are not as 'good'. I'd like to see the strength of the event stay as strong as it is for the first half. I stayed the entire event and valued the second half, information and knowledgeable presenters. But it was missing something.	3/30/2015 9:48 AM
8	Ensure speakers have done planning and have run through their material. At least two of the speakers had too much material for the time allotted.	3/30/2015 9:28 AM
9	I'm not sure there's anything I would change	3/30/2015 8:55 AM
10	Some of the speakers were a little boring and did not say anything substantial enough to bring to the classroom. It is fine if someone has a casual interest, but not enough for high school.	3/30/2015 7:52 AM
11	limit speakers to 20 minutes with 10 minute Q&A period. Be strict about it. Make speakers available for 30 minutes in a separate room for follow up. Add more speakers/presenters.	3/29/2015 8:48 AM
12	none	3/28/2015 7:16 PM
13	Give the speakers a 5 min warning. Several went way over their allotted time I wish it was not so far away, but opposite RH was great. snow - scary had to miss most of last speaker on Friday to beat the worst of the snow and avoid RH. I did great getting home, as did everyone I spoke to on Sat.	3/28/2015 6:51 PM
14	Good as is.	3/28/2015 6:26 PM
15	Perhaps a social gathering on the Friday or Saturday evening after the programs?	3/28/2015 4:54 PM
16	Keep doing what you're doing! And keep expanding the range of topics, I suppose, for repeat attendees.	3/28/2015 4:52 PM
17	Pretty much covered in the other suggestions I added. Also, could have other smaller events throughout the year so that the conference is the big annual event. Could generate more capital that way to pay for more ambitious events for the conference...	3/28/2015 4:08 PM
18	I think that everything is just about right as is.	3/28/2015 3:11 PM
19	Nothing.	3/28/2015 2:54 PM
20	would rather see both days during the week.	3/28/2015 2:48 PM
21	I was not able to attend on Saturday due to prior commitments, but one of the speakers Friday (ctenophores) was a little technical, perhaps for most audiences. She was clearly highly knowledgeable, but most of what she said went over my head. That's just me, maybe the majority of the audience would not feel that way.	3/28/2015 2:45 PM
22	more exhibitors...lower costs to set up a table	3/28/2015 2:44 PM
23	Group similar topics together such as flora, fauna, environment, sciences, etc.	3/28/2015 2:19 PM
24	Some of the talks were just slides of pictures and someone explaining what they were. These talks were a bit hard to sit through. I would have liked to gain more knowledge from them.	3/28/2015 2:07 PM

25	Start later in the day.	3/28/2015 2:00 PM
26	Venue was too reseictive	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
27	I could not think of one improvement. One of the best conferences I have been to.	3/28/2015 10:44 AM
28	Continue to do the Saturday but maybe rearrange things a bit to reflect the smaller crowd.	3/27/2015 10:06 PM
29	Perhaps include a panel discussion. I also like having a series of short presentations that allow for people to provide quick updates on their projects (ie, alewife volunteer survey results, breeding bird survey results, etc).	3/27/2015 1:42 PM
30	I thought some of the presentations on research were a little bit difficult to follow since the allotted time was only 40 minutes for each presenter. It was a bit rushed to get through all their data. Instead, maybe presenting general trends and findings might prove more time-conscious and also make more of an impact on the audience.	3/27/2015 8:24 AM
31	I wouldn't have minded if the conference had 7 sessions per day instead of 8. Maybe it's because I have a long drive home to Queens. If you have fewer sessions, perhaps each speaker could have a little more time; a lot of them could have used it.	3/26/2015 5:50 PM
32	Having trouble deciding which works better: one day of workshops or two. Two days seemed a lot to commit to (so I went to only one) but the it was nice not to have to choose between two great topics and speakers!	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
33	Outreach. There is a wealth of knowledge, experience, and know-how that needs to be more widely disseminated. Perhaps get a Communications intern from Stony Brook or another school to help spread the word.	3/26/2015 3:06 PM
34	It would be nice to have lunch available both days.	3/26/2015 2:07 PM
35	Perhaps more time for networking? but maybe that occurred on Friday.	3/26/2015 2:03 PM
36	Having the cafeteria open at lunch on Saturday would be helpful.	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
37	Again, check in needs to be re-vamped when you first come in.	3/26/2015 12:10 PM
38	Only the check-in for Brookhaven, which is out of your hands. I might add that your check-in process was perfect.	3/26/2015 11:59 AM
39	Just have it on one day, but only 6 or so talks. Keep field trips on the other day (s)	3/26/2015 11:48 AM
40	attract more students	3/26/2015 11:37 AM
41	Explain if lunch will be available or not if brown bagging is OK . there were microwaves the web site did not provide info on lunch.	3/26/2015 11:31 AM
42	Reiterating my preferences from the first question: - I would prefer several presentation choices per time slot - I would prefer a one-day conference	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
43	this was our first conference of this type...was greatly enjoyed only able to attend on Friday	3/26/2015 10:42 AM
44	Can't think of anything right now.	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
45	Don't invite the guy advocating for hunting and only hunting. Move stuff like that and the cyber tracker information to the lobby. They both sounded like sales pitches.	3/26/2015 9:57 AM
46	hand outs from speakers to be able to follow up on their subjects	3/26/2015 9:14 AM
47	It would be helpful if you were able to have name tags show both Name and Company Name. I do not believe PayPal had an option for the company name.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
48	I think having a Long Island Natural History Conference is a great idea - I really enjoy learning about all aspects of our natural history. -Do not video tape speakers, provide powerpoints instead, some of these video's could be embarassing for the speakers and the conference. -Expand posters to professionals not just students.	3/26/2015 8:52 AM
49	It is a little clunky getting in through security. There was a long line and traffic jam when I arrived. There might be some way to improve that process.	3/26/2015 8:32 AM
50	Keep to the timing of the schedule. I found it distracting to me and disrespectful to the speakers to have the audience dribbling in after the talks had started. You need to impress the time limit on the speakers. The entire group on the second day was awful in terms of time. Shark Lady spoke WAY too fast. Comb Jelly Lady threw everything at us but the kitchen sink. Eric Lamont was doomed when he couldn't stop talking about Tipularia discolor. Eric S. was just awful. I know he is an icon, but that presentation was poor.	3/26/2015 7:26 AM
51	spread out break over lobby and poster room, more time for breaks. the most important part of a conference is the opportunity to network, so need to make that easier	3/25/2015 9:35 PM

52	The second coyote presentation overlapped too much.	3/25/2015 9:14 PM
53	Perhaps one less presentation per day would give more time for questions and/or just contemplating the information.	3/25/2015 9:11 PM
54	The posters were not good to have in the separate room since not many people went in there. They were busy talking in the main lobby. They should go back in the main area to where they were the conference before.	3/25/2015 8:52 PM
55	The poster area was too far from the heart of activity. I would move it closer, or move some of the tables into that area.	3/25/2015 8:51 PM
56	I know you struggle with the scheduling, but I would have attending both days had one not been on the weekend.	3/25/2015 8:39 PM
57	maybe expand the space for tables/posters. It was a little cramped in that first room during breaks.	3/25/2015 8:32 PM
58	Cut off presenters when they go over time	3/25/2015 8:14 PM
59	It's great!! Keep it up!!	3/25/2015 7:49 PM
60	I understand why you moved away from two weekdays but it is hard to give up an entire weekend without even time for church.	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
61	hire pros	3/25/2015 7:41 PM

### Q10 Would you participate in a future event?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
Absolutely!	89.77% 79
Maybe	9.09% 8
Not likely	1.14% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	Thank you for all the hard work to put this together!	3/28/2015 4:54 PM
2	As an audience member, of course!	3/28/2015 4:52 PM
3	I think you can count me in all the future events for sure.	3/28/2015 4:08 PM
4	.	3/28/2015 2:44 PM
5	Thoroughly enjoyed the conference, thought it was planned and executed very well, thanks!	3/28/2015 2:17 PM
6	My partner and I worked really hard on our poster presentations. We drove out a little over an hour to only receive 20mins for a poster presentation segment and yet not one person asked us a question about anything regarding our research.	3/28/2015 11:14 AM
7	Well, I would if I could... But I am not from Long Island so it has to coincide with something I am working on at work. Hopefully the stars will align again one day!	3/26/2015 4:02 PM
8	Keep up the great work!	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
9	attending, not presenting	3/26/2015 11:59 AM
10	I've been to the first three, and expect to continue this streak.	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
11	If I'm here. I will be splitting my time between the North Fork and NYC and traveling --to see other interesting parts of the natural world--soon.	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
12	Yes I would definitely attend again	3/26/2015 8:52 AM

## Q11 What topics would you like to see covered in future Long Island Natural History Conferences?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 30

#	Responses	Date
1	Invasive species information: what and how to remove, what to plant in its place. Invasive species removal. How is it working? Are we making a difference? How do we handle the public? They do not seem to understand. (Swans, Geese)	4/8/2015 2:17 PM
2	Long Island Raptors especially nesting Bald eagles. Control of waterfowl Updates on Coyotes and others e .g. Otters	4/7/2015 3:33 PM
3	A presentation on the status of Long Island's endemic amphibians would be very interesting.	4/1/2015 5:30 PM
4	Perhaps invite Darrel Morrison to speak about Ecological Landscape Design, or Doug Tallamy, author of Bringing Nature Home, or some of the speakers from Larry Weaner's annual Native Plant Conference?	3/31/2015 10:11 PM
5	How demography affects the natural environment, for example, a historical look at settlement, including transportation's role, and how settlement affected, and continues to affect natural resources.	3/31/2015 9:46 AM
6	Research pertaining to the LI environment.	3/31/2015 7:45 AM
7	Sea level rise and its projected effects. Pine Barrens natural history. Restoration success stories (vegetation or otherwise)	3/30/2015 2:34 PM
8	more marine topics	3/30/2015 10:57 AM
9	You always come up with good topics. Just keep doing what you're doing.	3/30/2015 10:33 AM
10	Current events rather than the few topics that are a little 'old news'. But maybe what was presented was all the new information available.	3/30/2015 9:48 AM
11	Geology of Long Island. Odonates of Long Island. Status of Riverine habitats of Long Island Hard clams, oysters, and mussels of Long Island. Hognosed Snakes ecology Turtles of Long Island Mosquitos and disease ecology Mushrooms of Long Island	3/30/2015 9:28 AM
12	Effect of Hurricanes (Sandy) on long island. Any effect of pollutants and contaminants, especially in regards to the Bethpage plume from Grumman. Birds, migratory patterns.	3/30/2015 7:52 AM
13	Impact of people Aquifer future	3/29/2015 10:33 AM
14	water quality improvements and conservation actions.	3/29/2015 8:48 AM
15	continued science on water quality, fish populations, duck populations & duck hunting impact, recycling technology and possibility of expansion on LI	3/28/2015 7:16 PM
16	Pretty much the same variety of topics.	3/28/2015 6:26 PM
17	Although this year it was a bit of a sore subject, a presentation on coastal erosion would be useful and relevant, the ways that humans accelerate the process and what would truly be of protective value. Chris Gobler's talk did touch on this, but an entire talk could be devoted to it perhaps. Another idea might be in the area of ethnobotany, the ways that Native Americans and later colonists utilized the landscape and its natural resources. And finally, perhaps a talk by a geologist on the formation of Long Island and how it is evolving, soil composition, etc. I also liked all of the suggestions put forth at the end - dragonflies, ferns, the Pine Barrens' ecology. I'm so new at this just about anything holds interest for me!	3/28/2015 4:52 PM
18	I did already mention a few. Including other disciplines might be fun. Wildlife photographers Nature painters maybe even a fiction writer presentation as long as the topic fits within LI natural history hiking clubs/nature and outdoors groups, with presentations of their outings Really anything LI natural history related as a few extras, but with the bulk remaining what it is now.	3/28/2015 4:08 PM



19	1) Winter flounder (good work is being done at Stony Brook U). 2) Mute swans--arguments for and against invasive species controls 3) Native freshwater fish (what is truly native? how have the native fish survived stocking of bass, non-native trout, etc?)	3/28/2015 3:11 PM
20	along the same lines	3/28/2015 2:48 PM
21	A continuing focus on water quality, Long Island fisheries. Climate change impacts.	3/28/2015 2:45 PM
22	NO SUFFOLK CASINO....RICHARD AMPER SAID "NO" ON HYDROLOGICAL ZONE III LAND IN MEDFORD...LETS HAVE A PROGRAM ON LAND USE AND THE AQUIFER. OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC PRETTY IGNORANT OR INDIFFERENT.	3/28/2015 2:44 PM
23	Primary interests are animals and flora	3/28/2015 2:19 PM
24	Similar to what was presented, liked the variety of topics. Would like to hear more about deer control on the Island, what's available. And info on educating the populace to how serious a situation this is and will become.	3/28/2015 2:17 PM
25	Southern pine beetle. Deer deterring.	3/28/2015 2:08 PM
26	An interactive exhibit possibly. Aquifer talk Tree species and in addition maybe what's effecting/harming them-like the southern pine beetle	3/28/2015 2:07 PM
27	Effects of oyster dredging on bottom community. Update on horseshoe crab studies. Bethpage ground pollution plume. Whales and dolphins.	3/28/2015 2:00 PM
28	Maybe get somebody from NWS to talk about climate/microclimates.	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
29	More plant lectures, updates on coyotes, more amphibians and reptile talks	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
30	current & historic distribution of ferns and their allies	3/28/2015 12:32 PM
31	N/a	3/28/2015 11:14 AM
32	More on endangered/threatened species and topics that tie the cultural history of Long Island with the current natural environment.	3/27/2015 10:06 PM
33	Tidal wetlands loss and change; Updates on breeding shorebird numbers; southern pine beetle and ALB locations and what is being done; information on eelgrass;	3/27/2015 1:42 PM
34	Species that once lived here on LI and are now extinct, or missing from LI.	3/27/2015 1:12 PM
35	Maybe a topic on insects? Natural pest control for gardens?	3/27/2015 8:24 AM
36	Something related to the condition of our forests on L. I.,ie, the continuing loss of canopy allowing more light through to the under story.	3/26/2015 11:04 PM
37	I don't think you need to stick with 100% Long Island topics. You might want to branch out into other natural history topics.	3/26/2015 5:50 PM
38	It occurred to me from Eric Salzman's talk about the shift towards southern birds and also from previous conversations I've had with folks about southern marine fish shifting from northern to more southern species that Long Island would be an interesting "sentinel" location to highlight in regards to climate change.	3/26/2015 4:02 PM
39	I can't remember what was on the first day (which I did not attend) but I missed having more workshops on plants and/or natural communities on the day I was there. (Loved Eric and Polly's presentations in particular!)	3/26/2015 3:35 PM
40	How to educate and change attitudes of the general population on LI. Maybe bring in some social scientists to discuss how people's attitudes are formed and changed.	3/26/2015 3:06 PM
41	The Southern Pine Beetle invasion and something hopeful and optimistic about the future of Long Island.	3/26/2015 2:07 PM
42	I am partial to birds, so bird migration, citizen science projects, perhaps a lunchtime bird walk? Also land use issues on Long Island; backyard habitat, planting in public spaces for wildlife, golf courses, etc.	3/26/2015 2:03 PM
43	The effect of climate change on Long Island.	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
44	Microplastics Any local topic	3/26/2015 12:10 PM
45	I continue to try to understand our ridiculously high deer population. This conference really depressed me when I actually saw all the evidence of habitat destruction. I see it in my Westhampton neighborhood, but to see the Pine Barrens and other woodlands destroyed was astounding. Perhaps we could have a debate with all the people who dismiss controlled hunts as a solution. Maybe the coyotes will help!	3/26/2015 11:59 AM

46	Botany, ferns, insects, native pollinators, update on the deer / tick problem, citizen science projects, mammals	3/26/2015 11:48 AM
47	more habitat restoration projects and research, green infrastructure, living shorelines, etc.	3/26/2015 11:37 AM
48	- Long Island mollusks - Dragonflies - Would be interested in a variety of local mammals (gray fox, striped skunk, weasels, mink, southern flying squirrel, woodchuck...)	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
49	Rabies and other possible animal/human diseases on LI	3/26/2015 10:42 AM
50	Need to think about this! Will be in touch if I think of anything specific.	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
51	Gasoline powered landscaping tools as major air polluters Soil health	3/26/2015 9:39 AM
52	enjoyed all but really like the ones on subjects I had never heard of or thought of	3/26/2015 9:14 AM
53	Research coming out of Stony Brook, SOMAS, Hofstra and other academic institutions as well as BNL. Stony Brook Southampton Lecture Series has had many interested lectures, including sustainable fisheries/shellfish operations and the History of the Menhaden Fishery on Long Island. Presentations by municipalities/regulatory agencies, including NYS DEC, Suffolk County, US FWS, FINS, etc. Perhaps bringing someone from the Shinnecock Reservation to speak about natural history. Helen Hays & Great Gull Island. Box Turtle research at the William Floyd Estate. A presentation of the life and art work of Dennis Puleston; the Suffolk County Historical Society has a collection of his paintings. Also, the history of duck decoys and shorebird carvings on Long Island.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
54	Here are some things I would like to hear about: -geology - especially glacial history of LI and how it impacts natural history - contact Gilbert Hanson [gilbert.hanson@stonybrook.edu] - he would be great - he would lead a field trip too probably. -lichens, ferns etc. -bog plants -ecology/conservation of the pine barrens -insects of LI - mammals of LI -conservation - all topics -Educational Projects especially citizen science	3/26/2015 8:52 AM
55	Keep up with the same topics.	3/26/2015 8:32 AM
56	Pine bark beetle update Soil conservation	3/26/2015 4:17 AM
57	Invasive species, Urbanization	3/25/2015 9:35 PM
58	hiking	3/25/2015 9:14 PM
59	LI native trees and shrubs: natural history and what to plant LI native flowers and grasses: natural history and what to plant LI foxes organic farming	3/25/2015 9:11 PM
60	Invasive species. Development pressures. Success in preserving species.	3/25/2015 8:52 PM
61	More of the same.	3/25/2015 8:51 PM
62	Songbird distribution, shorebird conservation, invasive species, citizen science (water quality, river herring, etc), local museum resources.	3/25/2015 8:39 PM
63	Small mammals on Long Island Air quality Fish Mushrooms Avian migration stopover sites	3/25/2015 8:14 PM
64	Pitch pines and the current infestation of southern pine beetles , remediation, forecast for the future. Alternatives to cesspools (not sewers) to control nitrogen loading in our local waters? Groundwater - there was a conference a few years ago, would be nice for an update.	3/25/2015 7:49 PM
65	I have interests in glacial history of LI, how climate change affects flora and fauna on LI.	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
66	American chestnut status	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
67	teacher material	3/25/2015 7:41 PM

## Q12 Have anything else to tell us?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 55

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1	Please e-mail me at Linda.Kasten@parks.ny.gov I wound up paying twice and after more than two hours, I never found anyone who knew anything about the alewife program.	4/8/2015 2:17 PM
2	My First attendance. Looking forward to next year. Is there a place to report unusual sightings for Long Island?	4/7/2015 3:33 PM
3	Thanks for putting this all together.	4/1/2015 5:30 PM
4	Keep doing what you're doing!	3/31/2015 10:11 PM
5	Great, love the conference.	3/30/2015 2:34 PM
6	Nope.	3/30/2015 10:33 AM
7	Outstanding event and thank you for helping me be better at my job.	3/30/2015 9:48 AM
8	nice having that large auditorium. last year it was nice having a choice. Yet learning something I did not know about was also good . Now that you have my email. I hope I do not have to wait for Seatuck's notice on the event.	3/28/2015 6:51 PM
9	Thoroughly enjoyable!	3/28/2015 6:26 PM
10	Excellent job!!! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication!! I feel really fortunate to have people like you - and everyone who presented - in the community, dedicated to science, nature and the environment. It offers real refuge from and hope in the face of the customary Hamptons emphasis on development, real estate and the social scene, which is so discouraging and often destructive. So, thank you!	3/28/2015 4:52 PM
11	Invite organizations to contribute materials for a temporary Wunderkammer (cabinet of curiosity's) Fill one room with a Victorian-era natural history museum display (Vanderbilt) or even a modern museum gallery style display (AMNH). With enough participants, should be fairly easy to do actually. Just need tables and cabinets, then the participants bring their material, and have a curator direct what goes where. Set-up and break-down should be well within parameters for the restrictions of the event time and space. Need a curator? I could do it with great talent. Participants could be places like SoFo, Group for the East End, Quogue, and anyone who has natural history objects they would like to have displayed....	3/28/2015 4:08 PM
12	The conference was very well done. I was surprised by the quality of the poster session	3/28/2015 3:11 PM
13	no	3/28/2015 2:48 PM
14	Enjoyed it immensely.	3/28/2015 2:08 PM
15	I think this is a wonderful conference and you can tell a tremendous amount of work goes into it. I am thankful to have the opportunity to attend each year.	3/28/2015 2:07 PM
16	Well done. Thank you.	3/28/2015 2:00 PM
17	Thank you for organizing this.	3/28/2015 1:55 PM
18	any topic that educates about the historic populations of flora and fauna on Long Island is welcome!	3/28/2015 12:32 PM
19	N/a	3/28/2015 11:14 AM
20	Was there supposed to be a poster session? I wasn't really sure where it was located. Also, were there a lot of posters. i think there could be a great interest in having a true poster session. Perhaps a post conference snacks and drinks poster session?	3/27/2015 1:42 PM
21	Job well done. Thank you!	3/27/2015 1:12 PM
22	Very enjoyable! Thanks!	3/27/2015 8:24 AM
23	I appreciated the chance to learn about Long Island's natural history and appreciated the participants willingness to help out with providing data and information for my project (ESI) I was there because of. Great job and best of luck on your next conference!	3/26/2015 4:02 PM
24	I also like the late fall (was it December?) timing, though March is OK.	3/26/2015 3:35 PM

25	I liked the November date. I know it is hard to find a time that fits a variety of schedules, but think you have hit on the best times each conference - early spring or late fall. Set the date and announce it as early as possible.	3/26/2015 3:06 PM
26	You are doing a phenomenal job! Thank you all for your hard work.	3/26/2015 2:03 PM
27	I live and teach a little more west (Northport). It seemed like a lot of the poster presentations and activities all took place out east. As a teacher I was hoping to find local activities that my students could get involved with.	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
28	Thank you so much for opening my eyes to whole new worlds -all wonderful people and important research.	3/26/2015 11:59 AM
29	Nope	3/26/2015 11:24 AM
30	thank you !	3/26/2015 10:42 AM
31	Not right now. Just "thank you."	3/26/2015 10:26 AM
32	Many thanks to all organizers and participants!	3/26/2015 9:39 AM
33	I think you all did a very good job putting it together Thank You	3/26/2015 9:14 AM
34	Need more young people! And representatives from municipalities: Suffolk County Parks, (Nassau County?)Town environment divisions, NYS DEC biologists, etc.	3/26/2015 9:10 AM
35	Perhaps start up a journal where people can publish articles about LI natural history. This is important I think because sometimes science journals will not publish articles focused on a regional topic although it provides important information. For example, scientifically based survey information for species will often not get published although it is important as a baseline for conservation.	3/26/2015 8:52 AM
36	Well done!	3/26/2015 8:32 AM
37	Have the people out in the common area shut up during presentations. Even with the doors closed they are easy to hear inside the back of the auditorium. One time I went out and told them to be quiet. They seemed surprised that they could be heard. They were in the group just a couple of feet outside the door and were very loud - like people yelling at each other inside a crowded restaurant.	3/26/2015 7:26 AM
38	THANK YOU!	3/25/2015 9:11 PM
39	If you could work with the lab to streamline the entrance process that would help. Otherwise, it was very enjoyable.	3/25/2015 8:52 PM
40	Winter is a great time to hold the conference as it is a slower time for outdoor educators, easy to get way. Can't wait until year #4!	3/25/2015 7:49 PM
41	Had a great experience and am looking forward to more of the same	3/25/2015 7:45 PM
42	I'm tired	3/25/2015 7:41 PM