



Cayuga Bird Club

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Calendar

Nov 3 Owling Field Trip (Rain date Nov 4)

Leaders: Suan Yong and Bob McGuire

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Meet at Cornell Lab of Ornithology parking area

Nov. 5 Lecture 7:30 pm.

Cayuga Bird Club Meeting November 12, 2018

Speaker: Adriaan Dokter

Moving with the Tides: Shorebird Foraging in the Wadden Sea

The Wadden Sea is the largest intertidal wetland area in western Europe, a key stopover for millions of migratory waterbirds and shorebirds. I will introduce you to two



species I have recently studied at this World Heritage Site in the Netherlands, the Dark-bellied Brent Goose and the Eurasian Oystercatcher. I will show how these birds fuel for the winter and migration on the mudflats and at neighboring pastures and salt marsh. We studied these birds by combination of field observations, food sampling and GPS tracking of individual birds. I hope to illustrate the unique role of the Wadden Sea in these birds' annual cycle, as well to show you how traditional field work and high-tech tracking technology can complement each other, allowing us to understand the habitat requirements and movements of these animals in ever higher detail.

Adriaan Dokter is a migration ecologist with

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Speaker: Scott Weidensaul
A Galaxy of Falcons

Nov. 10 Loon Watch at Taughannock Falls State Park

Leader: Wes Blauvelt 6:40 am- 8:40 am

Nov. 12 Cayuga Bird Club Meeting, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Speaker: Adriaan Dokter, Ph. D.
Moving with the Tides: Shorebird Foraging in the Wadden Sea

Nov. 13 Crow Talk, 7:00 pm

Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road
Kevin McGowan
The Uncommon Crow: Hidden Life of a Familiar Bird

Dec. 8 Field Trip Up the Lake

Leaders: Ken Kempfues and Diane Morton
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Dec. 10 Cayuga Bird Club Meeting, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Speakers: Bob McGuire and Marie Read
Icelandic Saga

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

Upcoming Field Trips

Join **Suan Yong and Bob McGuire** in exploring the area's woodlands to look and listen for various **owl species on Saturday, November 3. Meet at the Cornell Lab parking lot at 6:00 pm**, dress warmly (as there will be much standing still in the cold), and bring a headlamp or flashlight. If conditions are right, we might visit John Confer's HHOWLS saw-whet banding site to learn about the banding process, and if we're lucky, see an owl being banded. **If weather is inclement, we will try again on Sunday** (note that this is "Fall back" weekend). For questions, contact Suan at suan.yong@gmail.com or Bob at bmcguire@clarityconnect.com.

Wes Blauvelt will lead a **Loon Watch at Taughannock Falls State Park on Saturday, November 10, at 6:40 am**. Meet

a background in physics, with an interest in animal movement and foraging ecology. His research bridges the disciplines of physics, meteorology, computer science and ecology, addressing questions on the effects of global change on the distribution and seasonal migration of birds. At Cornell Lab of Ornithology he studies the migration of small songbirds at the scale of a full continent, a perspective that is still largely missing, but that has come into reach through the use of meteorological weather radar networks in animal migration studies. At the University of Amsterdam and the Netherlands Institute of Ecology he studied the migration and habitat requirements of Brent Geese and Oystercatchers in the Wadden Sea. Adriaan obtained a PhD in physics at the Institute of Atomic and Molecular Physics, University of Amsterdam.

Cayuga Bird Club meetings start at 7:30 pm, the second Monday of every month. September - June. 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.

From the President

Diane Morton



I approach my new role as president of the Cayuga Bird Club with a sense of gratitude for all of the people who help this organization thrive. I thank the outgoing club officers: Wes Blauvelt for his year as club president and communicating with me about decisions that arose over the past year, Susan Danskin for serving as treasurer for more than 10 years (!) and for

at the north end of the main entrance on the lake side, which is before the bridge on the creek if you are coming from Ithaca. The loon watch location is at the north end where the creek enters the lake. We will count loons for two hours as they fly south over the lake. Dress very warmly as standing on the lake with a north breeze can be very cold. If you are lucky you may see hundreds of Common Loons flying overhead. There is also the possibility of seeing waterfowl such as scoters and Long-tailed Ducks on the lake.

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.

Cayuga Bird Club Meeting **December 10**

Speakers: Bob McGuire and Marie Read

Title: Icelandic Saga

Description: Marie and Bob spent a combined total of three weeks photographing and recording the birds of Iceland. Join them for a tour of this exotic land: the remote highlands, seabird cliffs, and offshore islands. Lots of puffins, too!

Conservation Action **Committee hosts Family Fun** **Extravaganza**

Jody Enck

The weather on September 30th was anything but fun, with cold temperatures and light drizzle. Still, the camaraderie was warm at Stewart Park as the Conservation Action Committee hosted a family-friendly event at one of our focal geographic areas for conservation action.

so much else that she has done for the club, and to Becky Hansen for serving as our faithful recording secretary before her move to Texas this past summer. I am also grateful to those who are continuing to serve in the roles that they have long held: Colleen Richards as Corresponding Secretary, Paul Anderson who manages our website and served as director for the past three years, and to the committee chairs who are continuing: Laura Stenzler who finds and invites presenters for our meetings, Ann Mitchell, our field trip coordinator, Carol Felton Schmitt, publicity, Jane Graves, historian, and Jody Enck, who has revitalized the Conservation Action committee. I am also grateful to those who have newly stepped up as officers this year: Donna Scott - Vice President, Poppy Singer - Recording Secretary, and Ken Kemphues - Treasurer. And I'd like to give a shout-out to Tracy McLellan, who has taken over the job of newsletter editor.

I joined the Cayuga Bird Club just five years ago, and since then it has become such a rewarding part of my life in Ithaca. The first Cayuga Bird Club field trip that I sampled back in 2013, with my husband, Ken, was so much fun! Led by Bob McGuire, on that January day we explored parts of the Montezuma complex that Ken and I had never been to, learned identification tips from other participants, saw diving ducks at a closer vantage point than we'd previously experienced, and were even treated to the sight of a Gyrfalcon chasing a Mallard over Knox-Marsellus Marsh. Wow! Besides the birds, we really enjoyed the company of the people we met on this trip. I was hooked — I quickly joined the Cayuga Bird Club, signed up for Spring Field Ornithology, and got an eBird account! Many of the field trip leaders for SFO that year were Cayuga Bird Club members, and I am happy to count them now as both my mentors and my



Photo by Jody Enck

Two families, with three total kids, braved the weather along with four members of the Cayuga Bird Club. We played Bird Spy Bingo and Habitat Scavenger Hunt, which were graciously donated by the BirdSleuth team at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. We talked about bird migration, and about our plans for improving bird habitat in and around Stewart Park. And, of course, we saw birds!

Our two youngest attendees loved playing along the lakefront and told us stories of watching the Ospreys raise their young this past summer in nest just behind the Ithaca Youth Bureau building. Our oldest youth attendee marveled us at his bird identification skills, including calmly pointing out to us an immature Bald Eagle that glided over us.

Youth are the future of our club, and they are the future of bird conservation. Our committee will be working with these families and others in the coming months to develop ideas for family-friendly activities. These will include building nest boxes for two of our focal bird species for which we are improving habitat around the south end of Cayuga Lake – Prothonotary Warbler and Purple Martin. Please contact JodyEnck@gmail.com if you want to join our committee or help with kid-friendly activities!

friends. My own birding skills improved and I now lead field trips for both the bird club and SFO. I learn more about birds with each outing, and get to know more people who enjoy birds too! Our club is made up of a great group of people, and I hope to get to know more of you over the next year.

If you'd like to become more active in our club, there are a number of ways you can do that. Join a committee, or join us on field trips. Come out Owling on November 3 (rain date November 4); weather permitting, we'll include a stop at John Confer's Saw-whet Owl banding station. Then on Saturday, November 10, early in the morning (6:40 am!), you can go to Taughannock Falls State Park to watch and help count migrating loons as they head south over the lake. (More information about these trips are in this newsletter). If you'd like to take a shorter outing, come to one of the bird walks held every Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am at Sapsucker Woods, led by Cayuga Bird Club volunteers. Beginners and advanced birders alike are welcome; bring along a friend or family member and introduce them to birding!

Our speaker programs, lined up by Laura Stenzler, provide a wonderful opportunity to learn more about birds here and around the world. We are lucky to have many talented ornithologists close by at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology; this month's speaker, Adriaan Dokter, will tell us about his research on migratory waterfowl and shorebirds at the Wadden Sea in the Netherlands, work he did prior to coming to Cornell for postdoctoral research.

Part of our mission is to facilitate appreciation of birds and nature, and one of the Conservation Action Committee's new projects, initiated by Jody Enck, is to encourage families and children to get out



Photo by Diane Morton
(Photos of youth used with permission from their parents.)

Field Trip Report - Freese Rd.

Mark Chao

On October 6 and 7, I led field trips at the Cornell Garden Plots (known also as the Cornell Community Gardens) along Freese Road – a site renowned and much beloved by local birders for its abundance of sparrows during fall migration.

On both days, the viewing met my high expectations, with everyone getting good looks at Lincoln's, Swamp, White-crowned, and White-throated Sparrows. There were dozens of Song Sparrows too, of course, providing helpful visual and aural points of reference against which to pick out the less-common birds. The White-crowned Sparrows seemed unusually abundant and easy to find this year, with many sightings on each day, including a few of multiple individuals in a single field of view. Conversely, Savannah Sparrows seemed relatively scarce, as they have throughout this fall at the site. We barely managed to see one on each day. I also didn't find any

and enjoy birds. We had a bird walk for kids at Stewart Park in September, and hope to have more family-friendly offerings. The committee has also reached out to the Cornell Botanic Gardens to discuss a project to improve habitat for birds at Jetty Woods (also known as Lighthouse Point). Please contact [Jody](#) or [me](#) if you'd like to help with these initiatives, or if you have more ideas that you'd like the club to pursue.

Thanks, all!

Good birding,

Diane

NYSOA 2018

Jane Graves

The 71st Annual Meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association took place at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta, NY, from October 5-7. Hosts were the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club and the Rochester Birding Association. [Historical note: The first meeting of what was then the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs was held in Rochester in 1948, the Cayuga Bird Club being one of the founding members. Since then Rochester-area bird clubs have hosted the event every ten years.

Field trips were held Friday afternoon as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings to several Monroe County hotspots, including Irondequoit Bay, Braddock Bay WMA, Ontario Beach Park and Lakeshore, and Hamlin Beach State Park. Sunday morning also featured trips to Conesus Lake in Livingston County and Montezuma NWR.

Friday evening, after a reception and buffet dinner, there were two workshops, one run

Field Sparrows in the gardens this weekend, though Ken Haas saw one on Saturday.

The most surprising and distinctive sparrow of the weekend was a female Eastern Towhee, which perched up for us for about 20 seconds on the fence of the Dyce Lab corral during our Saturday walk. Sunday offered up its own special touches, including a Palm Warbler on the same spot on that fence, plus many fine birds across the road on the Liddell Lab side – an Eastern Meadowlark resting in the grass, a Blue-headed Vireo in a small tree near the building, four Wild Turkeys, a female Northern Harrier, and the first Osprey I'd seen in weeks. Ken Kemphues and Leigh Stivers also found a Marsh Wren in the cattails around the pond.

On both days I ended the walks by offering a visit to the grassy field west of Bluegrass Lane, north of the Equine Research Park, to try our luck finding Nelson's Sparrow in the hidden cattail patches. Regrettably, a giant bolt of lightning curtailed our effort just as it was beginning on Saturday. Fortunately, we all escaped incineration and even inundation, as the torrents held off until we were already back in our cars.



On Sunday, we did manage to get out to the field, though fog and wind hampered our viewing. We didn't find any birds of special note in the grass, nor in the goldenrod and cattails. But as we walked back along the gravel road, we got two last highlights for the weekend. The first was a Lincoln's Sparrow on a desiccated corn husk, offering close, wide-open (albeit fog-shrouded) views for probably two full minutes. Then we had the weekend's best views of Savannah Sparrow browsing the puddles and gravel at the grass edge.

I got a lot of help on both days from the sharp eyes and insight of many other club members, especially Ken, Leigh, Bob McGuire and Phil McNeil, as well as sparrow

by Ian Davies on the use of eBird as a data input tool and archival database for the NY Breeding Bird Atlas III, beginning field work in 2020, and the other, run by Daena Ford of Braddock Bay Raptor Research, on the history and programs of that organization.

Saturday morning the Delegates' Meeting took place. Wes Blauvelt, Kevin McGowan, and Diane Morton served as the CBC's three delegates. Highlights of the eleven committee reports were those of the New York State Young Birders Club, which now has over 50 members, and of the Research Committee, concerning the upcoming Breeding Bird Atlas III. The project's Steering Committee is being co-chaired by Kathy Schneider and Matt Schlesinger. There are several partners involved: NYSOA, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (eBird), the Cornell Cooperative Research Unit, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Audubon NY, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Federal grant funds have been obtained. Data collection will be via a NYBBSIII portal in eBird over five seasons beginning in 2020.

The DEC report was presented by Region 8 Wildlife Manager Mike Wasilco. He spoke of several ongoing projects: alpine forest bird monitoring, the Common Loon survey, the marsh bird monitoring program, Whip-poor-will monitoring and habitat evaluation, the grassland breeding bird survey, the winter raptor survey, and the Bald Eagle breeding survey. Additional species annually monitored by the DEC are Spruce Grouse, Peregrine Falcon, Common, Black, and Caspian Terns, and Piping Plover. He also discussed the Young Forest Initiative Wildlife Survey as a vehicle to help develop management plans.

The paper session on Saturday afternoon

scientist Zena Casteel. My thanks to them, and to all who came out for the walks!

Photo of Lincoln's Sparrow by Mark Chao

Field Trip Report - West Side of the Lake

Ken Haas

Talk a walk on the West Side was my theme for this walk since many people told me they don't bird there very often and mostly stay on the east side of Cayuga Lake. The weather, the birds and the birders all came into alignment on Sunday October 14th. We met at the Ithaca Children's Garden and walked a short distance up the Black Diamond trail behind the parking lot. We spent about an hour there and covered only two tenths of a mile, but were able to identify 25 bird species and one Accipiter. Bird sighting highlights include a distant Bald Eagle, four woodpeckers – Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied and Flicker, nine Ruby-crowned Kinglets as well as Nashville and Magnolia Warblers. Leigh and Diane saw a Golden-crowned Kinglet and Stephanie and I heard an Eastern Towhee. Sparrows were well represented with Chipping, White-throated, Song and at least two Swamp Sparrows. A rather tolerant Red-tailed Hawk posed for us on top of one of the telephone poles.

The twelve of us were off to a good start, as we made our way to our next stop – Allen H. Treman State Marine Park just up the road. The sky was still mostly sunny. The temperature, no longer in the 40s, was warming up to the low 50s. We welcomed another 2 birders to our group. We got good looks at Eastern Bluebirds and Cedar Waxwings in the juniper trees next to the parking lot. Dark-eyed Juncos were heard and seen there, too. The fields next to the marina were bursting with American Goldfinches and sparrows. Numerous Song and Swamp Sparrows, along with Chipping, Field, Swamp and a precious Lincoln's Sparrow. Out on the water we found Canada Goose, Mallard, Common Merganser (all

included the following: "Monitoring bird movements using a coordinated automated radio telemetry array" (Andrea Patterson); "A King Rail mystery in western NY" (Bill Evans); "Time of day as a factor for flight call responsiveness in migratory wood warblers" (Michelle Gianvecchio); "Spatiotemporal trends in avian populations following the introduction of West Nile Virus in North America (Gaetan "Gates" Loredon-Brock Dupont); "Nest box selection and success of secondary cavity nesting birds at The College at Brockport Campus, Brockport, NY" (Zac Falconer and Andie Graham); "Influence of agricultural grains on diets, body condition, and seasonal stress in American Black Ducks and Mallards wintering on Long Island" (Aidan Flores and Michael L. Schummer); "Ecological assessment of wetland management techniques on restored wetlands in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex" (Edward Farley, Michael L. Schummer, and Donald J. Leopold); "A survey of breeding and migrant bird species at High Acres Nature Area" (Dominic Sherony).

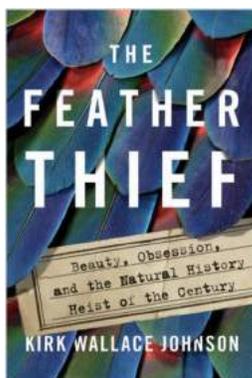
During the banquet on Saturday evening a number of awards were presented. The Gordon M. Meade for Distinguished Service Award, given for outstanding service to NYSOA, went to Tom Burke, particularly for his thirty years of service as a member of the New York State Avian Records Committee. The President's Award was given to Carena Pooth to recognize her ten-year commitment as Adult Chair of the New York State Young Birders Club and her continued contributions to all things related to NYSOA. The Emanuel Levine Memorial Award, which recognizes the best "Kingbird" article each year, selected by the editorial staff, went to Sarah A. Lazazzero (Piecuch) and Christopher J. Norment for "Temporal changes in Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) song rates,"

females), about 150 Double-crested Cormorants and Ring-billed and Herring Gulls. Dan brought our attention to a Great-blacked Gull resting on the red lighthouse jetty. While we were at the north end of the park listening to and trying to find that Rusty Blackbird (some of us eventually did see it), an immature Bald Eagle flew in and landed in the tree right in front us!



Cedar Waxwings (photo by Ken Kempfues)

After spending an hour and a half there, we decided to move on to our last stop – the new Taughannock Falls Overlook Visitor's Center. There was a healthy flow rate to the falls and many spectators were taking it all in. We walked a short distance up the North Rim Trail and saw or heard White-breasted Nuthatch, Black-capped Chickadees, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, to name a few. Overall, it was a very nice birding morning with a great group of people who joined me to take a walk on the West side. My sincere thanks to Diane Morton for her assistance, guidance and eBirding during the trip.



Book Review

Barbara Berger Eden

**The Feather Thief:
Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural**

“Kingbird,” vol.67, no.3, Sep. 2017. The Lillian C. Stoner Award, which funds attendance at the Annual Meeting for promising young birders in grades 10-12 or in their first two years of college, went to Silas Hernandez, high school senior, Avery Scott, high school junior, and Garret van Gelder, college freshman.

The evening's speaker was Greg Miller, of “The Big Year” book and movie fame. He gave an entertaining talk on what happened after his big year experience: the book, the movie, and his further experiences in birding.

Many thanks to Bob Spahn and Shirley Shaw, co-chairs of the organizing committee, along with the many others who planned and worked at a very successful meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet friends from throughout the state and to make so many new birding friends. The 2019 meeting will be held at the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development (Catskillcenter.org/takingflight), September 13-15.



Greg Miller and Wes Blauvelt

History Heist of the Century

by Kirk Wallace Johnson

I want to begin this review with a confession. Despite being an avid reader of books my entire life, and spending my professional career as a librarian, I now have switched from reading physical books to only listening to books. The reason I love this practice now, is that I have the opportunity to multi-task while listening. The Feather Thief has an excellent reader, and, as in all audio books, the reader's voice makes a huge difference in the experience.

This work is the true story of Edwin Rist, who at the time was a flautist studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London, and also a fly tying obsessive. The author first learned of Rist while fly fishing in New Mexico and recovering from PTSD as a result of working for USAID in Iraq. He listened to his guide tell the saga of Rist who broke into the Tring Museum and stole hundreds of bird skins so they could be dismantled for use by salmon fly tying devotees.

Wallace wrote the book as a well-researched crime novel, despite being all true, and I learned about the passionate bird feather collectors, who had used the feathers, including rare ones, for decorative hats in the 19th century and for fly tying. After the theft, Rist removed the collection labels, pulled off the feathers and dismantled the skins. He sold the feathers to the fly tying community and used the proceeds to purchase a new flute. As a result these important sources for ornithological research and history are lost forever.

The author researched the event very methodically and spent hundreds of hours investigating the theft, Rist, and the world of salmon fly tying and its roots in the Victorian era. In addition, the author tells the fascinating story of the world of fly tying obsessives, the use of Asperger's as a criminal defense, and the market for the illegal sale of feathers. This compelling story

Field Trip Report - Up the Lake

Bob McGuire

Much to my surprise, given the forecast of wind, rain, and cold, nine hardy folks joined me for an all-day, up-the-lake trip on October 28th. This is the time of year when only the winter-hardy passerines remain and the vanguard of over-wintering waterfowl has just arrived.

We saw three gull species and a few Double Crested Cormorants at Stewart Park and began our work on the water birds. By the time we finished at Myers, we had already seen Ruddy Ducks and Buffleheads, Lesser Scaup and a Canvasback, Common Mergansers and Mallards, and our first Horned Grebe.

At Long Point State Park, with the wind all but gone, we encountered the first of over 100 Common Loons, a couple more Horned Grebes, a Red-necked Grebe (first of year bird for several of us), as well as five Surf Scoters and eight White-winged Scoters.

Along Lake Road, just north of the park, we encountered a feeding flock sponsored by large group of chickadees: both White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Carolina Wren, Northern Flicker, and a Yellow-rumped Warbler. From the bluffs we scanned Aurora Bay, focusing on two distant White-winged Scoters. When Diane Morton pointed out that "one of them looks smaller and the bill is different", we quickly concluded that it was a Black Scoter, giving us all three scoters for the day!

At that point it was almost noon, and we headed directly for lunch and then the refuge. The Visitors Center pool was nearly empty (after harboring hundreds of Dunlin and numerous ducks the week before). We did pick up a distant Great Egret and a

also explores the preservation of bird skins and their place in current and future scientific inquiry. It is quite the tale.

[Minutes](#) of the October 9, 2018 Cayuga Bird Club meeting are [available](#) on the Cayuga Bird Club website.

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

Listed below are Cayuga Lake Basin first arrivals reported in the last month.

- Hudsonian Godwit
- Northern Bobwhite
- Red Phalarope

**2018 total count through October:
277 species**

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

single Red-winged Blackbird before heading out on Wildlife Drive. We stopped several times to scan the large rafts of ducks, adding both Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Coot, a couple of Great Blue Herons, and four flyover Sandhill Cranes.

On the way back down the lake we saw a Wood Duck on Mill Pond in Union Springs and a couple of Bonaparte's Gulls over the water from Frontenac Park. By the end of the afternoon the rain had stopped, the temperature had climbed into the lower 40's and, with a trip list of some 63 species, I could enthusiastically thank everyone for coming and contributing their eyes, ears, and scopes!

Treasurer's Report page 2

The 2017-2018 financial report showing the club's balance sheet, below, was inadvertently omitted from the October newsletter. We thank past-Treasurer Susan Danskin for preparing this report for the Cayuga Bird Club.

Cayuga Bird Club Fiscal Year September 1, 2017
Treasurer's Report through August 31, 2018

Balance Sheet as of 8/31/18		
Cash Assets		
Checking Account		\$ 4,758.65
Evans Fund		\$ 461.79
General Savings		\$ 18,951.60
Total Cash Assets		\$ 24,172.04
Inventory		
Basin Birding Guide	265 copies@ \$14.40	\$ 3,816.00
Total Inventory		\$ 3,816.00
Liabilities		\$ -
Net Assets		\$ 27,988.04
8/31/17 Total Assets		\$ 19,376.83
9/1/17-8/31/18 Net Income		\$ 4,795.21
8/31/18 Total Cash Assets		\$ 24,172.04
8/31/18 Add Inventory to Balance Sheet (one time occurrence)		\$ 3,816.00
8/31/18 Total Assets		\$ 27,988.04

Membership Renewal

**Now is the time to rejoin the
Cayuga Bird Club!**

Annual dues are \$15 per household or \$10 for students.

Payment may be made via Paypal
at

cayugabirdclub.org/membership

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c/o Cornell Lab of Ornithology,
159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca
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Cayuga Bird Club

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 the monthly Cayuga Bird Club eNewsletter, from September through June. To make sure you don't miss an issue, add newsletter@cayugabirdclub.org to your email contacts.

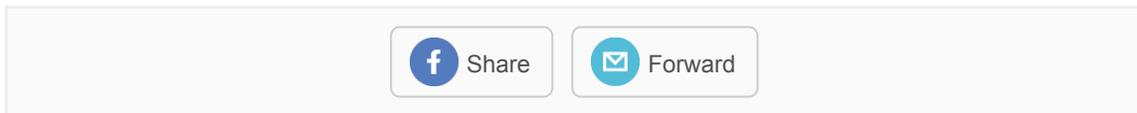
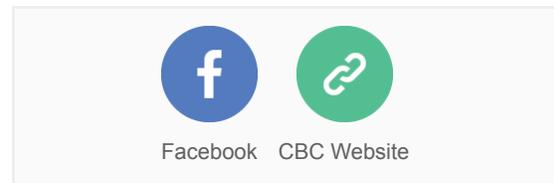
Newsletter submissions may be sent to [Tracy McLellan](#). Of particular interest are articles about local bird sightings, bird behavior, birding hot spots, book reviews, bird conservation news and original poetry, art, and photos.

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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