



The Fledgling

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President's Message

To everyone's delight, owls are in the news this winter.

Three Snowy Owls have been attracting crowds in the Fort Edward area since early December. One is heavily barred, and the other two are white with light barring, indicating young males. The Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club's February newsletter reports that a Snowy Owl was rescued from the Hudson River with minor head trauma. The injury might have been caused by Peregrines dive-bombing the owl, resulting in its fall into the water. It was cared for by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, and has probably been released by now. Another Snowy was seen in the Albany area recently, thrilling birders and first-time viewers. Sadly, it died from a parasitic trichomonas infection, probably acquired from eating an infected pigeon.

On a recent visit to Plum Island, I was fortunate to observe Norm Smith, an owl expert with Mass Audubon, release a Snowy Owl that had been captured that morning at Logan Airport in Boston.

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In Memoriam



Margo Burrell

Perhaps they couldn't recall her name, or where they met her, but there's not a person who could forget those beautiful blue eyes or infectious smile – she certainly could brighten up a room! It is fitting that the spring issue be dedicated to Margo. She loved wildflowers to the point of reverence, and spring is their season of glory.

Margo had been a faithful supporter of SAAS since its inception. As her husband Hal's birding club evolved into an Audubon chapter, she worked right beside him, and helped the chapter grow. She came full circle when she offered to act as proofreader for the newsletter, for it was she who supplied the contest-winning name, *The Fledgling*, over 25 years ago.

Margo was a truly gracious lady, and all who were fortunate enough to make her acquaintance can add her name when they count their blessings.



Membership Notes by Pat Fitzgerald

Welcome to new chapter supporters!

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In 2007, the directors of SAAS voted to have all Chapter Supporting memberships expire simultaneously on December 31st each year. This January, renewal letters were sent to all chapter supporters whose membership expired on December 31, 2008. Thank you to all who responded so quickly with renewals. We would also like to thank all of the following, who in addition to renewing their memberships, sent additional funds to support the local chapter:

Margaret Burrell	Miriam Hayes
Rosamond Butler	Elaine Kee
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For those of you who have not renewed your Chapter Supporting membership, we hope you will continue to support the efforts of SAAS in the areas of natural history, conservation, and environmental education. All of the annual dues stay within our chapter and make possible the public presentations, this newsletter, field trips, and educational materials for local programs and schools.

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2008 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

by Linda White – Count Compiler

On December 14, 2008, thirteen birders spent the greater part of the day counting each and every bird for our Hudson Falls Christmas Bird Count. Many thanks go out to first time participant, Lisa Balshcunat, as well as returning counters Mona Bearor, Beth, Brad and Nathan Bidwell, Bill Cook, Jason Goldsmith, Greg Greene, Russ Hilliard, Joyce Miller, and Joan Robertson. This group put in over 38 hours and covered 333 miles by car and three on foot. Also, thank you for the contributions from feeder watchers, Heather Lamos and Marjory Moeller.

The “warm” sunny weather made it ideal for observations in the field. We had an incredible day and logged a total of 56 species and 6478 individual birds. The owls seen in the Washington County grasslands were certainly a highlight of the day.

The following species were counted: Snow Goose - 5, Canada Goose - 222, American Black Duck - 25, Mallard - 355, Bufflehead - 7, Common Goldeneye - 202, Hooded Merganser - 29, Common Merganser - 16, Ruffed Grouse - 1, Turkey - 101, Great Blue Heron - 5, Bald Eagle - 1, Northern Harrier - 7, Sharp-shinned Hawk - 3, Cooper's Hawk - 1, Red-tailed Hawk - 37, Rough-legged Hawk - 16, American Kestrel - 3, Ring-billed Gull - 1, Rock Pigeon - 451, Mourning Dove - 285, **Snowy Owl - 1, Short-eared Owl - 10**, Red-bellied Woodpecker - 8, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1, Downy Woodpecker 36, Hairy Woodpecker - 6, Northern Flicker - 6, Pileated Woodpecker - 6, Blue Jay - 112, American Crow - 1197, Common Raven - 3, Horned Lark - 94, Black-capped Chickadee - 173, Tufted Titmouse - 34, Red-breasted Nuthatch - 5, White-breasted Nuthatch - 19, Carolina Wren - 3, Golden-crowned Kinglet - 17, Eastern Bluebird - 48, **American Robin - 599**, Northern Mockingbird - 8, European Starling - 874, Cedar Waxwing - 174, American Tree Sparrow - 77, Song Sparrow - 4, White-throated Sparrow - 12, Dark-eyed Junco - 223, Snow Bunting - 74, Northern Cardinal - 59, **Red-winged Blackbird - 1**, House Finch - 75, Pine Siskin - 153, American Goldfinch - 346, House Sparrow - 247.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS: We still offer gift memberships, with a card if requested. A gift may be made to any location; it need not be for someone in the chapter area.

You can send your \$10 annual dues to Pat Fitzgerald, 79 Laurel Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804, or attend a public program and get a special rate of 2 years of Chapter Supporter for \$15, or go on a chapter-sponsored field trip and take advantage of a special offer of one year for \$5. Checks or money orders should be made out to SAAS.

Field Trip Reports

Vince Walsh Winter Tracking

Saturday, January 31, 2009

SAAS offered this free program at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, underwritten by a grant from Stewart's, Inc. It was well-received, with 12 people in the morning class, and 13 registered for the afternoon session. Jackie Donnelly, an afternoon participant, wrote this account for her online nature blog, and allowed us to share it with our readers.

How can you tell a grey squirrel's print from that of a cottontail rabbit? In the squirrel's print the front feet are placed side by side; in the rabbit's they're one in front of the other. Okay. I already knew that. But did I know why? No, I didn't. But I do now, thanks to Vince Walsh, ardent naturalist, highly skilled tracker, founder of Kawing Crow Awareness Center in Greenfield, NY, and one of the most engaging wildlife teachers I've ever met.



Vince Walsh takes a measurement to determine animal size

Photo by Sarah Clarkin

The leader of a tracking workshop conducted at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve, Vince not only knew his stuff, he also knew how to get the rest of us really engaged in tracking, even to the point of kneeling down to sniff the yellow snow. Was it fisher pee? Well, maybe. There was a fisher trail. But why would it pee right there where its trail crossed the hard-packed snowshoe path? Could it be a dog? Dogs also trot along this path. What does dog pee smell like? Many of our group of about a dozen probably knew the answer to that, but only one of us put her nose right down there (not me, for once!) and pronounced the verdict: "Dog!" So you see, you can't always tell just by looking. Vince urged us to use our noses, ears, fingers, brains, and imaginations.

For example, imagine the rabbit escaping the fox: she scoots this way, then that, zigzagging across the grass until she dives down into her hole. That's why her front feet are placed one behind the other, to enable faster turning. Does the squirrel zigzag across the grass as he high-tails away from your chasing dog and zips up the nearest tree? Not on his furry life! He plants those little front feet together and scoots in a beeline, as straight and fast as he can.

We learned a lot of other things too, and had a lot of fun. Many thanks to the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park, a sand plains and pitch pine preserve I often visit in warmer weather, when wild lupine and milkweed support the endangered Karner Blue butterflies. Thanks again to Vince Walsh, teacher and tracker extraordinaire. I plan to visit him, too, at his Kawing Crow Awareness Center. He knows just an awesome amount of stuff about nature, including where some ancient black tupelos grow. Eight-hundred-year-old black tupelos! I want him to take me there.

[Editor's Note: Jackie Donnelly wanders the woods and waterways of Saratoga County, recording her observations with her camera. She shares her adventures through her online nature blog, and invites SAAS members to join her. Please visit www.saratogawoodswaters.blogspot.com]

Field Trip Reports, con't.

Winter Birds of the Ft. Edward IBA

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Nineteen birders braved temperatures in the teens to participate in the January 17 tour of the Fort Edward Grasslands Important Bird Area. We were primarily on the look-out for winter raptors, and we were not disappointed! Sightings of Rough-legged Hawks were common. We saw them perched in trees or soaring across snow-covered fields on the hunt for voles and other small prey.

A Cooper's Hawk perched in a clump of trees along one road provided some birders with a rare visual treat – especially when it flew right over our cars! Surprisingly, however, we saw only one Red-tailed Hawk. Other birds we saw were Red-bellied, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers; Eastern Bluebird; American Robin; American Tree and White-throated Sparrows; Purple and House Finches; Pine Siskin; White-breasted Nuthatch; and American Goldfinch.

The highlight of the day was observing the three Snowy Owls that have been wintering in the grasslands. The first, an adult male, was perched on the roof of a house. He stared right back at us – nonchalant, periodically turning his head to look around. He was still there when we left after twenty minutes or so. Everyone enjoyed the extended view.

Farther along the road another Snowy with lots of dark barring – either a juvenile or a female – perched on a rooftop about fifty feet from the road. Binoculars glued to our eyes, we watched with awe as it suddenly launched itself from the roof, swooped down to the ground, snagged a vole in its talons, and returned to the same perch to devour it!

Part of the group had gone on to watch a third owl, another adult male. The owl that had been eating its meal took off and flew toward the third owl. The third owl then took off toward this owl. They appeared to be heading straight for each other, but the male veered off and landed on a phone pole and the owl that originally had been eating settled on his original rooftop perch.

Dusk was settling as we ventured toward Blackhouse Road to look for endangered Short-eared Owls. We caught a glimpse of one “shortie” as it flew away. We waited, searching the fields and tree line with binoculars until it grew too dark to see. That proved to be our only Short-eared Owl but we all agreed that it had been a great day of birding!

We had such a response to this trip that we had a lengthy waiting list. We decided to have an impromptu second trip to the grasslands, on February 7, for these people. We saw many of the same birds, plus the weather was much more pleasant! We saw two of the three Snowy Owls, but were unable to observe any Short-eared Owls. This, however, didn't prevent us from having a great time!

by Laurie LaFond and Jason Goldsmith



Fort Edward Snowy Owls by Gordie Ellmers

Crown Point Bird Banding Station will open for 34th Season

Master bird banders, Mike Peterson and Gordon Howard, invite you to visit the banding station from Saturday, May 9th, through Sunday, May 24th. For the 34th consecutive year, they will net and band birds, capturing them as they migrate through the Crown Point Bird Conservation Area. The station is open from dawn till late afternoon, although birds are most active in the early hours. Further information can be found, along with a map and directions in

Adirondack Birding (2008) by Peterson & Lee, reviewed on page six of this newsletter.



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SAAS Calendar

**Please join us for these entertaining
and educational programs.**

**March 25
7pm**

**“Casual Hiking in the
Lake George Region”
with Roger Fulton**

**April 22
7pm**

**“Photographing Wild Birds”
with Gordie Ellmers**

**May 27
7pm**

**“Traveling in Chile”
with Barbara and John Youker**

**These monthly public program meetings will be
held at the Moreau Community Center
144 Main St., So. Glens Falls, NY**

Birds and Wildlife Need You – Join Audubon’s Action Network!

Audubon Action Alerts are a quick, easy way to get access to your lawmakers, local media, and inside information on issues impacting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. If you aren’t already a part of our online action network, sign up today at www.audubonaction.org/newyork.

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Twenty-one Snowies have been trapped so far this winter; over 360 have been caught since 1981. Smith tags them, marks their heads with temporary colors, and sometimes attaches satellite-tracking devices to identify them and track their migration routes. What a privilege to see one so close!

Two theories exist as to why we are hosting these visitors from the Arctic. Some experts suggest that the food supplies (mice, lemmings, voles, and small mammals) are down, but others say that the more probable reason is that the birds have had a very productive breeding season, and the younger owls, faced with heavy competition for food, are crowded out of their home base.

A Northern Hawk Owl has been observed in Peru, NY for several weeks, and I was pleased to find him right where he had been reported. This crow-sized owl has a long tail that has white stripes. It acts more like a hawk than an owl. Hawk Owls are not afraid of humans; this one flew within 20 yards of the group that had gathered to watch him.

Short-eared Owls and wintering raptors have returned to the Fort Edward Grasslands IBA, generating so much interest that three SAAS field trips to that area have been full. My power point presentation on The Short-eared Owls of the Fort Edward Grasslands IBA has also been in demand. I have shown it to SAAS, the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, and The Battenkill Conservancy. Future presentations include the Adirondack Mountain Club, The Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, and the NYS United Teachers Retiree Council 9.

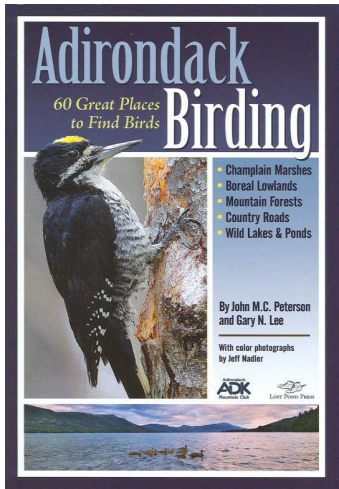
In closing, I’d like to ask for your help. SAAS is seeking new board members. Our field trips and programs have been interesting and exciting, our fund raising endeavors rewarding, and our conservation efforts successful. Please help us keep the momentum going! You do not have to be a birder to sit on our board. We need people who care about conservation, the environment, and the natural world. I invite you to attend a board meeting to see what is involved. Please contact me or any board member for details. – *Don Polunci, President*

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We know that lawmakers care about your views and opinions. As a constituent, you have a unique ability to convey your concerns to them. Helping is easy, won’t take much time, and most importantly, will go a very long way in protecting our wildlife!

-Laura McCarthy, Audubon New York

Adirondack Birding – 60 Great Places to Find Birds



Are you heading to the Adirondacks in search of elusive boreal species? Perhaps you are searching for colorful wood warblers—or even shorebirds! You could make dozens of phone calls, or wade through hundreds of bird sightings online, to collect the information you need, then add them to a large pile of maps, and load it all in the car. Or you could simply pick up your copy of *Adirondack Birding*, grab your binoculars, and hit the road!

Area birders eagerly anticipated the arrival of this volume, and they won't be disappointed. Co-authors, John M. (Mike) Peterson and Gary Lee, went far

beyond the requirements for a basic birding guide. Both men are accomplished outdoorsmen and expert birders, and it shows on every page. Their intimate knowledge of the places described, along with an expansive knowledge of the natural world, combine to make this guide everything a birder needs—and more.

For each of the 60 locations highlighted, detailed directions, an excellent map, and comprehensive birding information is provided. Seasonal information is given where appropriate, with notes on flora, geology, history—even hints on where to experience spectacular views! Every major habitat is covered in this book—from boreal lowlands and marshes to the high peaks, supplemented with everything in between. Although birders will be mainly interested in the text, the many black-and-white photos add interest, and the color photos by Jeff Nadler will whet any birder's appetite for the beauty of Adirondack Birds.

Peterson and Lee, with skills honed by decades of field experience, are two of the most proficient birders in the northern New York. They volunteered for the recent Atlas 2000 project, visiting hundreds of locations to record breeding species; Peterson also authored 12 boreal species accounts for *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State* (2008). They are prolific writers as well; co-authoring *The Birds of Hamilton County* (2004) in addition to many articles for both local, Adirondack, and state-wide publications. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find anyone with more experience or knowledge of the Adirondack birds.

The depth of detail in location descriptions, valuable information on habitat preferences for specific species, and notes of historical significance, all add a dimension to this book not found in most birding guides. This is a volume that should reside on the bookshelf of every New York State birder who is serious in their quest to know the birds of the Adirondacks.

Adirondack Birding – 60 Great Places to Find Birds is available from www.lostpondpress.com or www.adk.org and local bookstores.

-Reviewed by Mona Bearor

From the Editor's Desk



Is it possible that spring is on the way? Although I see huge mounds of snow surrounding my house, and temperatures refuse to remain above freezing for long, I hear the spring songs of chickadees, titmice, and finches, and the drumming of woodpeckers, and I am once again optimistic that I'll soon be out there looking for early migrants.

My feeders hosted a Northern Mockingbird all winter, a Red-bellied Woodpecker visited sporadically, and a Northern Flicker stopped by occasionally to feast on suet. New Year's Day brought a Carolina Wren. Pine Siskins were everywhere this winter, in huge numbers. I laughed at the description a Georgia – yes, Georgia! – birder posted online, stating, “numbers of them have caused the sun to black out. They have changed weather patterns. My dogs will not go outside.”

Eric Krantz reported a Horned Grebe on the west side of Lake George the last few days of December; Gordie Ellmers photographed a Brown Thrasher in Fort Edward on February 4th. Raymond Schmidt photographed White-winged Crossbills in the town of Hague on January 14, and Barb Putnam hosted a Hermit Thrush in her yard on February 7th. The Bolton Landing CBC reported a Gray Jay on Dec 14th. Snowy Owls and Rough-legged Hawks were prevalent in the agricultural areas. Sadly lacking this winter were reports of Short-eared Owls and Northern Harriers.

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PLEASE SUPPORT BIRDATHON 2009

Thursday, May 21, through Sunday, May 24, has been designated Birdathon 2009

Birdathon is one of the more important, and most interesting, activities of Southern Adirondack Audubon. During this spring period we try to cover the entire chapter territory to seek out birds either nesting, or passing through on their way to breeding areas. It is an annual attempt to learn how each species is faring; which are commonly found, and which are declining.

Pick the day and times that are most convenient for you, and enjoy some time in the field in search of birds. The event is open to all, no matter what level of birding you do. So pack a lunch, grab your binoculars, partner with a birding buddy if you like, and help us with this annual attempt to gauge the variety of our bird population. We ask that you stay within the chapter boundaries - Warren, Washington, and Northern Saratoga counties. You may bird on one of the days, or use all four to compile your list. This is not a "contest;" rather, it is a way to compile a snapshot of the birds using our chapter area.

It would be helpful to the tabulator to know the locations you covered. Please compile a list of all species seen and remember, in this survey we are counting species, not numbers of individual birds, as in the Christmas Count. If you want to use Birdathon as a fund raiser for the chapter, ask friends and neighbors to pledge a set amount for each species you identify. Please send your results as soon as possible, so we can publish the results to our website in a timely manner.

Care to sponsor a birder? Contact Linda White who will take your pledge and select a birder for you. At the end of Birdathon that participant will contact you with their species list and a thank you for supporting the chapter.

Lists and pledge money should be sent to Linda White, 29 Peggy Ann Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804. She can be reached by phone for more information at 518-792-4446, or by email at lindaandblake@roadrunner.com

Spring Field Trip Schedule

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 10:00 am till noon Snowshoeing at SNHP

Linda White will lead this snowshoe trek at Saratoga National Historic Park; she can be reached at 518-792-4446 for more information and to register.

Sunday, March 29, 2009 – 8am till noon Washington County Waterfowl

This half-day annual trip will focus on migrant waterfowl of the Hudson, such as Goldeneye, Bufflehead, and Mergansers. Last year Canvasbacks and Tundra Swans were life birds for many! We will meet at the Schuylerville Central School on Rt. 29 at 8am to form a carpool. Dress warmly, bring a beverage/snack, your binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Please contact either Joyce Miller justlookitup@yahoo.com or Mona Bearor, ramonabearor@gmail.com 745-8637 to register. This trip is co-sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club.

Saturday, May 2 – 8am till ?

Birding at Merck Forest!

Follow leader Laurie LaFond down country lanes and hiking trails on the lookout for migratory songbirds! Located in the rolling hills of Rupert, VT, Merck Forest offers thousands of acres of diverse habitat, from a working model organic farm, to open fields, forests and mountains. Spectacular views are virtually guaranteed. All roads and trails are closed to vehicular traffic.

Meeting Time: 8 AM, Meeting Place: TBA

Bring water and your lunch – this is an all day trip.

Contact trip leader: Laurie LaFond - 955-8301

Sunday, May 17 – 8am till 10am

Birding at the Moreau Industrial Park

Five woodpeckers, five flycatchers, eight warblers, and six sparrows are among the 62 species recorded so far on this Town of Moreau property. Join us as we search for spring migrants and early nesters. Group size is limited, so call or email leader, Mona Bearor, to register. 518-745-8637 ramonabearor@gmail.com

HOMESCHOOLERS ON AN AUDUBON AVENTURE



The class takes a break from their outdoor nature study
Photo by Susie Heneghan

Every Friday, seventeen homeschooled children ranging in age from six to nine, gather together to learn about bees, birds, and bats, following the Audubon Adventures curriculum. However, the lessons they learn go far beyond just those in the lesson plans.

During their lesson about solitary bees, they were divided into groups of four, each group had one bee bundle—a simulated home for bees—that they had constructed earlier. They had to collectively decide where the best location would be to place the bee bundles, based on previous information. They quickly discovered that everyone thought their spot was the "right" one, and they had to decide who would prevail. They spent time debating (a little political science) and they had to eventually take a vote (a lesson on American Government). Their conclusion was then presented before the rest of the class (a lesson on public speaking). At the end of the class they had discovered that they could disagree and still remain friends (building character). The final lesson, bees!

All this education is taking place in just one hour during our co-op for homeschoolers known as The Greater Glens Falls Christian Homeschoolers. I'm the proud teacher and proud of mom of three.

- Submitted by Susie Heneghan

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The spring issue each year always seems to have a lot packed into its pages. In these ten pages we offer you reports of our winter field trips, a note from one of our Audubon Adventures recipients, the Christmas Bird Count report, a review of *Adirondack Birding*, the calendar of monthly programs, the schedule of spring field trips, and notice of Birdathon 2009. I hope there is something to interest each of you.

This issue of *The Fledgling* is dedicated to Margo Burrell. I worked closely with Margo on each issue for the last two years. I will miss the visits to her home and I will miss the kindness with which she corrected my errors; Margo taught me a great deal; however, I still had a lot left to learn. So if you notice that my grammar isn't up to par, or my punctuation isn't quite right, you'll know why—and you'll miss her too.

-Mona Bearor, Editor

The board of Southern Adirondack Audubon Society would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who responded so generously to our recent letter of appeal. In these difficult economic times, we are especially appreciative of your support.

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Panera Bread**

**We plan to draw the winning tickets for our next two baskets at our programs on March 25 and June 24.
Thanks for your support!**

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- Turn off lights and computers when not in use
- Unplug appliances and electronics with standby when not in use
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- Run the dishwasher only when full
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We welcome submissions to *The Fledgling*. Please email your articles to the editor if possible, and include your name and contact information. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. If you cannot email, please contact Mona Bearor at the number listed above.

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