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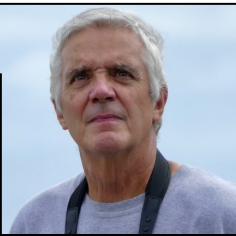
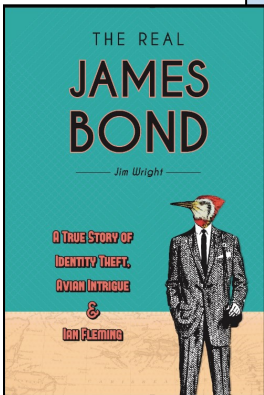
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Monthly programs resume on Zoom

Two Zoom programs will be offered in January and February. No programs are scheduled in December.

To register for the Zoom programs, visit SAAS's website, <https://www.southernadirondackaudubon.org/>.

On **Tuesday, Jan. 24** at 7 p.m. on Zoom, Jim Wright will present **"Meet The Real James Bond."**



Above Jim Wright.
Photo by Sally Teschon.

Left: the cover of his latest book.

In 1952, Ian Fleming took the name of a famous ornithologist and explorer named James Bond (1900-1989), the author of the trail-blazing *Birds of the West Indies*. This colorfully illustrated talk will focus on Bond, Ian Fleming, and some "007" moments in the Adirondacks.

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Jim Wright is the author of *The Real James Bond: A True Story of Identity Theft, Avian Intrigue & Ian Fleming*, the acclaimed biography of the author and birdman who fell prey to the world's most famous case of identity theft. It was published by Schiffer Books in February 2020. *The Wall Street Journal* called it "slim and elegant" — just like the

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Lake George and Saratoga libraries lend new SAAS birding backpacks

Area residents can now easily go birding by borrowing SAAS's new birding backpacks, available at the Caldwell-Lake George Library and the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

The SAAS board created this project to encourage a new generation of local birders of any age: children, families, and adults.

Each birding backpack contains:

- two pairs of durable 10x42 Celestron Outland binoculars
- Instruction books
- Lens cloths to clean binoculars
- A "Rite in the Rain" birding journal, so users can record interesting things and pass along to the next users
- *Birds of New York* folding laminated guide, with birding information on common New York birds
- Four Seasons bingo cards and two washable markers
- *Birding Adventures for Kids* book.



Birding backpacks contain items to enjoy a day of birding. Photo courtesy of Jessica Hunsicker of Caldwell-Lake George Library in Lake George Village.

Each backpack has a customized page listing local birding spots for the new birders to visit. Each also contains birding tips and directions for posting bird sightings on Cornell's online eBird checklist.

The bingo cards are aimed at children. On the fall walk bingo card, for example, children can look for a red leaf, a fern, a resting bird, a pine cone and other items in nature.

SAAS treasurer Laurie Murphy organized these items with the advice and assistance of Caldwell-Lake George Library Director Laura Burrows and library assistant Jessica Hunsicker.

SAAS hopes to expand the program with four more backpacks. If any SAAS member is interested in donating to cover the program, materials for each new backpack cost just under \$200.

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Chapter memberships are \$15. Renew at <https://southernadironackaudubon.org/membership/>, or send a check using the form on the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society (SAAS) website. Contributions support SAAS's education and conservation activities in our region.

SAAS is a certified local chapter of the National Audubon Society. SAAS has approximately 600 members in Warren, Washington, northern Saratoga and southern Hamilton counties in New York State. SAAS's primary goal is to protect the environment by preserving natural habitats and promoting environmental education. Contact a board member to learn about SAAS volunteer opportunities.

President's Message

Birds and Climate Change

By Rob Snell, SAAS President

Local birders in the 1960s may remember admiring raucous winter flocks of Evening Grosbeaks at their feeders. I remember asking my mom (my birding mentor) why New York State chose the Eastern Bluebird as their state bird when they were so scarce.

Times have changed. Now, Eastern Bluebirds are common locally, even in winter. It is wishful thinking that I might see an Evening Grosbeak at my feeder, even at my home in the Adirondacks. To longtime birders, the effects of climate change are obvious. It's vitally important to collect data to confirm these observations and project future changes.

Audubon's landmark study *Survival by Degrees* (<https://www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees>) predicted that as many as 389 North American bird species could be extinct by 2080. The National Audubon Society and our local chapter are doing something about it. Since 2016, citizen scientists in our chapter have



Rob Snell

surveyed populations of White-Breasted and Red-Breasted Nuthatches to determine how their populations fluctuate in reaction to global warming.

These Climate Watch surveys are confirming National Audubon's mathematical modeling. In only six years, this project affirmed that climate change is having a dramatic real effect on many common birds.

Audubon has now expanded its study to include several other species throughout the country. Audubon can use Climate Watch data to influence Congress and U.S. citizens to take all measures possible to reduce global warming and preserve our ecosystem. If we can contain warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius instead of the 3 degrees projected, nearly 150 North American birds could be sheltered from extinction caused by global warming.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have contributed to the Climate Watch project over the last six years. Your efforts are invaluable. We still welcome participants. The next survey period runs from Jan. 15 through Feb. 15, 2023. See Page 5 to learn how to participate.

Volunteer Spotlight

Lori McCarron

Lori McCarron learned about the natural world from an early age: her parents were biologists. She followed in their footsteps, with an undergraduate degree in Zoology from the University of Maine. Her interest in birds was expanded when she took a class in ornithology. As a college professor, she taught biology and microbiology at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.



Lori McCarron

A resident of Saratoga Springs, McCarron has been an active SAAS member for many years and regularly attends SAAS monthly programs.

McCarron is one of the original volunteers for Climate Watch; see Page 7 for more about this spring and winter project. "It is interesting to see what I find of our objective birds, the Red-

breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches," McCarron said. "I do see them more at my feeders than out in the woods. I also have been participating in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's FeederWatch for many years. It's a great excuse to sit and watch birds come to the feeder. Lately, I've been offering mealworms and had seven bluebirds at one time last winter."

She enjoyed the SAAS trip to Belize in 2017. She recalls that the group saw 40 species before breakfast one day. She has also enjoyed attending SAAS President Rob Snell's birding courses through the Academy for Lifelong Learning in Saratoga Springs. McCarron is now focusing on learning bird songs, because it can be challenging to find birds in binoculars. She especially enjoys being out with a group of birders, since more eyes see and hear more birds.

McCarron is also an avid hiker, and gets out at least once a week.

New Betar Byway booklet now available

Springtime Birds and Wildflowers Along the Betar Byway is now available for purchase for \$10. SAAS's new booklet features wildflowers and birds seen along the popular Betar Byway trail in South Glens Falls.

The booklet was written and produced by Glens Falls resident Diane Collins, *The Fledgling's* wildflower columnist. It features Collins' flower photos plus local bird photos by renowned local wildlife photographer Gordon Ellmers of Fort Edward. Collins collaborated with SAAS to win a Touba Family Foundation grant to publish the booklet. It was published in October.

Visit the SAAS website for details and to purchase copies. Copies are also available at St. Andrews Ace Hardware on Upper Glen Street in Queensbury. Consider giving copies of these useful and attractive booklets as holiday gifts and stocking stuffers!



Diane Collins is the author of the new Betar Byway booklet.



Monthly programs

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real Bond and "007."

Wright is an author, blogger, freelance writer and birding columnist for *The Record* in northern New Jersey. Wright is the author of several other books, including *The Nature of the Meadowlands*, *Hawk Mountain*, *Jungle of the Maya* and *In the Presence of Nature*, about the Celery Farm Natural Area in Allendale, N.J., where he is a deputy marsh warden.

Register for this Zoom program at Crandall Library's site: <https://crandall.evanced.info/signup/EventDetailsEventId=34826&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2023/01/01>.

At 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 22** on Zoom, Dr.



Linda S. Rayer will present **"Spiders' Place in the World As Top Predators and As Prey."**

Rayer will speak about the importance of spiders in ecosystems, and the influence of bird predation on the behavior and morphology of spiders. She will introduce some of the spiders that would be found at the Albany Pine Bush's Pine Barrens habitat. This habitat also found in the Saratoga Sand Plains of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve.

Rayer is a behavioral ecologist whose studies focus on the evolution of sociality in spiders. Since 1994, she has been in the Department of Entomology at Cornell University. Her recent research focuses on the 42 social and solitary huntsman species from Australia, Southeast Asia, and Africa. Since 1998, she has directed the Naturalist Outreach Program to send Cornell students into classrooms in Central New York. She earned her Ph.D. in Systematics & Ecology from University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Register for the Zoom program at Saratoga Springs Public Library's site: <https://sspl.libcal.com/>

Spider behavior researcher Dr. Linda S. Rayer will offer a Zoom program on Feb. 22. Photo courtesy of Cornell University.

First Saturday Bird Walks return!

Join Ray Perry and other SAAS members for morning bird walks along the beautiful Spring Run Trail in Saratoga Springs on the first Saturday of each month, on Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, and March 4. Walks continue through May 6.

So far, 125 bird species have been seen along the Spring Run Trail. See Cornell's eBird online checklist for this hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1548124>.

The one-mile trail is paved and flat. It is used for walking, running and biking, as well as birding. It offers a variety of habitats.

Dress warmly. Bring binoculars if you have them. All skill levels are welcomed. Meet at

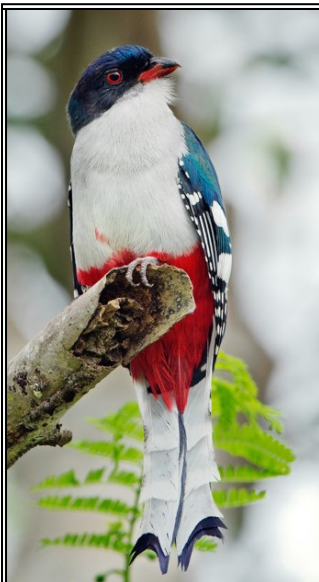
8:00 a.m. sharp at the Spring Run Trail parking area near the corner of East Ave. and Excelsior Ave. If the parking area is full, park just slightly down the road on Excelsior Ave. in the EBI Beverage Center parking lot, which is adjacent to the Spring Run Trail.



Red-bellied Woodpeckers are seen year-round on the Spring Run Trail. Photo by Patrick Dennen, Audubon Photography Awards, 2012.; courtesy Audubon DAM.

Edward Jones
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The endemic Cuban Trogon.
Photo credit: Holbrook Travel.

SAAS offers Cuba trip in October

SAAS and Holbrook Tours are offering a nine-day trip to Cuba in October 15-23, 2023: "Cuba: A Mosaic of Culture, Community and Ecological Riches." Registration opened in late November. It is limited to 10 to 15 participants. The trip cost is \$2,895.

The itinerary includes Zapata National Park, Soroa Orchidarium, the Viñales Valley, colonial Old Havana, Alamar Organoponic Gardens, and UNESCO-designated Biosphere Reserve Las Terrazas.

Among Cuba's 360+ recorded bird species are several endemics including the Cuban Trogon (Cuba's national bird), Zapata Wren, Zapata Rail, Cuban Emerald Hummingbird, Cuban Screech Owl, Cuban Tody, and the Bee Hummingbird, the smallest bird in the world.

See the flyer included in this newsletter for more information. Contact Debbie Jordan (debbie@holbrooktravel.com, 800-451-7111) for details and to register.



Above: Cuban Tody. Photo credit: Holbrook Travel.

Featured Birding Trails:

Fort Edward Grasslands

We're featuring birding and nature trails that cater to the mobility-impaired in our Southern Adirondack Mountains and Foothills region. SAAS member Mona Bearor's article about the Grasslands on the SAAS Birding page is the basis of this article.

This vast birding area is comprised of the 13,000 acre Fort Edward Grasslands Important Birding Area (IBA), located east and south of the Villages of Hudson Falls and Fort Edward, and the agricultural areas in the towns of Argyle and Kingsbury contiguous to the IBA.

Birders can use their cars as bird blinds to observe wildlife with less disruption to the animals.

This is an important breeding ground for grassland species. It is also known for its wintering population of raptors. The lack of food forces them from their sub-arctic breeding grounds in Canada.

Although most of this area is comprised of privately owned lands, N.Y.S.

Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has purchased and protected almost 500 acres.

In winter, Rough-legged Hawks join Red-tailed Hawks, which are year-round residents. Short-eared Owls are the stars of the show over the snow-covered landscape. They are a New York Endangered Species. Northern Harriers, listed as Threatened in New York, hunt low over the fields until late afternoon, when the Short-eared Owls will leave their daytime perches to forage over the grasslands. Blackhouse, Fitzpatrick, Plum, and Swamp Roads are some of the areas these species frequent.

Species also using the grassland habitat in winter are Snow Bunting, Horned Lark, and Northern Shrike. Snowy Owls are occasionally photographed in the winter. Additional

uncommon species that have been recorded in the IBA during the winter months are Barred Owl, Merlin, and Golden Eagle.

In spring, the grasslands area hosts many Killdeer. Their calls can be heard in every field, as can the bubbly, gurgling song of the Bobolink, recently arrived after a migration of over 5,000 miles. Eastern Meadowlark are often spotted singing from fenceposts.

Important summer breeding species in the grasslands are American Kestrel, and Grasshopper, Savannah, and Vesper Sparrows. American Woodcock, Eastern Bluebird, Baltimore Oriole, and Orchard Oriole have all been recorded here as well. Spring and fall are also the times to seek out the few wetland species in the IBA.

For a list of bird species in the grasslands, see this eBird page for Washington County: <https://ebird.org/region/US-NY-115?yr=all>. Click the Hotspots link to zoom in on the own of Fort Edward section of the map, marked as the Washington County Grasslands.

Use a car as a bird blind to avoid disturbing wildlife. A scope or binoculars bring birds closer without harassing them. Please follow the [American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics](#).

Photo of Fort Edward Grasslands courtesy of SAAS past President John Loz.



Christmas Bird Count: Dec. 17

SAAS's annual Hudson Falls Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 17**. If weather is inclement, the count would be held on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Last year, 57 species were observed by all teams during the annual SAAS Hudson Falls Christmas Bird Count. This is one of the highest totals recorded since 1983, when the Hudson Falls count began. SAAS has held a count every year since 1983. Count results will be included in the March newsletter.

Area birders will follow specific routes in an established 15-mile-wide diameter circle in the Glens Falls region. Most birding is done from a car. Some teams may walk along trails or in area parks.

For more information and to join a count team for a whole or partial day, contact SAAS count compiler Linda White at least a week before the count, at (518) 222-5675.

The Christmas Bird Count is a fun way to increase birding skills. New birders do not need to be bird identification experts. They can help spot birds and keep team records.

Counts are held worldwide between December 14 and January 5. Tens of thousands of volunteers participate in more than 2,000 individual counts across North America.

The Christmas Bird Census started in 1900 when ornithologist Frank Chapman suggested it as an alternative to Christmas "side hunts,"

competitions to see which teams could shoot the most birds and other animals. Instead, birders count every bird they see in the designated count areas. Participating birders should follow the Count's recommended COVID19 safety guidelines. For details about this National Audubon project, see: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>.

Climate Watch continues in January

National Audubon Society's citizen science project Climate Watch resumes on Jan. 15.

SAAS members will observe how specific bird species are affected by climate change: Red-



Above and left: White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches.

Photos from Audubon DAM: Great Backyard Bird Count/2017/Aud-GBBC-2017_Red-Breasted-Nuthatch_44965_KK_Photo-John_Pizniur.jpg; Audubon Photography Awards/2015/APA_2015_JosephMahoney_White-breasted_Nuthatch_KK.jpg



breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches.

The survey is conducted twice a year, from May 15 to June 15, and Jan. 15 to Feb. 15. Volunteers use a specific protocol established by National Audubon. Using grid maps of a specific area, birders conduct 12 counts, observing for five minutes each. They also record the numbers and species of other birds identified within 100 meters.

Climate Watch started after National Audubon issued a report in 2014, *Birds and Climate Change*, on risks faced by North American bird species from climate change. SAAS joined the program in 2017.

Contact SAAS President Rob Snell (birdbrane1@gmail.com) for details and to participate.

A male Pileated Woodpecker peers around a tree trunk in this photo by Dr. Gordon Ellmers of Fort Edward. This is one of dozens of year-round bird species that could be seen in our area during both the Christmas Bird Count and Climate Watch.



About Wildflowers

Birdsfoot Trefoil

By Diane Collins

Bright yellow, plump Birdsfoot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) has always been a favorite wildflower of mine.

It lined the Feeder Canal Pathway behind my house where I walked my husky Kelsey and first became interested in identifying wildflowers. It was on the cover of my very first wildflower booklet in 2002.

Its cousin, Crown Vetch, is white to pink to purple and grows along a stream in Hovey Pond. That bubbling stream is actually Halfway Brook, winding through Cole's Woods, under and alongside Quaker Road and into the Meadowbrook Preserve.

Both plants are in the Pea family and flourish in summer. Both plants are introduced and found in open sunny meadows. Both have flowers that



grow in small umbels at the ends of branches. The two plants are low to the ground and sprawl. Their nectar attracts bees and butterflies.

Birdsfoot Trefoil is a long-lived perennial legume ideally suited for many pastures in the central northeast. As a cover crop, it produces edible forage for livestock during July and August when most cool season grasses are semi-dormant. As a legume it can "fix" nitrogen in the soil. Nitrogen is a major component of chlorophyll and of amino acids, building blocks of protein. Rhizobium bacteria on the plant roots draw nitrogen gas from the air, convert it,

and store it in the root nodules. When the plant dies, the roots decompose releasing nitrogen into the soil, enriching it for planting crops.

Birdsfoot Trefoil gets its name from the very distinctive arrangement of claw-shaped seed pods that resemble the foot of a bird. The name Trefoil comes from the three leaflets on each leaf. The scientific name *Lotus corniculatus* means something like "pure horn-shaped fruits." That's the best I can do, Carl (Linnaeus).

I visited the Alfred Z. Solomon Grassland Viewing Area in Fort Edward in October. The grassland areas were spectacular, and around the edges were hundreds of white asters, and, yes, several blooming Birdsfoot Trefoil, visitors long ago from the grasslands in temperate Eurasia and Africa, but now here to stay.

Wildflower photographer Diane Collins is the author of several local wildflower booklets, including the new Springtime Birds & Wildflowers along the Betar Byway, South Glens Falls. See <http://www.wildflowersinyourownbackyard.com>.



Left: Flying female Common Goldeneye. Below: the male. Photos courtesy of Gordon Ellmers of Fort Edward.



Species Spotlight

Common Goldeneyes

By Joyce Miller, SAAS Newsletter Editor

Common Goldeneyes (*Bucephala clangula*) are common winter visitors from late December through March on the Hudson River, according to [eBird](#). Their brilliant yellow eyes, chubby cheeks and male's white cheek patch make these diving ducks easy to identify.

These chunky-bodied diving ducks are usually found in flocks in the winter. The male has a large white polka-dot on its cheek and a glossy dark green head. The female has an

all-brown head and no cheek spot. In flight, they rapidly flash large white wing patches and their wings whistle, similar to the wings of Mourning Doves. They have bright orange legs.

Goldeneyes dive underwater to feed on insects, fish and mollusks, including invasive zebra mussels.

We see Goldeneyes here during the non-breeding season in winter and early spring. As breeding season approaches, males will start to court females with any of 14 types of courtship displays. Common displays are

the "head throw kick," in which a male flips his head over his back and then kicks up water. In the "bowsprit" and "masthead" moves, the male sticks his head forward at a 45 degree angle or straight up. The female responds with her own actions to show when she has selected a male. For photos of these moves, see <https://www.greatbirdpics.com/common-goldeneye-overview-and-images/>.

In the spring, they migrate to the boreal forests in northern North America to nest. Like Wood Ducks, the females lay eggs in tree holes or nest boxes. The ducklings leap out of the nest hole the day after they hatch. They can live for up to 20 years. Goldeneyes are also found in Europe and Asia. For more about these ducks, see Cornell's All About Birds site: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Goldeneye/overview and Audubon's page, <https://audubon.org/field-guide/bird/common-goldeneye>

Donate to SAAS Annual Giving Fund

By Judy Staubo, SAAS Fundraising Committee

As you have been reading, there is a great deal to be excited about these days. Our Birding Backpack program is just underway, and we are looking forward to introducing many children to the amazing world of birding.

Once again, December's Christmas Bird Count is just around the corner, and the calendar is filling up with exciting programs. We are looking at opportunities to encourage bird-friendly gardens.

We welcome your participation in these events, with more on the drawing board to come. Your participation is also essential — and that means sharing the costs of providing birding experiences and doing our part to make our neighborhoods welcoming places for birds.

Please consider making an extra gift to support these programs as you renew your memberships or just because you want to be a greater part of our mission. Here's how you can participate:

- You can write a check payable to Southern Adirondack Audubon Society and mail it to Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, PO Box 5044, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.
- Or, donate on our website using PayPal or your credit card. The donation button is on our home page, on the green bar on the right. Then scroll down past the Sage Grouse.

Thank you so much!

Choose natural holiday gifts

Here are some thoughtful holiday gift ideas to benefit the natural world:

- Give a local **SAAS chapter membership** for \$15. See bottom of this page for details.
- Purchase the new booklet ***Springtime Birds and Wildflowers Along the Betar Byway***. Copies are \$10. See Page 3 and visit the SAAS website for details.
- Although we fully support shopping locally whenever possible, for those times when you shop online, you can donate to our chapter by shopping on the **AmazonSmile** website. Log in with your existing Amazon.com account or sign up for a new account by clicking on the AmazonSmile logo. Choose Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, Inc. from the dropdown menu and Amazon.com will donate .5% of your purchase price to SAAS.
- Buy **Duck Stamps**. A \$25.00 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp ("Duck Stamp") serves as an entrance pass for National Wildlife Refuges. Ninety-eight cents of every dollar from the stamp sale goes to purchase or lease habitat in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Visit <https://www.fws.gov/service/buy-duck-stamp-or-e-stamp> or any post office.
- Sponsor a **loon** to support the research of the Biodiversity Research Institute's Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation in Saranac Lake. See <https://www.adkloon.org/sponsor-a-loon>.
- Offer to take a friend on a local **nature walk** to observe and enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape. There's a lot to see year-round!

All memberships due now; renew and get a chance at this poster!

All Southern Adirondack Audubon Society memberships end on Dec. 31 each year. The drawing will be held on **January 7, 2023**. Chapter memberships are only **\$15**.

Join as a chapter supporter or renew your support in the fourth quarter of 2022 and receive three raffle entries to win this 2018 Audubon Photo Award winning Sage Grouse photograph. This photo was on national tour in 2019. It is 36" x 24" mounted on foam board, and can be hung as is.



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An additional ticket will be allotted for every \$5 donated here or through our donation page. Contributions support SAAS's education and conservation activities in our region.

Approximately 600 members of National Audubon live in our chapter area. Many National members also become chapter supporter members, to financially support our local efforts.

Please take a minute to renew your annual membership for 2023 at the SAAS Membership page (<https://www.southernadirondackaudubon.org/membership/>).



Bird Quiz: Fort Edward Grasslands

Test your ID skills with these denizens of the Fort Edward Grasslands area. These shots were taken by Don Polunci, Queensbury wildlife photographer and past SAAS president.

www.allaboutbirds.org/ or use the Merlin app.

- *Ring-necked Pheasant (female)*
- *Lesser Yellowlegs*
- *Virginia Rail*
- *Eastern Meadowlark*
- *Brown Thrasher*
- *Common Yellowthroat*
- *American Kestrel*
- *Killdeer*

