

ROGER TORY PETERSON INSTITUTE
of Natural History

Bird Fest 2013

June 7-8, Jamestown, NY



Fascinating Excursions · Good Company · Great Fun · Lots of Birds!

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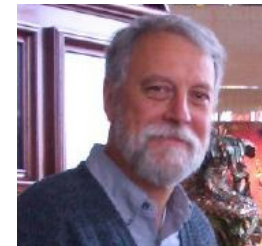
Friday June 7, 2013

6:30-11:30 Excursion 1: Birds of Allegany State Park

Trip leader: Tim Baird

Comprising approximately 66,000 acres, Allegany State Park is the largest state park in our area. This park is situated in the only unglaciated area in New York State. Consequently the topography - deeply incised, V-shaped valleys eroded by water and not ice - is totally different from the lower elevations and glacier-sculpted venues of most of the other field trips. Allegany State Park is among the best places in the region to see tracts of mature forest.

The valleys' fast-moving streams attract Louisiana Waterthrush. The outlet of Red House Lake is particularly attractive to many other species of warblers, flycatchers and Indigo Buntings. Higher elevations provide habitat for thrushes, accipiters, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, as well as vireos and Scarlet Tanager.



Tim Baird is an amateur nature photographer and birding enthusiast. A retired science teacher, he is associated with birding groups in western New York State as well as state-wide. He is an experienced field trip leader in the southwestern New York region. In 1985, after surveying the bird populations in Quaker Run Valley, he authored the monograph *Changes in Breeding Bird Populations Between 1930 and 1985 in the Quaker Run Valley of Allegany State Park, New York, Bull. No. 477, New York State Museum, 1990*. He is a past president of the New

York State Ornithological Association and is currently the editor of that organization's newsletter.

11:30-12:30 Lunch at RTPI

12:30-4:30 Excursion 2: Akeley Wetland tour

Trip leader: Don Watts

The Akeley Swamp State Game Lands consist of 365 acres of mostly level wetlands along the Conewango Creek. The site has three ponds interspersed with open fields and oak-hickory forest. Two abandoned railroad grades are maintained as walking trails. Akeley Swamp has been designated an Important Bird Area by the Pennsylvania Audubon Society.



Don Watts has been an active outdoorsman for much of his life in his native Warren, PA. Through his mentors Bill Highhouse and Ted Grisez, Don became interested in birds and he assumed the task of monitoring the American Kestrel Nestbox trail in Warren County. Don is regional coordinator for the second PA Breeding Bird Atlas, coordinator for the Warren CBC, a Master Bird Bander and past president of Roger Tory Peterson Ornithological Club. He also conducts grassland surveys for the PA Game studies Cerulean Warblers as a Wildlife Technician for the USDA Forest Service.

Friday June 7, 2013

6:30-9:30PM Banquet & Award Ceremony

for Dr. Noble Proctor - Sarita Weeks Room

Jamestown Community College

Program: "Birding and Natural History Publishing in the Digital Age"

Robert Lee Scharmann Theater – Jamestown Community College

Special Guests:

Jeff Gordon, President of the American Birding Association

Noble Proctor, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, Southern Connecticut State University, renowned ornithologist, eminent naturalist and life-long friend of Roger Tory Peterson

Patrick Lynch, Senior Digital Officer at Yale University, author and digital illustrator



Noble Proctor and Patrick Lynch's latest book "A Field Guide to the Southeast Coast & Gulf of Mexico", winner of the 2012 National Outdoor Book Award, represents a new benchmark for future field guides and natural history writing.

Digital technology not only rapidly changes the face of publishing but also creates exciting new possibilities for birders and other nature lovers. Apps, interactive maps, large citizen science data portals, 'digiscoping' and the use of mobile technology to record and communicate sightings have made birding a fast-paced, high tech adventure.

Join us for a fascinating program about documenting, illustrating and enjoying nature in the digital age, brought to you by the people who are defining the field!



Saturday June 8, 2013

6:30 – 11:30 Excursion 3: Where Maine Meets Tennessee

Trip leader: Terry Mosher

Along the shady, wooded trails of the Fredonia College Lodge and at two nearby locations, we'll enjoy the crossing of southern and boreal breeding species. Target birds will include Northern and Louisiana Waterthrush, Hooded and Canada Warbler, Acadian and Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoo. As we identify birds by sight and sound, we'll also look for late-blooming wildflowers and a variety of local butterflies.



Dr. Terry Mosher is a longtime student of the birds of WNY, with secondary interests in wildflowers and butterflies. A Past President of the Lake Erie Bird Club, he recently retired from a long career at SUNY-Fredonia, where he taught Environmental Literature and other English courses. In his spare time, he gardens, writes about nature, and rides his Quarter Horse.

11:30-12:30 Lunch at RTPI

12:30-4:30 Excursion 4: Warblers of Allegheny National Forest

Trip leader: Scott Stoleson

A wealth of warblers will be the focus of this trip in northern Pennsylvania just south of the New York line. We'll explore a series of sites including sycamore woodlands along the Allegheny River, thickets, towering hardwood forests, and an old-growth pine-hemlock grove to cover all the major habitat types found locally. Warblers we'll target include Blue-winged, Northern Parula, Yellow-throated, Cerulean, Blackburnian, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Magnolia, Black-and-white, Hooded, Mourning, Louisiana Waterthrush, and others. Other birds likely to be seen include Common Merganser, Bald Eagle, Blue-headed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Scarlet Tanager, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Winter Wren.



Scott Stoleson, from nearby Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, is a professional ornithologist who has published over 40 scientific papers and currently works on management of Cerulean Warblers. He has conducted avian research in the western U.S., Central and South America, and has led natural history tours to the Caribbean and Latin America. When not working with birds, he spends a lot of time watching them for fun.

Price Structure

All excursions include bus transportation between RTPI and the field site.

	'A la carte' pricing	'day pass'	'all-in pass'
FRIDAY			
Excursion 1	\$45	\$85	
Lunch	\$10		
Excursion 2	\$35		
Banquet and evening program	\$40	\$30 (when purchased with a day pass)	
SATURDAY			
Excursion 3	\$45	\$85	
Lunch	\$10		
Excursion 4	\$35		
Total	\$220	\$200	\$180

Event Locations:

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Excursion 1	\$45	_____	_____
Lunch	\$10	_____	_____
Excursion 2	\$35	_____	_____
Day Pass Friday	\$85	_____	_____
Banquet	\$40	_____	_____
Banquet w/Day Pass	\$30	_____	_____
Saturday June 8			
Excursion 3	\$45	_____	_____
Lunch	\$10	_____	_____
Excursion 4	\$35	_____	_____
Day Pass Saturday	\$85	_____	_____
All-in Pass	\$180	_____	_____

Total amount due: \$ _____

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