

NYSOA Shorebird Workshop and Field Trip, August 26-27, 2017

The New York State Ornithological Association is offering a shorebird identification workshop and field trip on the weekend of August 26-27. **Kevin McGowan**, former NYSOA president, co-editor of *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*, and Project Manager for Distance Learning at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology will conduct a **shorebird identification workshop** at the Montezuma Audubon Center from **2-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 26th**. The workshop is free and open to the public.

In his workshop Kevin says, he will discuss the things to use, and not to use, for shorebird identification (the importance of shape and behavior, and the relative unimportance of spots and streaks). Using photographs, we will go over the ways to approach shorebird ID, and then look in detail at the most commonly seen shorebirds in New York.

On Sunday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Kevin and other shorebird experts help us take this information into the field and look at live shorebirds in the **Montezuma Wetlands Complex**, one of the state's most important inland shorebird stopover sites. **Registration is required for the Sunday field trips.** Please register by emailing Kathryn Schneider at fallline@nycap.rr.com or calling her at 518 248 8665. Field trip attendees should bring a bag lunch, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring a spotting scope if at all possible.

Because most birders are familiar with the Montezuma Wetlands area, NYSOA has not set aside lodging for this trip. Accommodations are available nearby in Auburn and Seneca Falls, as well as other, smaller communities in the area. We hope to arrange a group dinner after the workshop for anyone who is interested. When you register for the field trip, please let us know if you would like to attend.

For information about lodging in the vicinity of Auburn go to:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-g29845-Auburn_Finger_Lakes_New_York-Hotel-Deals.html

For information about lodging in the vicinity of Seneca Falls go to:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-g60997-Seneca_Falls_Finger_Lakes_New_York-Hotel-Deals.html

For information about camping go to:

<http://www.stateparks.com/montezuma.html>

Directions to the Montezuma Audubon Center can be found at:

<http://friendsofmontezuma.org/visit-the-mwc/montezuma-audubon-center/>

Information about the federally owned Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge is available at <http://www.fws.gov/r5mnwr/index.html#LIST>

Information about the larger Montezuma Wetlands Complex can be found at:

<http://www.friendsofmontezuma.org/>