

**Richard (Rob) Bierregaard,
Keynote Speaker
for NYSOA's 69th Annual Meeting**

Richard (Rob) Bierregaard, research associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, will present "Tracking Ospreys in the Age of Silicon: Migration, Ecology, and Conservation" at the NYSOA Annual Meeting banquet in Elmira, Saturday, September 10, 2016.

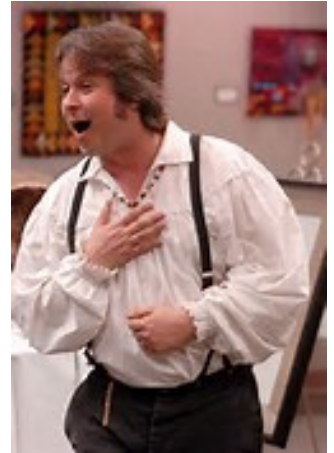


Rob Bierregaard has been tagging Ospreys in the eastern U.S. since 2000. He has deployed satellite transmitters on 52 juvenile and 43 adult Ospreys. His studies—the first to collect a significant body of data on juvenile migration—have led to surprising discoveries about the dispersal and migration of naïve Ospreys as they leave their natal territories and explore the world around them. Ever-more sophisticated satellite transmitters have enabled us to document in unprecedented detail the hunting behavior of adult males feeding their families.

Dr. Bierregaard focuses on the conservation and ecology of raptors and Neotropical birds. His papers have been published in a number of scientific journals, including *Conservation Biology*, *J. Raptor Res.*, *Ornithological Monographs*, and *BioScience*. Dr. Bierregaard co-authored the Osprey account for the Birds of North America Project, wrote the 81 species accounts for the Neotropical Falconiformes in the *Handbook of Birds of the World*, and edited *Tropical Forest Remnants: Ecology, Management and Conservation of Fragmented Communities*, as well as *Lessons From Amazonia: The Ecology and Management of a Fragmented Forest*.

Search for the Labrador Duck and Enjoy a Buffet with John J. Audubon

Historic reenactor, Brian "Fox" Ellis, will assume the identity of John James Audubon and lead the Friday afternoon field trip at the NYSOA Annual Meeting, 2 p.m., September 9, 2016 to search for the Labrador Duck. That evening, he will again take us back in time to give us a first-person look into the life of John James Audubon, early American ornithologist and bird painter.



John "Fox" Ellis is an internationally renowned storyteller, author, and naturalist. He has been a featured speaker at regional and international conferences on environmental concerns, including several International Migratory Bird Day events, The International Wetlands Conservation Conference, National Non-point Source Pollution Conference, and the North American Prairie Conservation Conference. John is also a museum consultant who has worked with the Field Museum, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History to provide teacher training, develop curriculum, and present public programs.

He is the Artistic Director for Prairie Folklore Theatre, a unique theater company that celebrates ecology and history through original musical theatre. Fox is the author of fourteen books including the critically acclaimed *Learning from the Land: Teaching Ecology through Stories and Activities* (Libraries Unlimited, 1997). His children's picture book, *The Web at Dragonfly Pond* (Dawn Publications, 2006) has won the National Conservation Education Book of the year award from the IZaac Walton League. Many of his stories are also available on one of twelve award winning CDs. For more information please visit www.foxtalesint.com.