

# The Fledgling

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## Spring programs: Andes, Africa, ancient trees

Our chapter's monthly programs will continue to alternate between Saratoga Springs and Glens Falls through May. Programs are held at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

**On Wednesday, March 22**, John Schneider will talk about his two-week hike in the picturesque Patagonian Andes in Chile. In the spring of 2016, he trekked the famous "W Route" on a four-day hike in Torres Del Paine National Park in Chile, hiking to the base of the *torres* (towers), for which the park is named.

In Argentina, he visited Los Glaciares National Park, hiking in the area of 8,000-foot-high Mount Fitz Roy,



*John Schneider photographed this scene in the Torres Del Paine National Park in the Patagonian Andes of Chile. The park's torres (towers) are in the background.*

named after the captain of the *HMS Beagle*. He also drove through the grasslands (pampas) in the sparsely inhabited area of these two countries, photographed many glaciers and took a boat ride up to the three-pronged face of Grey Glacier.

He also saw a number of iconic South American animals, including guanacos (wild members of the llama family), rheas (ostrich-like flightless birds), and had glimpses of Andean Condors, the world's largest flying bird, with a 10-foot wingspan. Schneider is a member of the Glens Falls-Saratoga chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club and Southern Adirondack Audubon Society.

**On Wednesday, April 26**, Neal and Edna Van Dorsten will present

"The Dark Continent," an illustrated slide talk on the wildlife and history of southern Africa. This program is offered in partnership with Adirondack Mountain Club and will be held on the lower level of Crandall Library in Glens Falls.

This presentation will include highlights of their flying safari in southern Africa, including adventures in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. Wildlife photos will include both common and rare birds and animals. They will also discuss the logistics of the trip, interesting sidelines and problems that may be encountered on a trip like this, as well as the cultural diversity and history of that region.

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### Spring 2017 programs:

#### **Wednesday, March 22**

John Schneider: *Patagonia*  
In partnership with Adirondack Mountain Club  
Saratoga Springs Public Library  
7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

Neil and Edna Van Dorsten: *Africa*  
In partnership with Adirondack Mountain Club  
Crandall Library, Glens Falls  
7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, May 24**

Fred Breglia: *Ancient Forests and Champion Trees*  
Saratoga Springs Public Library  
7:00 p.m.

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Southern Adirondack Audubon Society (SAAS) is a certified local chapter of the National Audubon Society. The organization's primary goal is to protect the environment by preserving natural habitats and promoting environmental education. The group has more than 500 members in Warren, Washington, northern Saratoga and southern Hamilton counties in New York State. Contact a board member to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

## President's Message Let's go birding!

By John Loz, SAAS President

Hello, Chapter Supporters and "Not-Yet"-Chapter Supporters! Spring is nearly here and I'd like to personally invite you to all of the many new field trips our Audubon Chapter has lined up for the spring and summer season. I'm excited to attend them myself and hope to meet many of you in the field! We'll also have a couple more last minute field trips popping up as the season goes on, so keep your eyes tuned to our Facebook page, our website and emails for more information. On a side note, Part 2 of my series on "The Technology of Tracking Birds" will appear in a future issue of *The Fledgling*.



John Schneider photographed these guanacos in Chile. They are wild members of the llama family.

## Spring programs — Continued from page 1

Neal and Edna Van Dorsten reside in Bolton Landing and share a love of travel. Their other recent trips include the Amazon, Alaska and the western United States and Canada. Edna also pursues her love of archaeology and birding, and Neal enjoys adventure travel and flying, including self-flying safaris in Africa. The Van Dorstens own a private aircraft, which facilitates many trips to unique and interesting destinations. On their last trip to Africa this past May, they were joined by Diane James, the former postmaster in Bolton Landing.

**On Wednesday, May 24**, Fred Breglia, Executive Director of the Landis Arboretum in Esperance, N.Y., will give a presentation, "Ancient Forests and Champion Trees" at the Saratoga Springs Public Library. He will highlight many of the old growth trees that exist throughout New York, including the Capital Region. Breglia has spent the past 15 years searching for, exploring, and documenting ancient forests. Attendees will learn how to recognize the characteristics that make up old growth forests as he takes you on a virtual tour of the largest and oldest trees in the northeast. Visit Breglia's Ancient Forest and Champion Tree Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/ancientforests> and view the arboretum's Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/landisarb>. To learn more about Landis Arboretum, visit <http://www.landisarboretum.org>.

Please avoid wearing fragranced products to the program, to avoid triggering allergies, asthma and migraines in others attending the event.





**Jim de Waal Malefyt took the photos on this page.**

*To the left, the happy group gathers around a jaguar statue at the Cockcomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, a jaguar preserve.*

The trip focused on birds, but also included visits to the Mayan archaeological site Lamanai and the Belize Zoo, which takes in injured native animals. Traveling around Belize, the group drove by many groves of oranges, teak and mahogany trees. On an evening walk, the guide pointed out tarantulas, a scorpion, gigantic cockroaches, bats and other creatures. The group enjoyed several boat rides, as well as lectures on conservation issues and the archaeological history of Belize. The trip included a day of snorkeling on the coral reefs in the turquoise Caribbean water, looking at

sea fan and brain corals and many colorful fish and other ocean creatures.

## Seeing is Belizing!

*By Joyce Miller, Newsletter Editor*

Ten area birders toured the Central American country of Belize from Jan. 7 to 16, in the first-ever SAAS-sponsored international trip, organized by Holbrook Travel. Our guide was the very knowledgeable and good-humored Peter Herrera (<http://www.belizebirdnerd.com/>), who has led birding trips in Belize for almost 30 years.

The group visited three regions with different habitats: pine savanna (Crooked Tree), rainforest (Pook's Hill in the Cayo District) and the Caribbean coast (Hopkins). The group spent three days in each area.

The group spotted a total of about 230 species, including a flock of 22 Keel-billed Toucans that flew over one by one, chirping like Spring Peepers. At the roaring waterfalls called Thousand Foot Falls, the group was fortunate to see the rare Orange-breasted Falcon. Other notable sightings were Jabiru storks, Rufous-tailed and Cinnamon Hummingbirds, Ornate Hawk Eagle, close views of gigantic King Vultures, and an island with hundreds of Magnificent Frigatebirds.

**Top right:** A pair of Collared Aracaris engage in "bill-slapping" as part of their courtship at sunset at Pook's Hill Lodge.

**Below right:** This male Yucatan Black Howler Monkey relaxes in a tree at Pook's Hill Lodge. His howling, barking and growling calls resounded through the forest one evening as another male responded in the distance.





## Share bird sightings for a good cause!

In partnership with Hudson Crossing Park in Schuylerville, our chapter is coordinating a project to develop a bird list for the park. We will maintain the schedule and the bird sightings and ask that individual birders or groups sign up to bird in the park so that we can cover the entire late winter/spring/early summer period. We will ask each birder or group to sign up for a specific week. They would then go birding in the park that week and report the species observed.

Hudson Crossing Park has varied habitats and together we should be able to build a great list for the park to use as they promote birding. If you are interested, please email Mona Bearor at [conservebirds@gmail.com](mailto:conservebirds@gmail.com). Provide your name, preferred email and telephone number for contact.

## Raptor Fest, May 13-14

The Friends of the Washington County Grasslands IBA will hold Winter Raptor Fest 2017 on May 13-14 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, Washington County. Plans include raptors in flight, live bird of prey programs, a live wolf encounter, horse-drawn wagon rides, food vendors, children's activities and more events. SAAS will offer an information table.

Winter Raptor Fest supports Friends of the IBA's work to conserve habitat for endangered Short-eared Owls and other threatened and at-risk birds of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area (IBA). For more about the event, see <http://www.winterraptorfest.com/> or call (518) 499-0012.

## Birding podcasts

The American Birding Association is now offering free podcasts at <http://birding.libsyn.com/>. The online recorded talks currently have interviews on nature travel, bird art and prairie bird conservation.



*Don Polunci of Queensbury took this image of a male Tree Swallow, showing its purple-green iridescent feathers.*

## Species Spotlight

### Tree Swallows

*By Joyce Miller, Newsletter Editor*

Large flocks of swooping Tree Swallows are a welcomed sign of spring in this area. They start arriving in this region in late March, according to records in ebird (<http://ebird.org/>), the online bird checklist from Cornell Lab of Ornithology. In the summer, Tree Swallows are found across much of North America and Canada.

They are called Tree Swallows because they often build their cup-shaped nests in tree holes. Their nests are made of grass and lined with feathers. Because they frequently use human-provided nest boxes, researchers can easily observe them. Scientists studied Tree Swallows nesting along the Hudson River in the Hudson Falls area and discovered that female swallows eating insects from the Hudson showed altered nest-building behavior and other differences ([McCarty and Secord 2000](#)). This may be due to PCBs and other chemicals that can disrupt animals' endocrine systems.

Both male and female Tree Swallows vocalize with chirps and twitters. They primarily eat flying insects, occasionally small fish bones and eggshells for calcium, and berries if no other food is available. They prefer to live in areas near water and open fields.

Most head south by mid-August, but some stay as late as mid-October in our chapter's area. They spend the winter in Florida, Mexico, Southern California and on the Gulf Coast. For more about this species, see [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Tree\\_Swallow/lifehistory](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Tree_Swallow/lifehistory).

# Christmas Bird Count results

By Linda White  
CBC Coordinator

For only the second time in the history of the Hudson Falls bird count, the date had to be changed from December 17th to the 18th due to unsafe weather conditions. Continuing poor weather resulted in fewer species being spotted than in past counts. The total number of species seen was 49, and the total number of individual birds was 5,172.

Russ Hillard, Joyce Miller, Nathan, Brad and Beth Bidwell, Mona Bearor, Terry Hall, Jacquie Tinker, Anastasia Ivanova, Anna Butkevitch, and Linda White traversed a total of 306 miles within the count circle. They spent more than 25 hours scanning for each and every bird. Many thanks and kudos go to these dedicated volunteers who have made this possible over the past 31 years.

New to the count were high school student Anastasia and her mother Anna, who lent their time, enthusiasm and birding expertise. Thank you to feeder watcher Peg Cutler for her contribution of birds, including the Great Horned Owl, which was certainly a highlight. The Purple Finches spotted by Mona at her feeder were also highlights.

One of the most unusual observations was a Peregrine Falcon, seen by Russ and Joyce at very close range, wearing a radio transmitter on its back. The Bidwells always manage to find some amazing birds and this year they spotted the Merlin, two other Peregrine Falcons and Black-backed Gulls.

Way to go, everyone! This is citizen science at its best.



Many birders enjoyed sightings of several Short-eared Owls this winter in the Fort Edward Grasslands area. Above, wildlife photographer Gordon Ellmers captured the intense gaze of a Short-eared Owl. These owls head back north to their breeding grounds in later winter. Most leave in March, according to eBird.org listings. Chapter Education Chair Mona Bearor checked the chapter records and found that the latest recorded sighting of Short-eared Owls was on April 1, 1998.

Once the count has been verified, it will be available on Audubon's CBC site. The count summary report lists the number of times a species has been seen and also the number of individuals seen. Be sure to check it out and the neighboring count circles.

## Species List:

(unusual species are in bold):

Snow Goose (count week), Canada Goose-210, American Black Duck-17, Mallard-200, Common goldeneye-208, Hooded Merganser-63, Common Merganser-22, Ring-necked Pheasant-1, Wild Turkey-28, Great Blue Heron (count week), Northern Harrier-6, Cooper's Hawk-1, Bald Eagle-1, Red-tailed Hawk-27, Rough-legged Hawk-2, Ring-billed Gull-6, Herring Gull-3,

Great black-backed Gull-3, Rock Pigeon-664, Mourning Dove-165, Great Horned Owl-1, Short-eared Owl-1, Belted Kingfisher-3, Red-bellied Woodpecker-8, Downy Woodpecker-15, Hairy Woodpecker-13, Northern Flicker-1, Pileated Woodpecker-6, American Kestrel (count week), **Merlin-1, Peregrine Falcon-3**, Blue Jay-84, American Crow-1,188, Horned Lark-250, Black-capped Chickadee-156, Tufted Titmouse-45, White-breasted Nuthatch-25, Carolina Wren-3, Eastern Bluebird-3, American Robin-13, Northern Mockingbird-5, European Starling-831, Snow Bunting-9, American Tree Sparrow-107, Dark-eyed Junco-332, White-throated Sparrow-8, Song Sparrow-2, Northern Cardinal-75, House Finch-18, **Purple Finch-2**, American Goldfinch-81, House Sparrow-251.



# Bluebird breeding season summary

By Pat Fitzgerald  
Bluebird Monitor Coordinator

For the past several years, Southern Adirondack Audubon Society has been erecting and monitoring bluebird houses. We now have several locations where bluebirds, along with other species, nest and raise their young. For the volunteers who help with this program, it is always exciting to see which birds return to build their nests, what species use the boxes, and how many young are fledged.

We currently have bluebird boxes in Hudson Falls, Queensbury, and Saratoga Spa State Park (SSSP). The eight bluebird boxes in Union Cemetery in Hudson Falls continue to have House Sparrow problems. Even so, several bluebirds managed to fledge young.

In Queensbury, four new boxes were erected in Pineview Cemetery. Bluebirds visited the boxes, but none nested in them. This is not uncommon. In the first year that boxes are put up, the birds will often check them out but nest elsewhere. We are hoping the bluebirds will choose to nest in some of the boxes this spring. Two new boxes were also placed in



*A male Eastern Bluebird perches on a sumac twig. Photo: Gordon Ellmers.*

Hovey Pond Park in Queensbury last spring. Unfortunately, they were taken down by vandals and presumably stolen. However, after a diligent search by Reggie Beatty, they were found where they had been thrown into the nearby woods. Those boxes were not replaced and will be erected elsewhere this spring. Other boxes in Queensbury include three at SUNY Adirondack, four at Hudson Pointe

and three at Hudson River Park. All continue to attract Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows and Black-capped Chickadees.

Last year was a first for SSSP. With the help of park personnel and several SAAS volunteers, seven bluebird boxes were put up. Birds nested in many of the boxes and Tree Swallows, Black-capped Chickadees and Eastern Bluebirds all fledged young. The number of bluebirds fledged by location for the 2016 season are:

- Union Cemetery, Hudson Falls - 8 boxes; 8 fledged
- Hudson Pointe, Queensbury - 4 boxes; 8 fledged
- Hudson River Park, Queensbury - 3 boxes; 5 fledged
- SUNY Adirondack, Queensbury - 3 boxes; 10 fledged (estimated).
- Saratoga Spa State Park - 6 boxes; 10 fledged
- South Glens Falls - 1 box; 4 fledged.

Training will be given to anyone interested in monitoring a bluebird site. Please contact Pat Fitzgerald at [fitzgeraldsaas@yahoo.com](mailto:fitzgeraldsaas@yahoo.com) for more information.

Our sincere thanks go out to bluebird monitors Barbara Beatty, Chris Germain, Joyce Miller, Mary Lou Munger, Jody Schleicher, Rob Snell, Al Thompson and the park personnel at Saratoga Spa State Park for their time and dedication.



## Hepatica blooms will appear soon

Tiny, delicate but determined, Hepatica is one of the earliest wildflowers found in Cole's Woods in Queensbury. It's often seen in April and sometimes when snow is still on the ground. According to the "Doctrine of Signatures" (an ancient idea that God shows us the usefulness of a plant by its shape), Hepatica was used to treat liver ailments because its leaves are three-lobed like the human liver.

- By Diane Collins, wildflower photographer and author of *Trailside Wildflowers in Cole's Woods* (<http://www.wildflowersinyourownbackyard.com>). See page 8 for details on her upcoming nature walks.

## Welcome, new members!

Currently, 531 members of National Audubon live in our chapter area. Many of our 117 chapter supporters belong to National Audubon Society and also financially support our local efforts of conservation and education. Chapter supporter dues are the main support for our chapter activities. Gift memberships are available, and will be announced with an appropriate card at your request.

Our newest chapter supporters are:

*Marian Bigelow, Saratoga*

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Renewal notices were sent out in November for 2017. We are grateful for all who renewed their chapter supporter membership. If you have not yet sent in your renewal, it is never too late; see form below.

Thanks also to these members and several anonymous donors who included additional generous donations for our chapter's operating expenses and projects:

*Jonathan Albrecht*

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*Judy Staubo*

*Marcia Stout-Roche*

*John Strough*

*Holly Vegas*

*Denise Wells*

*Janice Winchip*

## Tree Toga on April 29

The non-profit group Sustainable Saratoga's Urban Forestry Project will hold its next Tree Toga event on Saturday, April 29. Volunteers will plant a variety of large shade tree species around Saratoga Springs during the day. The species, which are not invasive and are primarily native trees, were chosen for Saratoga Springs' urban forest master plan.

Saratoga Springs residents can participate by caring for a newly-planted tree for two years. For a map showing the locations and species of trees planted since 2014, see <http://www.sustainablesaratoga.org/?s=tree+toga>. For more information, visit <http://www.sustainablesaratoga.org>.

## Send in your 2017 renewal today!

**Memberships are renewed at the start of each calendar year.** Chapter supporters receive *The Fledgling* newsletter by email in March, June, September and December, and help support the educational efforts and programs of the chapter. Renew online or print clearly below:

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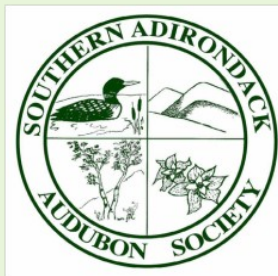
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**Barbara Beatty, Southern Adirondack Audubon Society**  
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**Thank you for your membership!**





**Southern Adirondack  
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**Spring 2017  
Field trips**

**Sunday, March 19 — Morning  
Washington County Waterfowl**

Mona Bearor ([saasmona@gmail.com](mailto:saasmona@gmail.com)) will lead this joint trip with the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. Participants will search the Hudson River for migrant waterfowl such as Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Ducks and Mergansers. In recent years, Horned Grebe, Canvasbacks and Tundra Swans have been life birds for many. Meet at the Schuylerville Central School at Routes 29 and 4. *The trip is limited to the first 12 who register.* Contact the leader before 7 p.m. on March 18 to register and for meeting time. Dress warmly and bring a beverage/snack, your binoculars and a scope if you have one. We will carpool. Trip will end late morning. You will be contacted if the trip is cancelled due to weather.

**Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m.  
Bog Meadow Trail, Saratoga Springs**

Join Rich Speidel in search of spring birds and waterfowl on the Bog Meadow trail, which includes an extensive boardwalk system through wetland communities: open marsh, wet meadow and forested wetland. (For more on Bog Meadow Trail, see March 2016 *Fledgling* newsletter article.) Group size is limited, so call Rich to register: 623-2587. Rain date is Sunday, April 23.

**Saturday, April 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Wildflower Walk in Cole's Woods,  
Queensbury**

Diane Collins, wildflower photographer and author of *Trailside Wildflowers in Cole's Woods* will lead a wildflower walk at Cole's Woods. The cost is \$5 and includes a copy of her wildflower booklet. Meet in the parking lot behind the YMCA on Glen Street. Please call Diane at 792-2811 to register.

**Saturday, May 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Wildflower Walk in Cole's Woods,  
Queensbury**

Diane Collins, wildflower photographer and author of *Trailside Wildflowers in Cole's Woods*, will lead a

wildflower walk at Cole's Woods. The cost is \$5 and includes a copy of her wildflower booklet. Meet in the parking lot behind the YMCA on Glen Street. Please call Diane at 792-2811 to register.

**Monday, May 8, 8:00 a.m.  
Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville**

Join leader Rob Snell in exploring Hudson Crossing Park (at Lock 5 on Route 4 just north of Schuylerville). We will walk through wooded areas along the river/canal looking for resident and migrant birds. (For more on Hudson Crossing Park, see September 2016 *Fledgling* newsletter article.) Meet in the park's parking lot, before the wrought-iron gate.

**Saturday, May 13, 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Spring Run Trail, Saratoga Springs**

Join us for our chapter's first exploration of this city-owned walking/biking trail. We will walk this paved level trail in search of resident birds and spring migrants. The variety of vegetation and the brook, Spring Run, should attract a wide variety of birds. Bring binoculars if you have them, plus insect repellent, snacks, and water as you wish. Trip leader is Mona Bearor ([saasmona@gmail.com](mailto:saasmona@gmail.com)). Directions: From either north or south on I-87, take Exit 15, proceed west on Route 50, turn south on Marion Ave. ; cross Excelsior Ave. and proceed to the parking lot near Eddy's Beverage, where we will meet.

**Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Wildflower Walk in Skidmore Woods,  
Saratoga Springs**

Jackie Donnelly will lead a walk through the rich woods and observe rare plants in Saratoga County. Green Violet (*Hybanthus concolor*) and other regional rare plants thrive in this limestone-underlined woodland that also burgeons with spring ephemerals like Yellow Lady's Slipper, Canada Violet, Trilliums, Trout Lily, and both species of Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum giganteum* and *C. thalictroides*) growing side-by-side. This is an easy hike on preserve trails. We will meet at the farthest end of North Broadway, after the paved street becomes a rutted dirt road. Space is limited. To reserve a space, send an email with contact information (name, address, email and best phone) to [jackie0542@gmail.com](mailto:jackie0542@gmail.com) or phone 518-584-6346.

*To see this schedule on our website, please visit <http://www.southernadirondackaudubon.org/fieldtrips/fieldtrips.html>.*