



Cayuga Bird Club

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Apr. 2 CLO Seminar, 7:30 pm

Speaker: Nathan Pieplow

Apr. 8 Field Trip: Dryden Lake, 7:00 am - noon

Leader: Ann Mitchell

Meet at north parking lot, Lab of O

Apr. 9 Cayuga Bird Club Meeting 7:30 pm

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Speaker: Paul Guris, Founder of See Life Paulagics

Pelagic Discoveries – Birding the Mid-Atlantic and New York Waters

Cayuga Bird Club Meeting

April 9, 2018



Speaker: Paul Guris, Founder of See Life Paulagics, Pelagic Birding Tours

Pelagic Discoveries - Birding the Mid-Atlantic and New York Waters

Over the years, *See Life's* trips have turned up a number of pelagic discoveries including rarities, high counts, identification tips, habitat requirements, and behavioral traits. This program will explore a range of these discoveries in the Mid-Atlantic, particularly in the New York area. Examples include rarities like Western Gull and Fea's Petrel. Birds like Band-rumped Storm-Petrels, once considered to be incredibly rare in our area, turn out to be regular and even expected in the right areas at the right time of year. Dovekies have a highly specialized requirement for feeding that makes them generally easy to find.

Don't expect a dry, data-driven presentation, do expect a lot of photos, and do expect a fair share of not-so-serious moments.

Paul Guris has been birding since age 12, which is longer ago than he cares to admit. His first boat trip on salt water was in his mother's third trimester. He has traveled the nation and several countries in

Apr. 20-29 CBC Trip to Costa Rica
with Jody Enck and Holbrook Travel

Apr. 22 CBC Field Trip: Stewart Park and Jetty Woods, 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Leader: Gladys Birdsall
Meet at Stewart Park near the Boat House

Apr. 29 CBC Field Trip: South Monkey Run, 7:30 am - 10:00 am

Leader: Liisa Mobley
Meet at the end of Monkey Run Road (off Rte 366)

May 5 Field Trip: Park Preserve, 7:00 am - noon

Leader: Paul Anderson
Meet at north parking lot, Lab of O

May 6 Field Trip: Finger Lakes National Forest, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Leader: Joshua Snodgrass
Meet at Teeter Pond parking area on Seneca Rd west of Potomac Rd, Finger Lakes National Forest

May 14 Cayuga Bird Club Meeting, 7:30 pm

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Speaker: Meena Haribal
Birds of the Pantanal and Atlantic Forests of Brazil

See our [Web Calendar](#) for more events and field trips.

Minutes

of the March 12, 2018 Cayuga Bird Club meeting are [available](#) on the Cayuga Bird Club website.

First-of-Year Birds Reported for the Cayuga Lake Basin

Cayuga Lake Basin birds reported in March are listed below.

Feb. 28 Tree Swallow
Mar. 7 Osprey
Mar. 12 Chipping Sparrow
Mar. 16 Blue-winged Teal
Mar. 18 Eared Grebe
Mar. 24 Vesper Sparrow
Mar. 27 Greater Yellowlegs
Mar. 30 Great Egret
Mar. 30 Bonaparte's Gull

Central America and Europe seeking out landbirds, but the pelagic species always call him back. He has served on both Pennsylvania and New Jersey's rare bird records committees, captained the multi-year NJ Audubon World Series of Birding winning team, the Nikon/DVOC Lagerhead Shrikes, and served a variety of positions, including president of the over 125-year-old Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.

Paul organized pelagic trips out of New Jersey as far back as the mid-1980s and he has led for several other tour companies. In 2002, Paul and his wife Anita started their own pelagic tour company called *See Life Paulagics* to provide greater opportunities in the Mid-Atlantic region. They run trips sailing out of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and occasionally other places. The thrill of discovery and a love of the sea keep the excitement going even after all these years.

Cayuga Bird Club meetings start at 7:30 pm, the second Monday of every month. Doors open at 7:00 pm and all meetings are open to the public. Seating is limited; if room capacity is reached, the building will be locked, so come early!

From the President

Wes Blauvelt



It's early Easter Sunday morning in the Treme neighborhood of New Orleans, and Corbit and I are about halfway through an eighteen state tour of the Deep South and Mississippi

Valley. Our travels have focused upon the history (Civil War battlefields, the Natchez Trace and the Civil Rights Movement), food (barbecue, gumbo and everything fried) and music (country, jazz and delta blues) native to the region, while enjoying the signs of spring that birds signal as we have moved throughout the country.

As you all know, the Ithaca area was an uncommon overwintering site for a quartet of **Black Vultures** this year and so I could not help but notice how common these birds are once we travelled to southern Pennsylvania. From Bucks County to New

Mar. 30 Brown Thrasher
Mar. 31 Wilson's Snipe
Mar. 31 Pine Warbler

2018 total count: 150 species

Thanks to Dave Nutter for compiling these records for the club. Details are available on the [CBC website](#).

Upcoming Field Trips

Ann Mitchell will lead a half-day trip to **Dryden Lake on Sunday, April 8, 7:00 am - noon**. Because Spring Field Ornithology will be underway, we will meet at the far (north) parking lot at the Lab of Ornithology, 7:00 am. We might be lucky and see Swamp, Field, and/or Savannah Sparrows, not to mention one or two swallow species. It should be a fun trip. Please email Ann if you have questions at annmitchell13@gmail.com. This trip is open to all.

Gladys Birdsall will lead a bird walk at **Stewart Park and Renwick Woods on Sunday, April 22, 7:30 am - 11:30 am**. We will see what waterfowl are on the lake and look for other migrants, such as swallows and possible warblers, that might be around. Meet at the tennis court parking area, west end, towards the boathouse. Please dress for the weather and bring water and a snack. All are welcome, regardless of experience level or membership status. Any questions, email Gladys at gjb5@outlook.com.

Liisa Mobley will lead a walk through the trails of **Monkey Run South on Sunday, April 29, 7:30 am - 10:00 am**. Habitat is variable - from wooded, riparian, or brushy areas to agricultural fields and edge habitat. We'll be on the lookout for all kinds of birds, including the early warblers, thrushes, swallows, grouse, and more. Meet at the parking area at the end of Monkey Run Road (off Route 366) at 7:30 am. This walk is open to all. For questions, contact Liisa at lsk24@cornell.edu.

Orleans, these birds have been numerous and a constant companion of **Turkey Vultures**. In southwestern Kentucky I say my first **Ospreys** of the season. They were setting up nesting territory in an area known as The Land Between the Lakes, a National Recreation Area and former UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. From the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee and later in Natchez, Mississippi, "clouds" of **Cliff Swallows**, **Chimney Swifts** and **Purple Martins** flew high over the river on their movement north. While in New Orleans, I have enjoyed early morning walks in the famous uptown Audubon Park, the City Park (which is larger than Central Park), and the many bayous that are in and around the city. Warblers and Vireos are beginning to show their color and song, with large mixed flocks of **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, **White-eyed** and **Blue-headed Vireos**. **Northern Shovelers** and **Blue-winged Teals** were found in the bayou and earlier today I found my first **Mottled Duck**, a dabbling duck unique to the marshes along the gulf coast.

Over the next few days, shore and sea birds will be the focus of my birding interests as we move to the "Redneck Riviera" along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. And later in the week as we begin our trip home, I look forward to exploring the Mississippi Flyway. There may even be time for another stop in Memphis to visit Elvis at Graceland.

Finally, many thanks to Diane Morton who will chair the April meeting of the club in my absence. I am sorry that I will miss the Paul Guris presentation on Birding Mid-Atlantic and New York Waters. I am sure it will be outstanding. Enjoy Spring and the gift of the birds.



Field Trip Report - West Side of the Lake

Ken Haas

Paul Anderson will lead a trip to the **Park Preserve on Saturday, May 5, 7:00 am - noon**. This 300 acre preserve offers a mix of habitats from conifer plantations to hardwoods and ravines. Magnolia Warblers, Indigo Buntings, Prairie Warblers and Louisiana Waterthrush are just a few of the birds that breed here. Bring insect repellent for those deer ticks! Meet at the north parking lot of the Cornell lab of Ornithology at 7:00 am for carpooling. This trip is open to all. Contact Paul at 607- 216-5389 or fishoak@gmail.com if you have questions.

Josh Snodgrass will lead an all day trip to the **Finger Lakes National Forest on Sunday, May 6, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**. We will meet at the parking lot at Teeter Pond on Seneca Rd at 7:30 am. The Finger Lakes National Forest has a great variety of habitats, from grasslands and grazing areas, to scrubland, wildlife ponds, mature deciduous forests, transitional habitat, and hemlock-filled ravines. We will visit a selection of these habitats, including several eBird hotspots. We have the potential to see Eastern Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, and Savannah Sparrows in some of their grassland strongholds, with the possibility of Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows. Many locations offer great potential for breeding and migrating warblers, including Yellow, Common Yellowthroat, Chestnut-sided, Hooded, American Redstart, Black-throated Green, Blue-winged, and possibly Prairie or Mourning Warblers, as well as several species of vireos and thrushes. Possible raptors included Northern Harrier, Broad-winged Hawk, and American Kestrel. This will be an all day trip in rustic habitat, with plans for a lunch break (location TBD, possibly Grist Iron Brewery on 414). Some of the trails may be quite muddy, depending on weather, so dress accordingly, and bring insect repellent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or membership status. Come explore New York's only National Forest, and some great habitat between Cayuga and Seneca

I was a bit nervous and excited the night before my first time leading a CBC birding field trip on March 4th. Two days before, we had about ten inches of snow where I live just west of Mecklenberg. I was concerned that I might have to postpone the trip due to weather. But it all worked out, and under partly cloudy skies fifteen birders met me at the Big Turtle in the parking lot of the Ithaca Children's Garden. Before we left we walked over to the bikeway along the canal to check out the gulls on a sand bar. Scope views revealed a pure flock of **Ringed-billed Gulls**. Not much else going on there.

Off to our first stop – Elaina McCartney's house just a couple of miles North on Rt. 89. At the kind request of Diane Morton, Elaina gave us permission to look for birds from her hillside property near the south end of the lake. From that wonderful view we were able to pick out **Lesser Scaup, American Black Ducks, Red-breasted Mergansers, Common Mergansers, Herring and Ring-billed Gulls**, and even a **Killdeer** probing for food along the shoreline. A sharp-eyed individual with a scope was able to ID **American Wigeon** near the other shore. A long way off!

We continued north on Rt. 89 and pulled in at Taughannock State Park. We had heard reports that a **Yellow-rumped Warbler** was spending time there near one of the concession stands. And sure enough – there it was! Still picking berries off one of the shrubs. At the same location we were treated to a male and a female **Eastern Bluebird** – good birds to see anytime of the year, but especially when it's cold and windy. Several Common Mergansers were fishing just off shore in the calmer, protected waters.

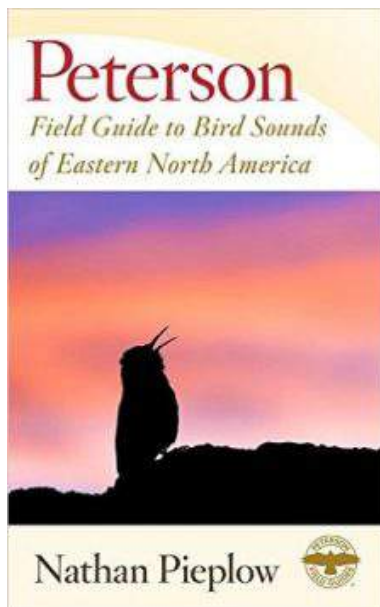
I had previously received permission for the six cars in our birding party to park in the lower lot at Sheldrake Point Winery. There, we walked across the street (County 153) and set up our scopes to look at the waterfowl near shore. Dave Nutter suddenly spotted a mink climbing around the bottom pilings of one of the nearby docks. It gave us all good views as it swam to a floating platform and then back to the dock. We also saw **White-winged Scoters**, more Red-breasted and Common Mergansers, and a few distant **Horned Grebes**.

Our next stop was literally around the corner at the loop at the end of Sheldrake Point Road. This

Lakes!

Directions to the Teeter Pond parking area from Ithaca: Take Rt 96 north to Trumansburg, turn left on rte 227 after the post office, then turn right on Searsburg Rd. (county rt 1). Follow Searsburg Rd. for 4-5 miles to Potomac Rd. and turn right. Head north until you hit a T intersection with Seneca Rd. Turn left at the T and Teeter Pond will be on the left after a 1/2 mile or so. (There is an eBird hotspot for this location. For easy access to map/directions visit <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L940987>). Contact Josh at cedarshiva@gmail.com or call 570-362-2548 if you have questions or need help with directions.

These trips are open to all. Please check the [Cayuga Bird Club calendar](#) for updates in case there are date or time changes for these or any other field trips.



Monday Night Seminar
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
April 2, 2018, 7:30- 9:00 pm

Speaker: Nathan Pieplow, Author,
Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds

Title: *Bird Sounds Decoded*

Description: Identifying birds by sound is a crucial skill that can be

location allowed us to look north over the lake to find more Mergansers of both species, a couple more White-winged Scoters and some **Common Goldeneye** in mixed species groups. We were unable to hear or see the kingfisher that had been reported there some days ago.

We left Sheldrake Point on Rt. 139 heading west – inland. This took us among snow-covered meadows and agricultural fields, scanning the area as we drove. After turning south on Hall Rd., we all pulled over when we saw a small flock of **Horned Larks** at the edge of the road in front of us. This impromptu stop also yielded a Killdeer and a distant flying **Bald Eagle**.

Turning left onto Halls Corners Rd. brought us to the home of one member of our group who said he has been hosting a few **White-crowned Sparrows** there for most of the winter. I kept my fingers crossed that we would see one - which makes it difficult to use the binoculars! After spending about a half an hour there we did see White-crowned as well as **Song Sparrows**. Some of us caught a glimpse of a fast moving Accipiter streaking into the shrubbery and disappearing from view. That ended our sparrow-watching for the time being. But just beyond the yard we were treated to a good view of a hunting **Northern Harrier** swooping over the nearby fields. Dave Nutter and a couple others found an **American Tree Sparrow** beyond the property.

From this point we disbanded as the time had run out on leading my first CBC birding trip. A successful trip, I would say. On our drive back to the Big Turtle the folks in my car saw a flying **Common Raven** and, just after that, a **Pileated Woodpecker** flyby! Hey - just because you go your separate ways doesn't mean you stop birding!



Field Trip Report - Around the Lake
Bob McGuire

difficult to learn. Author Nathan Pieplow has devised a system that lets you identify bird sounds without having to memorize them. The Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds lets you look up sounds, the way you look up words in the dictionary. The key is learning to visualize sounds. Nathan's clear, practical instructions for visualizing sounds will make you a better listener. You will hear details in sound that you hadn't noticed before, and you will have the vocabulary to describe those details. Nathan will help you identify birds by their sounds, but he will also help you understand birds by their sounds. For the sounds of birds are a language, carrying messages from one bird to another. To understand the language, and decode the messages, all you need is the right dictionary.

This seminar will be live-streamed at the Monday Night Seminar webpage, bit.ly/BirdTalks.

Finger Lakes Land Trust

Evening Woodcock Walk

April 28, 2018

Logan Hill Nature Preserve

Town of Candor

Please call (607) 275-9487 or email info@fltl.org to register for this walk.

Evenings in the spring bring ample opportunity to witness the stunning breeding display of the American Woodcock. To attract the attention of a female, the male performs a series of upward spirals to reach a height of 200-350 feet in the air, producing a harmonious twittering sound as he goes. He zigzags down, chirping all the way, and then lands silently — hopefully, next to a female. The Finger Lakes Land Trust has scheduled a special birding walk at the Logan Hill Preserve, just outside the village of Candor, led by Nature Preserve Manager Jason Gorman and long-time volunteer and naturalist Betsy Darlington to search for this spectacular bird. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight or

Eleven folks joined me for a day-long jaunt around Cayuga Lake on March 11. The weather was normal for this time of year - cold (but not too cold), breezy (expected), and overcast (with a peek at the sun in the afternoon). The ice had gone out from the lake and most of the impoundments to the north, so it was a good day for water birds.

We began at Stewart Park with good looks at some interesting gulls just offshore: several juvenile **Iceland** and **Lesser Black-backed**.



From there we drove around to Pier Road for a distant scope view of the adult **Great Horned Owl** sitting on its nest on the golf course. It was actually not much of a view - just a face with ear tufts.

We stopped briefly at East Shore Park (**Lesser Scaup, Ringed-neck Ducks, Gadwall, Bufflehead, Common Merganser**, and a single **Double-crested Cormorant**). Then on to Myers.

At Ladoga we had more ducks (Gadwall, **Redheads**, one **Long-tailed Duck, Buffleheads**, a good-sized flock of **Common Goldeneye**, and both **Hooded** and **Common Mergansers**). Given the time of year, we were not surprised to hear a **Caroline Wren** singing from the woods.

We skipped the spit at Myers and headed over to Salt Point. The flock of ducks that I had expected in the north cove had mostly cleared out (save for a few Goldeneye), but we were richly rewarded with great looks (scope, even) at two **American Pipits** foraging along the shore.

The wooded area along Lake Road just north of Long Point Park has been logged recently, and the hoped-for forest birds seemed to have moved on. We did, however, pull two **Golden-crowned Kinglets** out of a small flock of **Black-capped Chickadees**.

headlamp, as it will be dark when we return to our cars. This trip will be rescheduled for the following day— Sunday, April 29—in the case of pouring rain, but not light rain. Please note: this trip involves some limited but steep climbs over rocky terrain.

Participants will meet at the United Health Services parking lot at 54 Main St. in Candor for carpooling to the preserve. From Ithaca, take Rt. 96B south towards Danby and drive approximately 18 miles to Candor. At the first gas station in Candor, turn right on Mill St., cross the creek, and turn left at the T intersection onto Rt. 96 – Main St. After passing Candor Central School on the left, turn left into the United Health Services parking lot at 54 Main St. Land Trust volunteers will determine, based on the number of attendees, if a carpool to the preserve is necessary. The parking area of the preserve cannot accommodate more than ten cars. Please register before the event by calling 607-275-9487 so that we will know how many people will be attending.

For more information, see <http://www.filt.org/events/talks-treks-evening-woodcock-walk-3/>.

Also, watch this [American Woodcock video by Lang Elliott](#), in preparation for this event.

Cayuga Bird Club Meeting May 14, 2018

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology
7:30 pm**

Speaker: Meena Haribal

Title: *Birds of the Pantanal and Atlantic forests of Brazil*

Description: Meena will share her experiences traveling and birding in the Pantanal and Atlantic forest of Brazil. She spent three months in Brazil photographing and recording birds, anurans and other critters. She'll introduce the birds and natural

As expected, the avian population of the ponds in Union Springs had mostly flown north, leaving behind a few Gadwall and Buffleheads as well as our only **Belted Kingfisher** for the day.

We pulled over at Mud Lock for close looks at a family of **Trumpeter Swans** (with discussion of the relevant field marks) and also noticed what



appeared to be a new eagle nest across the channel and to the south of the old one. Lunch was a sit-down affair at the Nice 'n Easy followed by a scan of the Visitor's Center pond at the Refuge. The highlight there (and for the day) was the continuing **Eurasian (Common) Green-winged Teal**. It is currently considered a sub-species of Green-winged Teal, at least in the US.

Knox-Marcellus Marsh was partially frozen and held only a small number of **Canada Geese**. We searched there and the Mucklands, in vain, for Snow Geese, then headed to Savannah for the spectacle of hundreds of **Northern Pintails** foraging in the corn stubble.

At that point we turned around and headed south. We cruised past the Seneca Falls airport (no Snowy Owls) and the quarry (no Gyrfalcon). We made one last stop on Leader Road where we called in both nuthatches and heard a distant **Pileated Woodpecker**. **Snow Geese** flew overhead. By my count, we ended up with 64 species for the day.



photos by Diane Morton

history of the region and also talk about her two months volunteering at Ircambi, a conservation organization working "to see the beautiful Brazilian Atlantic Forest restored, with prosperous communities living in a flourishing landscape." The talk will include slides, videos and sounds.

Bio: Meena is originally from India, now settled in the US for more than 25 years. She is past-president of the Cayuga Bird Club and has been actively involved with the club activities. She has been interested in nature, photography, travel and science for a long time and has traveled to various parts of the world including Antarctica, the Arctic, the Galapagos Islands, South America and extensively in India. She retired as Research Associate from The Boyce Thompson Institute in Ithaca, NY where she conducted research in Chemical Ecology.

Montezuma Audubon Center Spring Programs



Spring into action at the Montezuma Audubon Center with these family-friendly programs and special events! Bird watching walks, tours of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, Derby Hill Hawk Observatory, and Cornell's Lab of Ornithology, guided paddling trips around Montezuma, Scout badge programs and the home school nature series are great ways to experience the spring waterfowl, bird of prey, and songbird migration. Space is limited and **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for all programs. Please call 315-365-3588 or e-mail montezuma@audubon.org.



Field Trip Report - Sodus Bay, March 17

Meena Haribal

Leigh Stivers and I were the only participants on this trip but we had a blast.

The day was supposed to be mostly cloudy, so I chose to start from the west side of the lake. As we passed Stewart Park we were tempted to stop, but made up our mind that our first stop will be in Sheldrake as we had to go some distance.

We took county route 141 to Sheldrake. As we drove along the lake we tried to look for birds. Fortunately, nobody was behind us so we spent some time scanning the lake. We did find a **White-winged Scoter** along with several **Red-breasted Mergansers** and **Common Goldeneyes**. At Sheldrake point we found a large flock of White-winged Scoters, which I had been seeing in the same location for more than a month. Then there were the usual mergansers, gulls and geese.

Our next stop was along Lower Lake Road. By this time it was bright and sunny! As we drove past Canoga, we saw skeins of thousands of **Snow Geese** heading towards the fields for feeding. On the lake also there were still thousands of them. There was murmuring in the air from the distant Snow Geese calls. At Cayuga Lake State Park boat launch we enjoyed thousands of ducks and hundreds of **Tundra Swans** feeding and displaying. It was fun to watch female **Canvasbacks** being courted by numerous males. They were so close to the boat launch that in the scope the ducks looked awesome. It was the first time I noticed that they have a darker patch on the head and face. They also had greenish sheen on the back of their heads. Among these we found a couple of sleeping **Ruddy Ducks**. The duck concentration was very impressive. On Sunday when I returned to the lake there were no Canvasbacks! I have no idea where they disappeared overnight!

For detailed information on the programs below, as well as other spring programs at the MAC, visit the Montezuma Audubon Center [website](#).

Apr. 11 9 am - 4:30 pm **Cornell Lab of Ornithology Tour**

Apr. 13 1 pm - 4 pm **Montezuma's Bird Migration Van Tour**

Apr. 28 10 am - 4pm **Derby Hill Hawk Watch Trip**

May 5 10 am - 3 pm **12th Annual Wildlife Festival**

May 10 5 pm - 8 pm **Montezuma Birdwatching Tour**

Mar. 15 2 pm - 5 pm **Montezuma's Bird Migration Van Tour**

The Montezuma Audubon Center is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm; Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. Location: 2295 State Route 89, Savannah, NY 13146.



**[eBird Global Big Day](#)
May 5, 2018**

Then we headed directly to the Sodus Bay. On the way we had glimpses of a **Rough-legged Hawk** fly overhead just past the Seneca Falls always stop signal. From Ridge Road the view of Sodus Bay was impressive. We counted more than 60 **Hooded Mergansers** and equal number of **Common Mergansers** way at the back of the bay. Hooded mergansers were displaying to females but we could not hear their vocalizations as they were quite far out in the bay. Among a couple of hundred gulls there was beautiful second year **Iceland Gull**. The local **Bald Eagle** put an appearance for us. Then we headed to Sodus Point; it was so very windy and waves were crashing like that of a rough sea and sand was flying into our eyes. No birds



were in the inlet except for a pair of **Long-tailed Ducks** in flight over the water. We were thoroughly disappointed ☹.

On the way back we stopped at East Road. There were hundreds of **Northern Pintails**. Initially, when I looked at them I did not see their tails, probably because of the way they were positioned or because of the light, and so they looked very much like Gadwalls. But when I looked at them again, they all turned out to be Northern Pintails. This was the big lesson I learned that day!

On the way to Montezuma Visitor Center we saw the staked out dark **Snowy Owl**. When we watched him he was yawning and looked bored! At the visitor center among the hundreds of **Canada Geese** there was one **Cackling Goose** – it looked very comical with a stubby beak and short neck like a cartoon figure.

We returned via the east side of the lake without much to see. Overall it was a more beautiful day than expected and sun made the day for us! Thanks, Leigh, for driving!

Cayuga Bird Club

On 5 May 2018, Global Big Day is back. Wherever you are in the world, go eBirding on 5 May to be a part of birding's biggest day!

Submit Your Data to eBird on May 5.

It's that simple. If you [submit your birds to eBird](#) they count. Use the website or [mobile app](#), whichever you prefer. [Learn how to take part](#). Don't worry — you don't need to be a bird expert, or to go out all day long. Even ten minutes from your backyard will help. Of course, you are welcome to spend the entire day in the field, but know that it is not required! Please enter your data as soon as you can, preferably by Tuesday, May 8.

Follow Live Updates and Detailed Stats

During the Big Day, [this page will be updated](#). You'll be able to follow Team Sapsucker in Colombia, Honduras, and California — but more importantly, you'll be able to track how many species have been seen around the world and in any region of interest to you. [Follow live updates here](#).

Great Adirondack Birding Celebration June 1-3, 2018

Registration is open for the 16th Annual Great Adirondack Birding Celebration (GABC). The GABC is a 3-day Adirondack birding festival held at the Paul Smith's College VIC in Paul Smith's, NY. Friday includes two options for day-long birding workshops across the Adirondack region. Saturday and Sunday mornings offer 5+ locations near the VIC for a full morning of birding. For more information and/or to register, please go to: <http://www.paulsmiths.edu/vic/gabc/>.

Educating and inspiring the birding community of the Cayuga Lake Basin and Central New York since 1914

The Cayuga Bird Club meets on the second Monday of each month, September through June, beginning with refreshments at 7:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Johnson Center on Sapsucker Woods Road. All meetings and most field trips are free and open to the public. Membership costs \$15 annually per household, \$10 for students, payable in September. Payment may be made via Paypal at cayugabirdclub.org or by mailing a check to: Cayuga Bird Club, c/o Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca NY 14850. Please include your email address (or addresses for family memberships) with your membership application to receive the club newsletter.

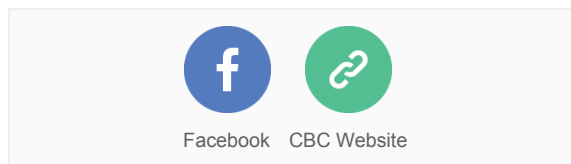
Members receive via email the monthly Cayuga Bird Club Newsletter, from September through June. Newsletter submissions may be sent to Diane Morton, newsletter@cayugabirdclub.org. Of particular interest are articles about local bird sightings, bird behavior, birding hot spots, book reviews, and original poetry, art, and photos. To make sure you don't miss an issue, add newsletter@cayugabirdclub.org to your email contacts.

Cayuga Bird Club Officer Contact Information is available on the [Cayuga Bird Club website](#).

Chickadee illustration in masthead by Karen Allaben-Confer

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