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Note from the President: From time to time birders tell us about local spots that have brought them pleasure. These places may not merit entire articles, but are worth sharing with other birders who may live nearby or be visiting the area. We invite you to contribute to our new, occasional series and share your "Pocket Place" with our readers (see page 183).

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