



The 67th Annual Meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association
September 19 – 21, 2014
Ithaca, NY
Hosted by Cayuga Bird Club

Register online or download registration form at <http://www.cayugabirdclub.org/nysoa>
Contact Donna Scott at 607-533-7228 or by email DLS9@cornell.edu with any questions.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science & Engineering, York University, Toronto, Ontario.
Frequent Fliers: New Discoveries in Bird Migration.

Dr. Stutchbury's research involves using geo-locators that use light levels to track individual songbirds to and from their tropical wintering grounds. Geo-locators are a critical new conservation tool enabling researchers to study wintering regions, and hence potential threats, such as tropical deforestation, where a given migratory bird population over-winters.

Lodging

The meeting will take place at the Ramada Ithaca Hotel & Conference Center, 2310 North Triphammer Road, Ithaca, NY. The hotel has 121 guest rooms, free parking, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and a fitness room. Shopping plazas, movie theaters, and a variety of restaurants are nearby.

Room reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Ithaca Hotel at \$140, plus 13% tax per room per night, including breakfast. Contact the Ramada by August 19 at (607) 257-3100 to make your reservation. Be sure to mention the NYSOA Annual Meeting for the special rate. Alternative lodging can be found at <http://www.visitithaca.com/> Click on the Lodging tab.

Meals

Friday night's reception will take place at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, in the Imogene Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity. You will be treated to a hearty array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts to sustain you while you enjoy some special activities at the Lab. The charge is \$20. A cash bar will be available.

The banquet on Saturday night will be held at the Ramada Ithaca Hotel. The charge is \$40. Three entrees including a vegetarian option will be served buffet style.

The restaurant at the Ramada Ithaca Hotel will open for **breakfast** at 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday and for **lunch** on Saturday. These meals are on your own. Many other restaurants are close to the hotel.

Field Trips

The Ithaca area has many wonderful spots to bird. Locations of trips under consideration are Cornell's Sapsucker Woods, Stewart Park, Jetty Woods, the Cornell Plantations, Myers Point, the Roy H. Park Preserve, and Dryden Lake. Go to <http://www.cayugabirdclub.org/where-to-bird> for description of several birding spots in the Ithaca area. The Sunday morning field trip will be at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. More details later.

Request for Oral Presentations and Posters

We invite ORAL PRESENTATIONS of 15 minutes in length, plus 5 minutes for questions, for one paper session on Saturday, September 20 from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Talks focused on birds, including their conservation, basic biology, research and human involvement are invited. Submissions are especially encouraged from STUDENTS (High School to Graduate School), as well as professional and non-professional people interested in birds. Meeting registration fee will be waived for STUDENT presenters.

In addition to oral presentations, we invite POSTERS which will be available for viewing throughout the meeting. Boards and pins for mounting the posters will be provided. Posters should be no larger than 4 feet tall by 3 ½ feet wide. For assistance in preparing posters, here is one of many useful websites <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/>.

Papers and posters might be reviewed for acceptance should the number submitted exceed available time and space. If interested in presenting, please submit the following by **AUGUST 1, 2014** via email to Kevin McGowan kjm2@cornell.edu: A Word document including 1) an indication of poster or paper, 2) a title, 3) name(s) of authors and name and address of presenter, 4) affiliation(s), 5) student or non-student and 6) a short abstract describing your presentation. Please put "NYSOA 2014 PAPER_POSTER" in the subject line of the email.