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A Chapter of National Audubon

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The Audubon chapter for the Eastern Lake Ontario basin.

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PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 2011 PROGRAM MEETING

IN CONJUNCTION WITH BEAVER LAKE NATURE CENTER
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Re-imagining the Future of Onondaga Lake

Onondaga Audubon hosts the Onondaga Environmental Institute as they present the historical ecology of Onondaga Lake and its watershed, including causes of its degradation and current restoration efforts.

MAY 2011 PROGRAM MEETING

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED AS OF THIS PUBLICATION
- PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM

The Birds of Australia presented by Dr. Shields of SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry. From genetics to behavioral ecology, Dr. Shields has done research on birds from many angles. In this talk, he will share some of his experience with the avifauna from down under.

Please note that May 11th is also the Annual Meeting with the election of Onondaga Audubon officers. All members are encouraged to attend!!



ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, June 11, 12 pm. *More details to come!*

Please RSVP by **May 30** to Tim McCoy at timjmccoy@gmail.com.

Join us for a potluck picnic lunch and spend the afternoon hiking, birdwatching, or just catching up with friends.

Meat will be provided; please bring a generous dish to share that does not require a grill.



CONSERVATION

by Thomas Riley, Conservation Chair

WHY THE STATE BUDGET MATTERS

Established in 1993, the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) is the State's dedicated source of funding for critical environmental programs that protect what we love about New York – our clean drinking water, our bird-friendly parks, and our family farms.

The dedicated funding source for the EPF is the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT). The RETT has funded the EPF since it was created in 1993, and it generates revenue between \$500 million and more than \$1 billion annually. A portion of the revenue is dedicated to the EPF each year as part of the budget, and the remainder of the RETT is used for the General Fund, where it can be spent on non-environmental programs.

The EPF was due to reach \$300 million this year. Instead, it has dropped from \$255 million in 2008 to \$134 million in 2010.

Environmental investments from the EPF create jobs, eliminate solid waste, prevent pollution and Invasive species, protect natural resources and community character, revitalize urban areas, and connect people with the outdoors.



*Former farm lands make excellent bird habitat.
Photo by Laura McCarthy. Taken at Fort Edward Grassland IBA, in Washington county.*

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Onondaga Audubon Society, Inc. is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Meetings will be held at various sites primarily within Onondaga County on different dates during different months from September to May, excluding January and February. Please check *The Kestrel* and/or <http://www.onondagaaudubon.org> for details on each monthly meeting's date and time. Meetings usually run approximately two hours long. Field trips are held year round to observe birds, and other interesting aspects of nature. All programs and field trips are free and open to the public.

OAS owns and operates two sanctuaries on Lake Ontario: Derby Hill Bird Observatory and Richard A. Noyes Sanctuary. Derby Hill is an important site for spring hawk migration. Noyes Sanctuary provides a variety of scenic and birding opportunities in all seasons. Both sanctuaries have maintained trails and are free and open to the public, dawn to dusk.

Chapter only members receive *The Kestrel* newsletter. Joint members with National Audubon receive *The Kestrel* plus Audubon Magazine. Onondaga Audubon encourages membership in both National Audubon and the local chapter. Members are encouraged to actively participate as volunteers in all functions of Onondaga Audubon.

Problems with subscriptions should be referred to the membership chair.

Letters to the Editor may be sent to:

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The mission of the Onondaga Audubon Society is to engender in the people of the Central New York Community a greater appreciation of wildlife, land, water, and other natural resources. The members of Onondaga Audubon believe this will lead to the wiser use of these resources and encourage this result through our programs, field trips, sanctuary management and environmental education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for the next issue is June 8, 2011.

PLEASE, CONSIDER TAKING THE KESTREL ONLINE!

Help Onondaga Audubon Society save money by taking your *Kestrel* online. Those taking the *Kestrel* online receive an email with the link to the latest *Kestrel* when it becomes available.

An added bonus is that all the pictures in the electronic, online version are in gorgeous full color!

Please contact newsletter editor Julie Covey at birdeditor@tds.net for more information. In the email, please include your postal mailing address, so we may be certain of whom we are taking off the postal mailing list. *THANKS!*



5TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday May 7

10 AM to 3 PM

Enjoy a day of family fun with live music, food, live birds of prey including "Liberty the Bald Eagle," children's activities and programs, woodland explorations, canoeing, and much more!

Fee: \$3/adult, \$1/school-aged children, FREE for kids 4 and younger.

Please check <http://ny.audubon.org/montezuma.htm> for more Spring field trips and programs! 

Onondaga Audubon Society

Chapter Membership Application

For information on National Audubon Society membership please visit the OAS website:
<http://www.onondagaaudubon.org>.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN:

To enroll as a member of the Onondaga Audubon Society chapter only please send your name, address, and a check for \$15, made payable to the Onondaga Audubon Society, to:

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You will receive The Kestrel newsletter several times per year.

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CONSERVATION *from pg 1*

In the last state budget, the EPF and environmental agency budgets were disproportionately cut. The EPF was reduced by 40%. Environmental agency budgets were reduced by double-digit percentages, and staff losses at environmental agencies have made up a significant portion of statewide staff reductions even though they are a small percentage of the state workforce. This comes on top of the more than \$500 million that has been “swept” from the EPF into the General Fund since 2001.

These disproportionate cuts put at risk programs that could be part of New York’s economic recovery. Some programs prevent contamination or the need for additional infrastructure, which is often more costly to taxpayers in the long run. Other programs support agriculture and tourism. These sectors of our economy support many jobs and bring out-of-state money to New York communities.

The Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) has provided more than \$1 billion since 1993 to support critical programs that protect our clean water, local businesses, open spaces and public health across New York State. The central New York economy has been enhanced thanks to the EPF, which has invested more than \$26 million locally, supporting many new technology jobs. As an examples of how the EPF has paid off for our region consider its impact in just Onondaga County:

More than \$1.2 million has been invested to create jobs and increase efficiency at local businesses in Onondaga, Solvay and Syracuse, including Guptill Family Farm, which composts over 800 tons of food waste each year from companies such as Wegmans, Price Chopper and Anheuser-Busch, reducing the burden on local landfills and solid waste programs.

Over \$3.5 million has been provided for recycling programs in Geddes, Skaneateles, Solvay and Onondaga County, assisting these municipalities with funding mandated programs.

Open space and farmland preservation efforts received almost \$5 million insuring the preservation of habitat important for breeding, migratory/stop-over and wintering birds.

More than \$9 million from the EPF has been invested in protecting Onondaga County’s land and water. This funding has protected our family farms and ensured agriculture remains a strong sector of our local economy. Funding has also added 3,240 acres to Onondaga County’s 6,500-acre park system that draws three million visitors a year.

Nearly \$4 million for farmers and municipalities to contain polluted runoff and comply with state and federal water quality mandates. Some of this funding was used to protect Skaneateles Lake from pollution, and protect the drinking water supply for the City of Syracuse.

An additional \$4.5 million has protected our museums, memorials, historic houses and barns that draw tourists and represent our cultural history.

By supporting the EPF you can help ensure continued funding for these important programs in your district, and protect what we love most about where we live.

Governor Cuomo’s budget proposal recommends maintaining the EPF at \$134M. This appropriation ends the practice of disproportionately cutting the EPF. As the Legislature and Governor continue discussions on the state budget, please urge them to maintain the EPF appropriation at \$134M and ensure that there are no “sweeps” added, thus ensuring the integrity of the Fund.

A phone call to your state senator and assemblyman in support of the Environmental Protection Fund could be your easiest and most important conservation action this year.

Friends of the New York Environment supplied material for this column 

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Final Season of the Lake Ontario Migratory Stopover Project

Audubon New York, The Nature Conservancy, and their partners and volunteers have been engaged in a basin wide effort to identify and protect migratory stopover habitats in the Great Lakes, and this is our final spring season!

How does it work? In both Spring and Fall Migration periods, expert birder volunteers receive pairs of sites to monitor during 4-day periods over the course of the season, and are rotated through various sites. Volunteers submit data online, which can then be analyzed by the project team. So far, our team of 32 volunteers this past spring observed over 11,700 birds alone & well over 18,000 observations have occurred over the course of the project, totaling over 130 species and counting! If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with our last round of surveys, please contact Laura McCarthy at lmccarthy@audubon.org. 

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well it's been fun and it's been real and often really fun. "It" is my tenure as your president, since 1 July 2007, which will come to an end on 30 June 2011. When I took over the leadership of the OAS, there were many problems and opportunities that would influence our efforts in the years ahead. During the last four years OAS has developed a dynamic board that is leading our organization toward the future. In this "Swan song" piece I would like to touch on the achievements of the last four years and some opportunities for the future. In particular since 1 July 2007 OAS leadership has:

- ✦ Built an active enthusiastic multi generational board comprised of members ranging in age from late 20s to early 70s. Such a board is well equipped to lead OAS forward. In all non-profit organizations, but particularly so all volunteer ones, board building is a critical ongoing task involving continuing recruitment of talented committed people. An example that this is continuing in the OAS is some board members will be attending an Audubon leader's camp at Hog Island in August 2011. This session will improve their leadership skills and effectiveness while networking with their colleagues from other chapters. Through such efforts OAS can build a better organization.
- ✦ Through a variety of activities boards have improved the OAS fiscal condition in recent years. Through improved management and innovation, newsletter and other costs have been reduced, while at the same time seeking to improve revenues. These efforts will continue and increase so that we may protect and manage our sanctuaries, continue to educate the public about nature and accomplish our conservation mission regionally and beyond. I hope that all interested in our efforts will help to the level that their personal circumstances allow.
- ✦ Developed an excellent working relationship with all elements of Audubon New York, our branch of National Audubon. OAS has contributed to citizen science and conservation efforts statewide. Participation in the Together Green funded American Kestrel education and restoration project has benefited the bird that is the OAS mascot. Broad spectrum cooperative efforts have been developed with the Montezuma Audubon Center (MAC) in areas of education and conservation. In partnership with the MAC and Honeywell Corporation, OAS has participated in the Honeywell Institute for Teachers to learn about the ecology of Onondaga Lake. OAS and the MAC are actively involved in all

aspects of conservation and restoration at Onondaga Lake. This association allowed us to host the New York State Ornithological Association Meeting last October, a very successful event that raised the profile of both the MAC and OAS thanks to financial support from Honeywell. To borrow a line from the movie Casablanca, "this will be the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

- ✦ The Education Committee has overseen the Ruth Engelbrecht Memorial Scholarship that sends teachers to Hog Island, Maine to improve their nature education skills. This year thanks to the generosity of a donor we are sending both Tracey Loszlo, an elementary teacher from Onondaga Central, and MAC Education Manager Chris Lajewski to camp to obtain training that will enhance their skill set.
- ✦ Conservation chair Tom Riley's efforts over these years have made OAS a force to be considered on conservation issues in the region. OAS is making a difference on conservation matters and since the natural world is unable to speak for itself, we have to.
- ✦ Our sanctuaries "the jewels in the OAS" are being well cared for under the direction of Dave Muir and plans are underway to develop financial and other resources necessary to assure their long term sound management. Bylaws changes made by recent boards assure that these jewels of nature will remain a high priority of OAS and an integral part of our organization.



Pied-billed Grebes, one of the many species needing conservation efforts.

Photo by Julie Covey

As many of you who know me personally are aware I could ramble on endlessly and fill this entire issue of the *KESTREL*. Fortunately editor Julie Covey exerts firm control on excessively long-winded persons so our publication budget is not blown. I believe the OAS team has done a good job over the last four years and it has been a pleasure to be part of a great team. Much remains to be done and the opportunities to do good work are great. Conservation wars are endless and each

generation must re-fight the same battles to protect our ever more under threat natural world. Species such as most herons and Bald Eagle were greatly reduced by Human activities, but we enjoy their presence today because of past conservation efforts by persons, many of whom are no longer with us. Let us hope we may do the same for Henslow's Sparrow, Pied-billed Grebe and others in need so that they may be our fellow travelers with future generations. The best way to assure this is to get involved in helping conservation, education and understanding the natural world.

My heartfelt thanks to the OAS Board, editor Covey and all those OAS members who have done work to make this organization help achieve its mission and provided me with advice, counsel and support. It has been a pleasure to work with the consummate professionals of Audubon New York. Many thanks to all those of our conservation partners who have worked with the OAS for the betterment of all critters.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president these last four years. I look forward to assisting the OAS in future in any way I can. Please welcome my nominated successor Gene Huggins, and give him the support from all members and others those on behalf of the OAS.

See you at Derby and may you find Joy and Peace in the Natural World.

Gerry Smith

Outgoing Onondaga Audubon President 



BEGINNING BIRDING SERIES *with Baltimore Woods*

Please register by three weeks prior to the desired program by calling Baltimore Woods at 315-673-1350 and check the web-site <http://www.baltimorewoods.org/> for more details.

April 27 *Birding Series: Getting Started*

7-8:30pm at Baltimore Woods

Baltimore Woods and the Onondaga Audubon Society team up to help get you started with a hobby that promises a lifetime of joy. This first program focuses on species ID tips and tricks, binocular selection, and bird feeding essentials. There will be a corresponding field trip on Saturday the 30th. \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers.

April 30 *Bird Field Trip: Baltimore Woods and other Local Hot Spots*

8-11am

Here's a chance to put into practice the basic birding skills learned from the workshop on the 27th. We will visit some key birding hotspots close to Marcellus. Meet our group of skilled birders at Baltimore Woods. \$15 members; \$20 nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers.

May 4 *Birding Series: Identifying and Understanding Raptors*

7-8:30pm at Baltimore Woods

Take a closer look at raptors, including species ID, behavior, and migration patterns. Onondaga Audubon's Gerry Smith will share his impressive wealth of knowledge and experiences monitoring raptors at Derby Hill. Join him for the Derby Hill Field Trip on May 7th. \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers.

May 7 *Bird Field Trip: Raptors at Derby Hill*

9:30am-1pm

Test your raptor ID skills at Derby Hill. This exposed hilltop lies directly in the path of a major raptor migration route, and on a good day you can see hundreds of these magnificent birds. Gerry Smith will be on hand to offer ID tips and provide insight into the ongoing raptor monitoring project. Meet at Baltimore Woods at 8am to carpool, or meet at Derby Hill at 9am. \$15 members; \$20 nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers.

May 11 *Birding Series: Kick It Up a Notch: Calls, Behavior, Warblers*

7-8:30pm at Baltimore Woods

This last program in our birding series will introduce you to more advanced topics, including identifying bird calls, using behavior as an ID tool, and the excitingly daunting world of warblers. The follow up field trip (May 14) will give us a chance to spot warblers during peak migration. \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers.

May 14 *Birding Field Trip: Local Hot Spots II*

8-11am

CNY is blessed with excellent birding opportunities. Join Baltimore Woods and Onondaga Audubon on this day trip to explore some great local hot spots. This trip will reinforce bird call and warbler ID. Meet at Baltimore Woods to carpool. \$15 members; \$20 nonmembers. Lecture & Field Trip Package: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers. 

Sign up now for this exciting bird watching event and help support Onondaga Audubon's LOCAL education and bird sanctuary priorities.

Onondaga Audubon Society's 53rd Annual



BIRDATHON



Saturday, May 21, 2011

Don't be shy, give the Birdathon a try!

Birders and bird watchers at all levels of experience are invited to participate in this year's Birdathon quest. Timed to take place at the peak of spring migration, this is the perfect opportunity to go out and find some great birds as they pass through. Through your participation, you can help document the occurrence of birds in Region 5 and provide financial support for the important work of Onondaga Audubon, all while enjoying a day of birding. So, mark your calendar, contact your bird-watching teammates, and start making plans for Birdathon 2011.

HOW THE BIRDATHON WORKS

Date and Time: On Saturday, May 21, go afield for as many (or as few) hours as desired between midnight and midnight, — no rain date!

Boundaries: Bird within Region 5 - Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida and Herkimer Counties, plus Cayuga County north of Route 31 — more than 5,000 square miles.

Teams: Join another, form you own, or go solo. No assigned territories. Please car pool, and bird one place at a time — no splitting up!

Count: Carefully identify species by sight and/or ear — the honor system please!

Fund-raising: Lining up sponsors (flat donations or so much per species) is optional, but definitely encouraged!

Bird List Deadline: Get your information to the Day-After Compilation Picnic at Derby Hill Sunday, May 22, at 4:00PM.

Final Bird Results: Full birding results will appear in the summer issue of *The Kestrel* newsletter.

Dollars Deadline: Turn in to Birdathon Coordinator by June 15.

RECORDS TO BEAT

Most Participants - 43 teams, 116 members (1999)

Most Money Combined - \$7,500 (2001)

Most Money for a team - \$1089 (2003)

Most Species Combined - 200 (1999)

Most Species for a team - 152 (2009)

FOR FULL DETAILS AND MATERIALS

Contact: Ken or Rose Burdick, Birdathon Coordinators

Phone: 315-685-5571

Email: OAS.Birdathon@verizon.net or KenBurdick@ieee.org

Mail: Birdathon c/o Ken Burdick
5 E. Lake Street
Skaneateles, NY 13152



The Causes:



Proceeds will be used to support the mission of OAS, specifically the sanctuaries, education and conservation.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

of the Ruth Engelbrecht Memorial Scholarship

The OAS Education committee is very pleased to announce two recipients for this year's scholarship. Due to additional support provided by Ruth Engelbrecht's daughter Judith Lockwood, and some funds allocated by the OAS Board, this year we are able to send two educators to the Audubon camp at Hog Island, ME for the Educators' Week training. They are Chris Lajewski, the education manager at the Montezuma Audubon Center in Savannah, NY, and Tracey Burke Laszlo, a second grade teacher in the Onondaga Central School District. Here is a little bit about each of them.

A native of Rochester, NY, Chris has been a lifelong conservationist and outdoorsman. Chris graduated with honors from SUNY Albany with a Bachelor's of Science degree in geology. He earned a Master's of Science degree in geology from Syracuse University where he researched the impacts that humans have had on the Finger Lakes. After college, he worked as a geologist for an environmental consulting firm and as a natural resource staff member at the national park Service's George Washington Memorial Parkway. In 2004, Chris caught the interpretation bug when he was hired as the naturalist at the Walker Nature Education Center in Reston, VA. "Nature Chris" was a popular figure with the diverse audiences who attended his energetic and inspirational programs. That same year, Chris became an active member of the National Association for Interpretation which helps people of all ages connect to our natural and cultural resources. More recently, Chris managed 13 nature preserves for the Central and Western Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Chris began his career with Audubon NY in November 2010 at the MAC in Savannah where, as the Education Manager, he is responsible for all educational programs and events and the supervision of four education staff.

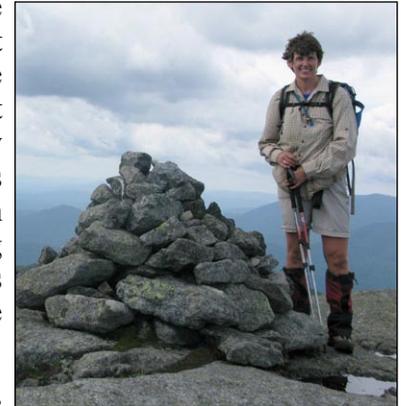
Chris feels that he will benefit from attending the Hog Island Workshop in many ways. He is still learning about the National Audubon Society culture and personnel and views the workshop as a great opportunity to network with other Audubon staff. Secondly, because the MAC is moving toward more citizen science programming, he will benefit greatly by learning about the Cornell Lab's Bird Sleuth Curriculum. Last, as a naturalist and interpreter, Chris is looking forward to increasing his knowledge of



Chris Lajewski

birds and other wildlife by learning from others and expanding his interpretive "tool belt."

Tracey is currently a second grade teacher in the Onondaga Central School District. She has been teaching for 25 years and finds that each year is a unique experience. She attended Ohio State University, SUNY Cortland, Jacksonville University (Fla), and has taken classes at Syracuse University for the past 20 years. During the summer, she works at Baltimore Woods day camp, with campers who range in age from five to 14. According to Tracey, the woods there are a great place to play in and explore.



Tracey Burke Laszlo

Tracey enjoys running, photography (www.rememberit.smugmug.com), and climbing the high peaks in the Adirondacks. At this time, Tracey has climbed 38 out of the 46 high peaks. One of the things she enjoys most while hiking is hearing the birds. Her friend, Mary Austin, whom she hikes with a lot, is very proficient in identifying birds by their songs as well as in making visual identifications. Tracey really admires this ability and has been learning from her friend's experience.

With the blessing of her school principal, Tracey plans to create a bird friendly setting at their school. There is a suitable area with observation points both indoors and out. Creating an opportunity to inspire students to observe and interact positively in nature is Tracey's goal. She feels that developing the skill to be still and see the world with new eyes and ears has the potential to create better listeners with compassion for all the creatures that inhabit the earth.

We can't wait to see how Chris and Tracey will implement what they learn during their week at the Audubon camp on Hog Island. Stayed tuned for an update in a future issue of *The Kestrel*. 

FIELD TRIPS *continued from pg. 8*

THREE RIVERS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

June 4th, Saturday about ¾ day
Joe Brin 638-8309

Level hike which passes through woods and brushy fields. Good for many warblers and sparrows. There may be both *Bald Eagle* and *Osprey* nests. Easy. 

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FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are free and open to the public. Novice birders (and non-birders too!) are welcome. If you are planning to join us on a field trip, you should notify the leader whose telephone number is listed with the trip details. Please call at a reasonable hour as most birders turn in early. Carpooling from the meeting place is encouraged. If your schedule allows you to join the carpool, do remember to offer to help the driver with the cost of gas.

Occasionally changes in published field trips and/or additional trips are announced on the OAS website <http://www.onondagaaudubon.org>.

DERBY HILL FOR HAWKS & APRIL MIGRANTS

April 23rd, Saturday
Gerry Smith 771-6902

Gerry will lead a field trip at Derby Hill from 10 AM to 3 PM. Early songbirds and a major hawk migration, including Broad-winged, are real possibilities. Come join Gerry on the hill.

CAMILLUS FOREST UNIQUE AREA

May 14th, Saturday
Paul Richardson 488-5022

This forest contains some of the tallest and oldest trees in Onondaga County. Although it is a forest many parts of the hike will be through meadows and along open fields. Location is good for Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, as well as Hooded, Blue-winged and Mourning Warblers. Trip should be 2-3 hours (possibly longer depending on what trails we take). Moderate to difficult due to some steep trails.

DON'T FORGET TO "LEAD YOUR OWN" FOR BIRDATHON ON MAY 21ST!



WHISKY HOLLOW & VICINITY

May 28th, Saturday
Joe Brin 3/4 day 638-8309

Traditional Spring migrants and breeding birds trip to the special gorge which is an Important Bird Area and partly protected by Save the County. We'll look for several vireos, *Cerulean*, *Hooded*, and *Mourning Warblers*; *Scarlet Tanager*; *Barred Owl*, which nests there; and *Acadian Flycatcher*, found only a few places in Region 5. Moderate to difficult due to a few steep, muddy trails.

Another **Field Trip** may be found at the bottom of page 7.