



Cayuga Bird Club

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Elizabeth Derryberry, Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Tulane University, New Orleans. Title: *"Songbirds Rise Above the Din."* Cities are evolutionary recent environments that impose novel selection pressures on organisms, including birds. Noise, whether from the city or nature, may be enough of a nuisance to convince birds to change their tune.



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Editor's Note: Next month in the Newsletter we will be posting information about the annual Christmas Bird Count. If you have never done this, do it this year. If you have done it in the past, please sign up again.

Celebrating Our Centennial Year

President's Message



Greetings to everyone! This is my first column as the new President of the Cayuga Bird Club. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity. I must first say how grateful I am to Linda Orkin, our outgoing president. She had a great tenure and has already been a great help to me during the transition. I am especially appreciative that she has agreed to continue running some of the activities that she

initiated as president.

In future columns I hope to explain what I hope to bring to the club; but as this is my first column, I feel I should introduce myself and let you know how I started birding.

I was born and grew up in a small town in Northern Ireland. As a kid, I was the kind who was always turning over rocks looking for bugs or raising butterflies in jam jars. Some of my fondest memories are of poking around in ponds and streams in the fields and glens behind our house. I didn't pay much attention to birds then, partly because I was rather short-sighted and my obstinate refusal to wear glasses made it kind of difficult to even see them very well. For a good part of my growing up, I wanted to become a biologist of some sort; but I turned out to have more of an affinity for mathematics and physics, so I studied those instead. I went to college in London and ended up as a computer scientist. After ten years there, I moved to the U.S. and found a job in Ithaca. Twenty-two years later, I'm still here and still work for the same company.

I started birding by falling off my bicycle. It was about six years ago. I was in the habit of getting up early and going out for a morning ride to get some exercise to try and keep fit. I would take more or less the same route every day that ended by going around Beebe Lake. There were a couple of stone steps down to the bridge that I would usually ride down without dismounting. I must have descended them a hundred times without incident; but on this particular morning I was slightly distracted from having just said "hi" to some runners I knew, so when I tried going down the steps I went right over the handlebars and landed on the stone path right on my face. I ended up in the ER where they told me that I had smashed my nose up so badly that I needed a plastic surgeon to fix it. Luckily, the operation went well; and I was back to normal fairly quickly. About three months later, as I was leaving the office after the very last follow-up visit to the doctor, I saw a flyer on the wall for Spring Field Ornithology. I had known about this class for years but had always been too busy or distracted to take it, but this time it was something about wanting to close off an unpleasant episode in my life by starting something entirely new that made me sign up and take it. Now maybe I would have seen the flyer elsewhere that year, but I will always associate starting birding with that one moment.

I quickly became hooked. I took SFO again the following year, then joined the club and became a regular on field trips and at the meetings. Birding has helped me get out to enjoy the outdoors more and given me a new appreciation for nature and the environment and our role in its change along with our responsibility to preserve and protect it. I have made some

great new friends along the way. Birding is now an important part of my life from which I derive great pleasure — and all because I fell off my bike!

Good Birding!



You Too can Be a Docent

By Linda Orkin

I don't know how many of you have experienced one of the weekend bird walks at Sapsucker Woods. These walks are led by amazing people who have signed on as volunteers with the Laboratory of Ornithology. The walks run all year long, both Saturdays and Sundays, rain or shine, wind or snow, birds or no birds. Well, there's never no birds, but there can be tough days, and each docent is so committed to providing a wonderful experience to the mostly beginner birders who show up each morning. So, they are ready to describe vocalizations, plumages, migration, breeding and all other aspects of birds' lifestyles that might come up. They field questions from all members of the group, discuss different birds you might see here rather than in the person's home state, listen to lots of anecdotes, and generally provide a wonderful, patient experience to each person. They love when interested and sharp-eyed kids show up; they don't get fazed if there are 29 people on the walk or just one.

These walks have been administered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as part of the Visitors' Center experience and then managed by Linda Orkin as a volunteer project with logistical support from the lab. Now, thanks to enthusiastic support from both the outreach staff at the Lab of O and the Cayuga Bird Club, these bird walks have become a joint project of the lab and the club and will be considered an ongoing service activity of the bird club. This means that our eight pair of binoculars, which are currently not used will be made available for these walks each week. It means that club advertising will promote them; the walk reports will appear on the club website, and they will be listed on the club calendar as ongoing public offerings.

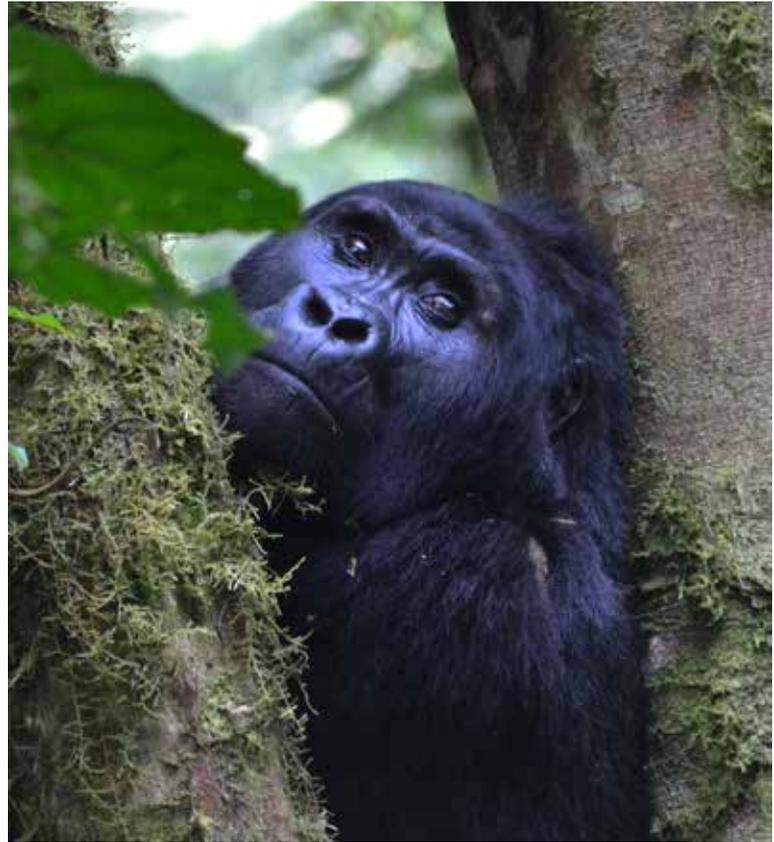
I wanted to list the names of those who have been participating in this so faithfully for several years: Paul Anderson, Suan Hsi Yong, Becky Hansen, Lee Ann Van Leer, Linda Orkin, Lisa Wood, Bill Chaisson, Caroline Manning, Jon Glase, and Dick Feldman. New to the program are Michael Huffaker and Marc Devokaitis who will be doing four walks for us throughout the year. Linda will continue to do the scheduling for this into the foreseeable future. If you are interested in reading more about this program and seeing recent walk reports, you can go to the original docent website <https://sites.google.com/site/clodocents/>

Perhaps some of you might be interested in helping out by leading walks yourself. Get in touch with Linda Orkin at wingmagic16@gmail.com if you would like more information. Also, why not come along some weekend when you are in the mood for some group birding.... at our favorite place, Sapsucker Woods.

Trip to Uganda

By Becky Hansen

For three weeks in June, my daughter and I were thrilled to take a bird watching trip to Uganda offered by the tour company Field Guides. We visited forests in a range of altitudes including the Budongo, Kibale, Mabira, and Bwindi-Impenetrable Forest. We stayed at Murchison Falls National Park along the Nile River, as well as Queen Elizabeth National Park, Lake Mburo National Park, and the Mabamba Swamp near Entebbe. Of course, there was plenty to see as we traveled between these places in the open country and farmland. The bird I most hoped to see was the amazing Shoebill; and so after getting only a disappointing distant view at Mabamba Swamp, I was overjoyed to see one quite close in the Nile River. Another overwhelming experience, though not of the birding sort, was getting the chance to go into the mountains of the Bwindi-Impenetrable Forest to see the mountain gorillas. It was a trip loaded with birds, mammals, reptiles, lots of friendly people, and fun.



Field Trip—Montezuma

October 19, 2013

By Ann Mitchell

Last week, I met ten people at the Lab of O for a half-day trip. The original venue changed from lake birding and going to Montezuma instead. We first went to the Swan Pen at Stewart Park for warblers. We met two more birding friends there. I think Bob said there was

differences. Like Chris Wood said, side by side was a great way to study them. It was a very rare and learning opportunity for everyone. People took photos and were awed by the birds. Very cool!

Then, we went to East Road for the American White Pelican Watch. They were there sleeping. There were lots of Snow Geese, but Bob couldn't find a Ross's Goose. There were lots of Double-Crested Cormorants, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintails, some in breeding plumage, American Wigeon, Hooded Mergansers, Great Blue Herons, Great



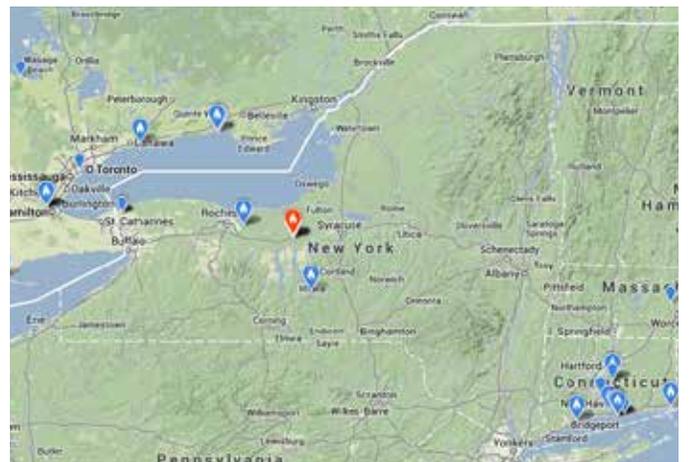
a Lesser Scaup and Ruddy Ducks on the lake. Coots and Pied-billed Grebes were also present. At the Swan Pen, Paul found a Rusty Blackbird for everyone; Grackles were present, as well as lots of Yellow-Rumped Warblers, a juvenile Green Heron, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet(s). Two days before that, I saw an Orange-crowned Warbler there, so I hoped it would still be around. Oh, well....



No surprise to anyone, we immediately went to Montezuma. At the visitor center

we spotted Greater Yellowlegs, a Killdeer, Northern Shovelers, and lots of Canada Geese. Bennings WAS the destination. I think Diane and Ken were the first to spot the White-faced Ibis. Everyone had super views of the two species. We spent some time talking about their

Egrets, one Bald Eagle, two Northern Harriers, AND I think Paul counted 8 Sandhill Cranes and one Cackling Goose that he found, and everyone got to see.



We returned to the lab around noon. It was a great morning with excellent birders. Thanks to all! It was a great trip, and I am really glad we didn't do lake birding.

Photo Credit: Jay McGowan
New York map: eBird
Range Map: NatureServe

Finding Your Own Patch

By Tom Schulenberg

I was a little excited to stumble into the Blue Grosbeak on Bluegrass Lane last Saturday, and I'm definitely thrilled that it stuck around long enough for many other birders to see it as well. Bluegrass Lane can be a birdy place, but at the same time it's nothing special - it's not an obvious migrant trap like Myer's Point. There are plenty of other sites all over Tompkins County (and the rest of the Basin) that aren't much different from the area around Bluegrass. I just was lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

The reason that I was there at all, however, is that I bird the Hanshaw Road fields regularly, throughout the year. I think of these fields and woods as my patch.

What the Blue Grosbeak tells me is that anyone can find good birds by adopting a similar approach: find an area that is underbirded, or not birded at all (there are many in our area!), make it "your" patch, and cover it regularly. (Also submit your patch checklists to eBird, of course.)

On most days you might not see anything special, but any day spent birding is a day well spent. PLUS every visit to your patch will be just a little bit different. Over time you'll come to learn what species are expected in your patch at different seasons, which will help make you a



better birder in general. As the Blue Grosbeak shows, good birds can show up almost anywhere - sooner or later you can expect to find some good birds in your patch.

So, pick your patch, get out there, and give it a try - good birds are standing by.



Male Blue Grosbeak shown for comparison

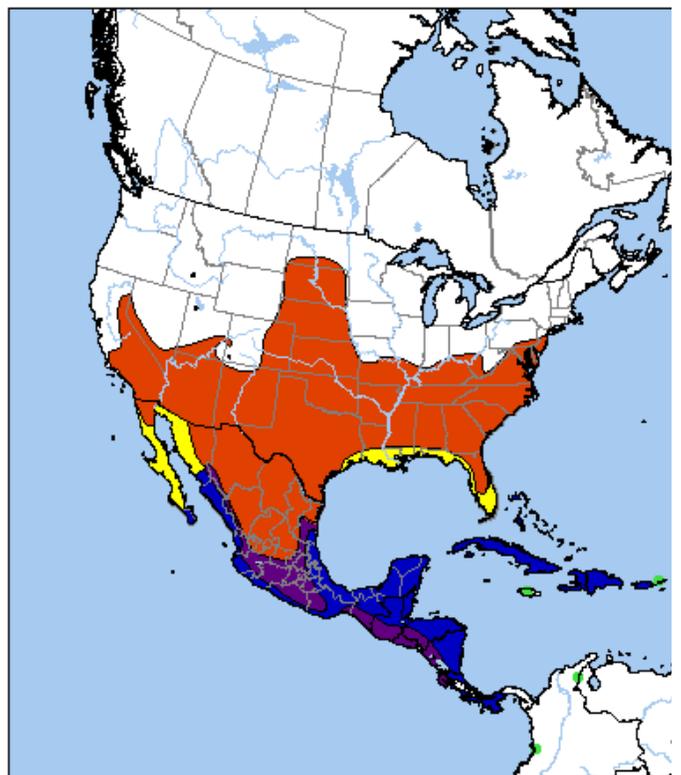


Photo credit: Jay McGowan: female
Dan Pancmo: male
Map: NatureServe

Brown Booby in Buffalo

This pan-tropical bird showed up in the Niagara River area this month to the delight of many. Thanks to Dominic Sherony for use of the photos.



Accidental Range

September Conservation Action Committee Minutes

The September CAC meeting was held on September 24 at Candace's house. In attendance were Candace Cornell, Jody Enck, Robyn Bailey, and Linda Orkin.

- Candace gave a progress report on the nest box trails at Salt Point and the Lansing Center Trail. All the equipment has been gathered and a work party led by Robyn Bailey and Lansing Pathways Sue Ruoff was scheduled for the weekend of October 12-13.
- The dialogue of the morality and legality of responsible cat ownership continued, led by Linda.
- Jody discussed the rights and interests of waterfowl hunters and birders conflicting on Cayuga Lake. Jody offered an interesting perspective on what the act of hunting means to sportsmen.
- The issue of birds crashing into glass buildings at CU was continued. A special CAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at 7 pm (135 Eastlake Road, Lansing) dedicated to the issue of more bird-friendly

buildings on the CU campus. The Lab of O's Miyoko Chu and Cindy and Karel Sedlacek will join us to discuss their work on this issue and to develop a productive collaboration.

- Our next CAC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:45 pm at Linda's home: 132 Muriel Drive, Ithaca.

DECEMBER 3, 2013 AGENDA

- Final report on nest box trails at Salt Point and the Lansing Center Trails. Robyn and Candace
- Make plan to refurbish and monitor nest boxes at Sapsucker Woods. Linda
- Unwelcome cats in the environment—the continuing discussion. Linda
- Cats vs. the Law. Jody
- Constructing fishing line containers. Candace
- Other Issues

Respectfully submitted by Candace Cornell and Linda Orkin

Minutes of the Cayuga Bird Club

Monday, October 14, 2013

President Linda Orkin welcomed all to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on her last evening presiding as president of the club. Richard Tkachuck introduced his brother visiting from Chicago. Thanks were offered to Jody Enck and Meg Richardson for providing cookies. A sign-up list for next month was circulated. Tonight is the annual meeting which includes the election of officers and treasurer's report.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

Paul Anderson, President
Linda Orkin, Vice President
Colleen Richards, Corresponding Secretary
Becky Hansen, Recording Secretary
Susan Danskin, Treasurer
Donna Scott, one new director for a three year term

Linda asked whether anyone wished to nominate anyone else; and with no response, she called for a motion to accept the slate. The motion was put forth, seconded, voted upon, and accepted as proposed. The new officers will begin their terms on November 1.

Susan Danskin gave the Treasurer's Report. Currently there is \$17,864.72 in the account. Full details can be found in the treasurer's report on the club website.

Next month's meeting will be on November 11. The speaker will be Elizabeth Derryberry presenting a talk called "Songbirds Rise Above the Din."

The next Monday night seminars are:

October 21: Ron Mumme, Warbler Plumage Patterns that Make Capturing Insects Easier

November 4: Harry Greene, Natural History, Aesthetics, and Conservation

November 18: Charles Eldermire, Behind the Scenes With Bird Cams

The two November seminars will be live streamed.

There have been two field trips since the last meeting:
September 29: Bob McGuire took 13 people to the lab, Park Preserve, and Freese Road Gardens,

October 6: Mark Chao took a group to the Freese Road Gardens, where a large number of Lincoln's Sparrows was seen along with many other more common sparrows.

Upcoming field trips include:

October 19: Ann Mitchell, going where the birds are

November 2: Jay McGowan, all day trip around the lake, bring scopes

As always, check the bird club calendar online for details.

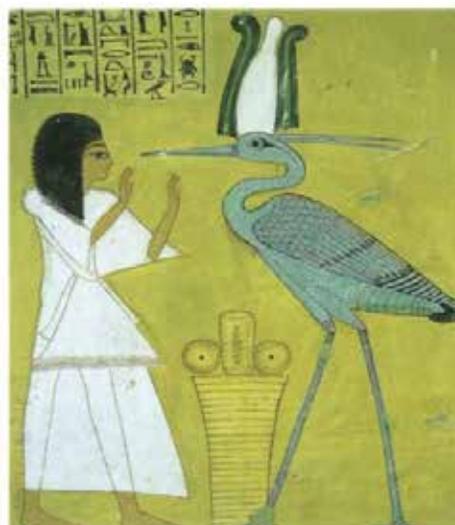
Robyn Bailey of the conservation committee is organizing a joint work party along with Lansing Pathways to install nest boxes at Salt Point on October 19 at 9 am.

Susan Danskin read the bird list of the Cayuga Basin. She also mentioned she was available to collect dues.

Jody Enck introduced himself and discussed his plans to get young people more interested in birding. If anyone would like to participate in this please contact him at jwe4@cornell.edu.

The speaker was Bob Beck, author, naturalist, educator, environmentalist, whose talk was entitled: "An Environmental Success Story: Saving an Ecological Treasure through Resolute Teamwork." He shared the story of his experiences in leading the protracted fight against proposed gravel mines next to pristine wetlands, which ended in the formation of the O D Von Engeln Preserve at Malloryville. He also had available for signing his new book entitled "The Journey at Malloryville Bog: Commitment, Teamwork and Tenacity in Defense of Land and Nature."

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Hansen, Recording Secretary



The Bennu is an ancient Egyptian deity linked with the sun, creation, and rebirth. It may have been the inspiration for the phoenix in Greek mythology. Probably inspired by the Grey Heron which is common in the region.

Two Nest Box Trails Completed in Lansing

By Candace E. Cornell
Conservation Action Committee (CAC) Report
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Armed with great camaraderie, dozens of birdhouses, metal poles, tools, and a gorgeous Columbus Day weekend, volunteers from the Cayuga Bird Club's CAC and Lansing Pathways completed two nest box trails—one at Salt Point and one at the Lansing Center Trail. Part of the CAC's efforts to encourage bird diversity and community interest in birding, these trails reflect volunteer cooperation and sweat equity at their finest.



Jody Enck

Under the auspices of Lansing Pathways, Lansing residents, school children, or scout troops will monitor the nest boxes annually. The nest monitors are invited to join the Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch Program to share their observations with others. Nest box trails are engaging vehicles for learning about bird biology and their life histories and can be important sources of data for the NestWatch Citizen Science program.

While planning boxes to encourage bluebirds to nest around the meadows of the Lansing Center Trail, the CAC was especially impressed by the quantity and diversity of food available to wildlife in the old hedgerows dividing



Suan Hsi Yong

the agricultural fields and meadows. Wetlands and a creek intersperse the open meadow habitat, adding to the potential bird diversity of the Lansing Center Trail.

The CAC's efforts at Salt Point are part of the ongoing restoration plan to increase the natural biodiversity and improve the environmental quality of this former lakeshore industrial site. The Cayuga Bird Club has been involved with Lansing's Salt Point restoration efforts for over a decade,



Suan Hsi Yong

serving as advisors for habitat restoration, trail planning, and public education. After years of planning and grant writing, the Salt Point restoration is now finally in full swing.

The road around the Salt Point was closed to vehicular traffic this spring to encourage more passive uses of the area, and trees and bushes were planted to increase plant diversity and provide food for wildlife. The vegetation at this former industrial site is in its early ecological succession with the oldest trees being just over fifty years old. As a result, they cannot provide the number and size of natural cavities needed by wildlife to repopulate the area. In addition to the bluebird trail that follows the periphery of the wooded core of Salt Point, shorter interior trails were created with nest boxes to encourage chickadees, wrens, screech-owls, and kestrels to the area. Eventually, the trees will develop sufficient natural cavities for birds and other cavity-nesting wildlife; but in the meanwhile, the nest boxes will take their place.

"We were able to install all of the bird nesting boxes at Salt Point and the Lansing Center Trail this weekend!" says Lansing Pathway's Sue Ruoff. "On Saturday, a group of 14 volunteers put up seven bluebird, two screech-owl, one



Jody Enck



Susan Ruoff

chickadee, two kestrel, and two wren nesting boxes at Salt Point. Then, the group headed to the Lansing Center Trail and installed ten more bluebird boxes. Five of us finished the trail on Sunday by putting up the last five bluebird boxes and one screech-owl box high up on a tree along the Short Line Spur in the wooded area at the north end."

"I'm very proud of the work we all accomplished together," added NestWatch Assistant and CAC project co-leader Robyn Bailey. "This will really make a difference for cavity-nesting birds in the area, and bluebirds have already started investigating the boxes. I can't wait to see the birds there this spring."

"This team effort has gone a long way in helping both Salt Point and the Lansing Center Trail become wonderful destinations for more people to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife in Lansing," adds Sue Ruoff. "The Osprey platform brought so many people out to Salt Point this summer to watch and learn about them. We hope the new nesting boxes will provide the same enjoyment and educational opportunities for visitors."

The CAC's next focus is studying possible improvements to the shoreline at Salt Point to benefit waterfowl and shorebirds and to assist in the educational interpretation of both new nest box trails. We will also refurbish ailing nest boxes at Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary in early spring.

The CAC sincerely thanks the many volunteers that made this project a success!

How to get there:

The Lansing Center Trail parking lot is located on Rte. 34 (90 Auburn Road) across the road from the Lansing Town Hall and library.

Salt Point is located off of Myers Road, Lansing, and is just north of Myers Park. A small parking lot lies at the first trailhead just before the railroad track.

Calendar of Events

Below are listed upcoming birding related events. Be sure to check the Cayuga Bird Club website for the most recent updates. In addition, there are two beginner Bird Walks held each weekend. The information for these is identical and follows the format below:

Beginner Bird Walk

Where: Sapsucker Woods, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Meet at front entrance of building.

Description: Meet at 9 am for a walk around Sapsucker Woods. These walks are targeted towards beginners, but appropriate for all. The walks will end about 10:30 am. Binoculars are available for loan. Please contact Linda Orkin, wingmagic16@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, November 2, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

CBC Field Trip, Jay McGowan
Meet for carpooling at Lab of Ornithology parking lot

Description: Heading up the lake, target birds: waterfowl, gulls, grebes and others. Dress warmly, bring food and drinks and scopes. Contact Jay at jwm57@cornell.edu if you need more information. Or Linda at wingmagic16@gmail.com. All are welcome, beginners and experienced, members and non-members. If anyone would like to go but needs binoculars, let Linda know a day or two in advance and she will get a loaner pair to you.

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Beginner Bird Walk, Becky Hansen, Leader

Sunday, November 3, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Beginner Bird Walk, Michael Huffaker, Leader

Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Natural History, Aesthetics, and Conservation
Fuentes Auditorium, Johnson Visitors' Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Speaker: Harry Greene, Professor and Faculty Curator of Herpetology, Cornell University. Greene will describe how natural history enhances our appreciation for organisms and environments, thereby influencing value judgments that ultimately underlie conservation. He will explain how an 18th Century philosopher's distinction between "beauty" and "sublime" can be used in the context of Darwin's notion of "descent with modification," then illustrate this approach with frogs, rattlesnakes, African megafauna, longhorn cattle, and California Condors. Greene's new book "Tracks and Shadows" will be available for signing. The seminars are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and will close when room capacity is reached. This seminar will also be streamed live. Copy the following web address into your browser to see and hear the presentation: <http://dl.allaboutbirds.com>.

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Beginner Bird Walk, Linda Orkin, Leader

Sunday, November 10, 9:00am – 10:30am

Beginner Bird Walk, Suan Hsi Yong, Leader

Monday, November 11, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

CBC Meeting and Seminar: Songbirds Rise Above the Din. Elizabeth Derryberry
Where: Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Elizabeth Derryberry, Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Tulane University, New Orleans. Title: "Songbirds Rise Above the Din." Cities are evolutionary recent environments that impose novel selection pressures on organisms, including birds. Noise, whether from the city or nature, may be enough of a nuisance to convince birds to change their tune. Elizabeth will talk about her studies which look at current and historical songs from urban and rural locations of White-crowned Sparrows in San Francisco and Marin County, CA, and compare how songs have evolved in each location.

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Beginner Bird Walk, Becky Hansen, Leader

Sunday, November 17, 7:30 am – Noon
CBC Field Trip, Bill Baker Meet at Lab of O. Where the birds are

Sunday, November 17, 9:00am – 10:30am
Beginner Bird Walk, Lisa Wood Leader

Monday, November 18, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.
Behind the Scenes with Bird Cams
Fuertes Auditorium, Johnson Visitors' Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Speaker: Charles Eldermire, Bird Cams Project Leader, Cornell Lab of Ornithology. There's a lot more to Bird Cams than providing live, streaming video of cute nestlings. Eldermire will take listeners behind the scenes of this hugely popular Cornell Lab project. He'll discuss some of the unexpected pleasures and problems that arise when unscripted natural history plays out before the eyes of millions of deeply engaged fans. The seminar is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Doors open at 7:00 pm and will close when room capacity is reached. This seminar will also be streamed live. Copy the following web address into your browser to see and hear the presentation: <http://dl.allaboutbirds.org/cornelllab-monday-night-seminars>

Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Michael Huffaker, Leader

Sunday, November 24, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Suan Hsi Yong, Leader

Saturday, November 30, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Lisa Wood, Leader

Sunday, December 1, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Linda Orkin, Leader

Monday, December 2, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Climate Change, Food Caching, and Winter Breeding: The Story of a Declining Gray Jay Population
Fuertes Auditorium, Johnson Visitors' Center, Cornell Lab of O.

Speaker: Ryan Norris, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph. A bird of the Canadian boreal forests, Gray Jays breed in late winter and rely on cached food to survive. But at the southern edge of the bird's range in Algonquin Park, Ontario, the jays have been declining for the past 20 years. One hypothesis is that increasingly warmer fall temperatures are spoiling cached food. Using data from a banded population that spans more than 50 years as well as a series of novel experiments, Norris presents results that test both the assumptions and predictions of the "hoard-rot hypothesis." The seminar is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Doors open at 7:00 pm and will close when room capacity is reached.

Saturday, December 7, 6 am – 10 pm
CBC Field trip afar, Kevin McGowan
Meet at CLO parking lot closest to Rte 13.

Description: Join Kevin on this all-day trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, to look for rare gulls and other species. The trip is open to club members only. The area around Niagara Falls in the winter is incredibly rich with birds, so reserve early! Bring lots of warm clothes, warm shoes or boots, shoe and hand warmers, and whatever else you need to keep warm. Don't forget to bring your passport. Bring snacks and/or lunch. There will be stops on the way to and from Niagara Falls to purchase food. Meet at 6:00 am sharp. Contact Kevin at kjm2@cornell.edu or at 607-342-2430 to reserve a spot.

Saturday, December 7, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Suan Hsi Yong, Leader

Sunday, December 8, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Beginner Bird Walk, Becky Hansen, Leader

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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. To join, send a check (made out to "Cayuga Bird Club") to Cayuga Bird Club Treasurer, c/o Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Online payment option is available at the Cayuga Bird Club website.

Bird club members receive via email the Cayuga Bird Club Newsletter monthly from September through June. Send newsletter submissions to Richard and Cyndy Tkachuck, contact information above. Of particular interest are articles about local bird sightings, bird behavior, or birding hot spots, as well as original poetry, art, and photos.

Chickadee illustration in masthead by Karen Confer and duck silhouette by Lena Samsonenko.

Visit the Cayuga Bird Club website at:
www.cayugabirdclub.org