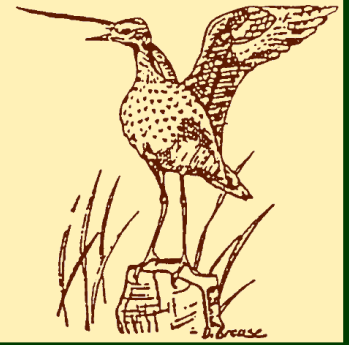


The Upland Plover

Newsletter of the North Country Bird Club, Inc. Since 1948

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A REMINDER: 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE!

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INCLUDED FORM SOON AND FORWARD IT WITH YOUR DUES

Members who have not renewed by July 1 will be removed from our rolls and distribution list.

FALL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

All Meetings at 7:00 PM

**Stone Presbyterian Church
140 Chestnut St, Watertown**

SPRING BIRD CENSUS

The Spring Bird Census continues through Tuesday, June 20. If you need a Survey Form for the Census, contact the Editor. Please remember that all sightings made between May 1 and June 20 should be marked as "2" on your census form. If you sighted a species before May 1, then see it again between May 1 and June 20, mark the species "12". Complete instructions are included on the form. Join us in this effort to record the wide variety of birds which can be seen in our area. Please note: All sightings must be from Jefferson, Lewis, or St. Lawrence County (NYSOA Region 6).

MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 10

**7:00 pm at Stone Presbyterian Church
140 Chestnut St, Watertown**

Program: ***Our Local WMA's***

Elizabeth Truskowski, a DEC Wildlife Technician from our region, will provide an update on work and improvements planned or in process at our local Wildlife Management Areas, including Perch River WMA and Ashland WMA.

Our ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS will be held at the MAY MEETING (Wednesday, May 10)

FIELD TRIPS - 2023 SEASON

Southwicks Beach: Saturday, May 6 - 8:30 am

Red Lake: Saturday, May 20 - 8:30 am

Limerick Cedars: Wednesday, June 7 - 8:00 pm

Marlowe Camp, Beartown: Saturday, June 17 - 8:30 am

Annual Picnic (Brouse Preserve): Sunday, July 9 - 1:00 pm

Perch River WMA: Saturday, August 26 - 8:30 am

Montezuma NWR: Saturday, October 21 - 8:30 am

We meet for all field trips, except the Limerick Cedars evening trip and the Annual Picnic, at 8:30 am in the parking lot of the Arsenal St Wal-Mart, across the entry drive from Red Lobster.

Bring insect repellent & water on all field trips.

A field trip may be cancelled due to bad weather.

Call Dick Brouse at 788-6778 with any questions about our field trips.

After all local field trips, participants are invited to join for lunch at a nearby restaurant, if their schedule permits. These gatherings are always most enjoyable (and entertaining).

How well do you know your birds? In the May-June 2023 issue of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, an interesting question was posed by a reader to Mark Garland, who writes the "Birder's Question Mark" column. Why, the reader asked, do Great Horned Owls nest very early in the year, rather than waiting until spring, like most other birds? In his response, Garland provided two reasons. Our readers are challenged to figure out these reasons (if they do not already know), based on their knowledge of owls. Garland's response is given at Digest on page 4.



KILLDEER

Star School Rd March 22, 2023

Photo by Robin Booth

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[Cornell Lab Academy - Courses](#)

FIELD TRIP: SOUTHWICKS BEACH NATURE TRAILS
Co-sponsored by the Henderson Historical Society
Saturday, May 6 - Meet at Arsenal St Wal-Mart at 8:30 am
(or meet us along the entrance road to Southwicks Beach State Park at 9:00 am)
Join us to explore the nature trails at Southwicks Beach State Park. A walk of about one mile on well-groomed trails provides the opportunity to see a wide variety of spring birds in a beautiful setting.

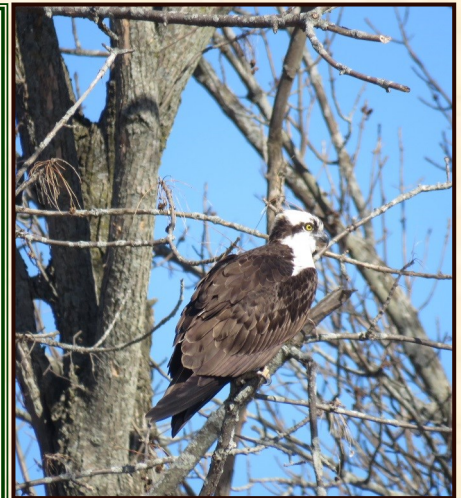
FIELD TRIP: RED LAKE
Saturday, May 20 - Meet at Arsenal St Wal-Mart at 8:30 am
This is a *must* trip for adding birds to your Spring Census list. The setting, near the village of Theresa, includes woodlands, fields, wetlands, and the lakeshore environment, so a wide variety of species is possible. This always rewarding field trip is an easy walk along a level gravel road.

FIELD TRIP: LIMERICK CEDARS
Wednesday, June 7 at 8:00 pm - Ransom Road
We will meet in the evening along the Ransom Road in the Limerick Cedars to look and listen for Whip-poor-wills, American Woodcock, Prairie Warblers, and other spring birds. Enjoy the enchanting sights and sounds of twilight in the Cedars.
(The Ransom Road is on the left, one mile north of Limerick on NY 180.)

FIELD TRIP: MARLOWE CAMP (Beartown Rd)
Saturday, June 17 - Meet at Arsenal St Wal-Mart at 8:30 am
We will travel to Club President Corky Marlowe's camp in the Town of Croghan to look for warblers and other woodland birds. This event, a moderate walk along a gravel road, will conclude with lunch at the camp. Please bring **a dish to pass**. *Salad, dessert, and tableware will be provided.*

ANNUAL PICNIC: AT THE BROUSE'S (Watertown)
Sunday, July 9th - 1:00 PM (rain or shine)
Dick and Marion Brouse have again generously offered to host the Club's annual picnic at their home on Hazelhurst Avenue in Watertown. The property includes extensive lawns and gardens, woodlands, and a marsh along Kelsey Creek, which flows through the grounds. As many Club members are aware, a great variety of birds of all types find their way to the Brouse's remarkable preserve. We will eat at **3:00 pm** (*please note change in time from previous years*). You are invited to arrive at any time between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm for birding and socializing. Please bring a dish to pass and a chair. Tableware and beverages will be provided. (*Hazelhurst Avenue runs eastward from Bradley St (NY 12) on the north side of Watertown, near the city line. The Brouse's is the last house on the street.*)

A beautiful set of bird-themed notecards is given to members of the Club by random selection each time the *Plover* is issued, to provide an incentive to keep memberships current. We offer congratulations to this issue's recipients, Nick Leone of Cape Vincent.



OSPREY
Three Mile Bay April 2, 2023
Photo by Jauri Jantzi

The NYS Bluebird Society is looking for volunteers to monitor bluebird nesting boxes in our area. For more information or to assist, call Corky at 315-782-4705.

INFORMATION SOURCES FOR REGIONAL SIGHTINGS AND RARE BIRD ALERTS

A list of **birding listserves** and of sites issuing **rare bird alerts** for New York is available from the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) at [NYSOA Sightings](#). Note especially eBird Alerts, Oneidabirds, Cayugabirds-L, and Northern_NY_Birds. Oneidabirds reports sightings from the Syracuse area and the Montezuma region, and some sightings from our area. Cayugabirds-L reports sightings from the Montezuma region as well, and from the eastern Finger Lakes region. Northern_NY_Birds reports sightings mainly from the Adirondacks and the Champlain Valley.

NORTH COUNTRY BIRD CLUB SIGHTINGS

Please forward notable sightings for the next issue by June 15 (contact info on page 6).

As the spring season progresses, reports of returning birds have been arriving regularly. At the same time, reports of winter birds gradually disappear. Sightings are given here in chronological order, to give a sense of the changing world of birds as we move through spring.

On 2/19, Robin Booth sighted 50+ Snow Buntings and 5 Horned Larks in Cape Vincent. Even with the mild late winter weather, these winter species were yet to depart. On 2/26, Robin saw a Cooper's Hawk on Sam Adams Rd in Cape Vincent. On 3/3, she saw her FOS Red-winged Blackbirds and her FOS Turkey Vultures, as well as 10 Wild Turkeys. The birds of spring were arriving. On 3/5, Robin sighted a raft of Redheads at East End Park in Cape Vincent. Corky Marlowe and Connie Mason birded on Pillar Pt on 3/6. They sighted a flock of ~30 Snow Buntings, ~100 Common Goldeneye, Common Mergansers, and a large flotilla of Scaup sp. Moving on to Pt Peninsula, they found more Common Goldeneye and Common Merganser, as well as 2 Red-tailed Hawks and a pair of Bald Eagles. Concluding their day at Perch River, they saw a pair of Bald Eagles in the nest at Perch River Village, then found 3 Hooded Mergansers and 2 f Common Mergansers at the Vaadi Rd overflow. On 3/20, Marie Steinbeck reported a large flock of Snow Geese on the Black River early in the morning at her home east of Watertown. The birds returned on the next day and then again the next. On 3/7, Robin saw her FOS Turkey Vulture at her home in Cape Vincent, the first reported to us this season. On 3/8, she saw a Bald Eagle flying near Rt 12E and Moffatt Rd, where there has been a nest in past years. Robin sighted a Northern Flicker and a Tufted Titmouse in Cape Vincent on 3/11, then on 3/12 saw a Barred Owl and 2 Short-eared Owls on Favret Rd. She observed a Cooper's Hawk at her home (scouting her feeders?) on 3/14. On 3/18, again at her home, Robin saw a Red-bellied Woodpecker and her FOS Common Grackles, the first reported here this season. The same day, she sighted 2 American Kestrels in Cape Vincent. On 3/19, Robin saw 12 Killdeer, her FOS and the first reported here. On 3/20, she saw 1000+ Snow Geese on Fields Rd in Hounsfield.

The first report of a Great Blue Heron came from Christine Eggleston, seen on the first day of spring (3/20) at Bedford Marsh near Sackets Harbor. On 3/22, Robin saw her FOS Great Blue Herons, 2 of them, as well as 8 Hooded Mergansers, 2 Ring-necked Ducks, 2 Bufflehead, and 2 Mute Swans at the boat launch in Three Mile Bay. She then saw 40+ Northern Pintails and 4 American Wigeon on Jericho Rd, then 52 Snow Geese on CR 6 in Cape Vincent. On 3/22, Robin was visited by 6 Brown-headed Cowbirds, her FOS, at her home in Cape Vincent. Sue Gwise reported on 3/22 that a Bald Eagle was hanging out at her home near Rodman, and that she had been seeing a large flock of Wild Turkeys daily on Zoar Rd near Burrville. On 3/22, Marie Smith, who with her husband John monitors the bluebird boxes at Downybrook Preserve near Brownville, reported that a male Eastern Bluebird had been there that day. Robin sighted a Wilson's Snipe and her FOS American Woodcock along Sam Adams Rd on 3/25. On 3/26, Corky sighted a Great Blue Heron on Sulphur Springs Rd, then a Rough-legged Hawk on Evans Rd, and a pair of Great Blue Herons at the overflow on Vaadi Rd. John Smith saw Common Mergansers and



WILD TURKEYS

Zoar Rd March 22, 2023

Photo by Sue Gwise



GREAT BLUE HERON

Three Mile Bay March 22, 2023

Photo by Robin Booth

Bufflehead on Pillar Pt on 3/28, as well as a male Eastern Bluebird and Red-winged Blackbirds at Downybrook. Russell and Marion Lee reported a FOS Tree Swallow was at their home on the Airport Rd on 3/28 and noted that this was 10 days earlier than one had ever been there before. This was the first Tree Swallow reported to us this season. On 3/29, Lynn Chavoustie reported that an Osprey whose nest is near her home in Three Mile Bay was one of the last to return last year, but was the first Osprey she has seen this year. The mate returned that day also, and nest preparation was underway. Robin reported her FOS Osprey on the same day at Three Mile Bay Creek, as well as her FOS Eastern Meadowlark, which she sighted on Fox Creek Rd. The two Osprey, the first reported this season, were probably not the same bird, as there is a nest at Three Mile Bay Creek, as well as the one near Lynn's home. On 3/30, Robin reported that there were Osprey in the nest boxes at the intersection of CR 57 & 6, at CR 57 and Fox Creek Rd, and on Wilson Pt Rd.

On 4/2, Corky sighted 2 Osprey flying near the nest platform on CR 190 near I-81. The nest was gone, but, on 4/5, Corky reported the pair were rebuilding. Corky also sighted a pair of Common Mergansers and 4 Hooded Mergansers on the Calcium Trail on 4/2. On the same day, Robin saw 2 Double-crested Cormorants on the breakwall in Cape Vincent, her FOS and the first reported to us. On 4/7, Corky and Connie birded on Pt Salubrious, where they saw Scaup sp, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, and a gaggle of Canada Geese with 1 lone Snow Goose among them. On 4/8, Corky birded at Westcott Beach, where she saw a Red-bellied Woodpecker, a Pileated Woodpecker, and several Eastern Phoebes. The same day, Robin sighted her FOS Eastern Phoebe on Sam Adams Rd. Robin saw her FOS Common Loon along Tibbetts Pt Rd on 4/9, Easter Sunday. She reported that there was quite an Easter gathering on the St. Lawrence River in Cape Vincent, with many Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes, Mallards, a few Common Mergansers, Herring Gulls, and 6 Double-crested Cormorants on the breakwall. On 4/11, Kathy Killeen reported that Savannah Sparrows had returned to Sackets Harbor (the first reported to us this season). Robin sighted 2 Belted Kingfishers, her FOS, along Star School Rd on 4/13. On 4/15, she saw a variety of species on Sam Adams Rd: her FOS Eastern Towhee, 27 Dark-eyed Juncos, Field Sparrow, Purple Finch, her FOS Ruby-crowned Kinglet, her FOS White-throated Sparrow, her FOS Brown Thrasher, and a Belted Kingfisher. On the next day, birding in the Cape Vincent area, Robin sighted Killdeer, Tree Swallow, Northern Flicker, Wilson's Snipe, Eastern Meadowlark, Osprey, Swamp Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Field Sparrow, and Song Sparrow. On the following day, she saw 2 Barred Owls, an Eastern Meadowlark, a Killdeer and a Tree Swallow on Sam Adams Rd. On 4/21, Robin sighted 70+ Broad-winged Hawks flying over Sam Adams Rd. (In the count at Derby Hill, these are the most numerous raptors; only Turkey Vultures outnumber them.) On 4/22, Connie Barone was visited by a Yellow-rumped Warbler at her home in Sackets Harbor. On 4/23, Robin heard her FOS Whip-poor-will (the first reported here) on Sam Adams Rd. On 4/28, Robin sighted her FOS Bank Swallow (again, the first reported here) on Star School Rd. On 4/30, she saw 2 Spotted Sandpipers at the Woods Farm pond near Cape Vincent. **3**

Field Trip Report: River Parks: On Saturday, April 22, eight members of NCBC visited several birding sites along the St. Lawrence River and the Lake Ontario shoreline. It was a sunny day, with temperatures rising from 48° F to 71° F during the trip. Afterward, we gathered at the Blue Heron in Chaumont for an excellent lunch. The group observed 38 species during the trip.

We began the morning at **Grass Point SP**, where we observed 18 species: Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Caspian Tern, Northern Flicker, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, House Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, and Common Grackle. We then proceeded to the **Danforth Trail**, near Clayton, where 11 species were seen. These included 6 new species: Green Heron, Red-tailed Hawk, Wilson's Snipe, Downy Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, and Swamp Sparrow (and 5 species already seen: Turkey Vulture, Black-capped Chickadee, Chipping Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, and Common Grackle). We next went to **Cedar Point SP**, where we sighted 18 species. These included 8 new species: Canada Goose, Long-tailed Duck, Common Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Yellow-rumped Warbler (and 10 species already seen: Bufflehead, Red-breasted Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, Osprey, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Robin, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Red-winged Blackbird). Our next stop was at **East End Park** in Cape Vincent, where we saw 5 species, including 2 new: Greater Scaup and Common Merganser (and 3 already seen: Red-breasted Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, and Song Sparrow). Our last stop was at **Wilson's Bay**, where we sighted 11 species. These included 4 new: Mute Swan, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, and Common Gallinule (and 7 already seen: Canada Goose, Red-breasted Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Bald Eagle, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, and Common Grackle).

Connie Barone of Sackets called our attention to the following most intriguing item, an article posted on the Smithsonian website.

Eagle Who Thought Rock Was An Egg Finally Gets To Be A Dad

Teresa Nowakowski on the Smithsonian Magazine site

Posted April 21, 2023

In early March, a bald eagle named Murphy, a resident of the World Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park, Missouri, was ready to become a father. He crafted his nest carefully in the bottom of his enclosure, his home for most of his 31 years of life since an injury left him unable to fly. As time went on, he became more and more protective of his offspring, screeching and charging at anyone who tried to come near. "We've never had a bird at the sanctuary protect a nest like that, so viciously," said Dawn Griffard, CEO of World Bird Sanctuary. "Only one thing stood in the way: His careful brooding and nurturing was being spent on a lifeless rock. Murphy was experiencing a spring hormonal surge compelling him to brood, despite not having an egg of his own, which can lead birds to care for egg-like objects." "As it progressed along, he became more and more dedicated to his rock," said Roger Holloway, executive director of the sanctuary. Murphy became so aggressive in protecting his nest that he had to be moved to a separate enclosure. Keepers at the sanctuary assumed that Murphy's fatherhood fantasy would pass with the season and he would move on from his rock.

Then, news came from Ste. Genevieve, Missouri: A young eaglet had fallen from its nest during a storm and needed somewhere to stay. The World Bird Sanctuary realized that this could be Murphy's big chance. To

see if Murphy could safely act as a surrogate, a few days after the eaglet's arrival, keepers began a bonding process between the two birds. They removed the "rock baby" and put the eaglet, protected by a cage, into the enclosure with Murphy. "He was already showing the hormonal aspects of raising a chick," said Griffard. "And he was taking such good care of his rock that we decided that he would be our best bet." Soon, Murphy began to respond to the eaglet's peeps. A week after their introduction, the cage was removed so the two could interact more closely. When they were given food, a whole fish for Murphy and bite-sized pieces for his young charge, rather than each eating their separate dish, Murphy took his portion and ripped it up to feed to the baby. "You can definitely see the imprinting happening, which is exactly what we wanted," said Griffard.

The sanctuary hopes to release the eaglet back into the wild this summer. Griffard tells the Post that Murphy will know when the time is right. Until then, Murphy will get the chance to experience parenthood in earnest. "He was sitting on a rock and everybody told him, 'It's a rock, it's not going to hatch,'" Griffard tells the Post. "And all of a sudden, in his mind, it hatched and he has a chick."

(from Digest - page one) The two reasons given by Garland are both based on feeding habits. Great Horned Owls mainly feed on mammals, which make up about 90% of their diet. An adult feeding young needs to find much more food than usual.

The forests and fields where owls hunt for food are much more open in late winter, with no new plant growth and much of the previous year's growth laying flat on the ground. As a result, there are fewer places for mammals to hide.

Also, during winter, food for mammals, especially for herbivores, is scarce. This leaves many mammals weak and less able to evade predators. For the owls, these animals are easy prey. So, if the owls nested later in the year, it would be very difficult for them to find sufficient food for their young.



SAVANNAH SPARROW
Sackets Harbor April 6, 2023
Photo by Jauri Jantzi



HOODED MERGANSER
Three Mile Bay March 22, 2023
Photo by Robin Booth

It is with deepest regret that we note the passing of June Walker, one of our Club's most significant, and most loved, members. June and her late husband Bob were leaders of the Club for well over half a century and mentors to generations of birders, including the Editor. June was always encouraging and eager to share her passion for birds and birding. The late Gerry Smith, a former President of the Club, who worked with Bob and June for several decades to improve the world for birds, provided a tribute and memorial to this couple for whom he and many others had and have the greatest respect. Following is Gerry's moving remembrance.

The North Country Bird Club has lost two of its most senior and stalwart members. During many decades Bob and June Walker were the public face of the club to many birders both in and out of the North Country. Being kind and decent human beings as well as excellent birders, the Walkers were mentors to many new and younger birders. Long active in the then Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, now NYSOA, they made many contributions to birds, birding, and conservation in the North Country and New York State. Bob and June were a dynamic duo working for many decades to promote the joy of birding.

When I first met them as a teenager, in the mid-late 1960s, the Walkers were leading the Club's effort to preserve what became The Nature Conservancy's El Dorado Nature Preserve. This rocky shoreline area was regionally famous for its attraction to fall migrant shorebirds. It was under threat of development for cottages. The Club, in conjunction with the GOS of Rochester, undertook to raise nearly 60,000 dollars to purchase the property. Although it was a staggering sum to raise at the time, they succeeded and preserved nearly a mile of rocky shoreline in perpetuity. The Club took responsibility for managing the property for over a decade, until the young Nature Conservancy grew to assume responsibility in 1981. In that year, using funds left over from the purchase, TNC hired a seasonal steward to manage the property. Bob and June helped make this happen, and since that person was a young biologist named Gerry Smith, I shall

always be indebted to them.

The Walkers served as the regional coordinators for the first New York State Breeding Bird Atlas Project from 1980-1985. It was long before eBird, and this project was all processed by hand. Data was submitted on large paper forms known as "green sheets". All the sheets had to be reviewed and edited as needed by hand. The enormity of this no doubt incredibly onerous task boggles the mind. The Walkers were responsible for KINGBIRD region 6, including Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The number of atlas blocks and the difficulty of getting them covered, let alone reviewing the data, was a monumental task in the days before computers. Bob and June led the charge in accomplishing what was then a huge cutting-edge project that had never been tried before. Their persistence helped create, in my opinion, the finest quality breeding bird atlas ever done in the United States.

In addition to these and other critical projects, Bob and June did pretty much every day-to-day task required to operate the Club at one time or another. Their contributions to birding and all things birds in the North Country cannot be overstated. Both Bob and June lived long lives, made numerous contributions to humankind, and were fine fellow human beings. We should all hope to be as successful in life as they were. They will be missed, but planet Earth is better off for their having traveled here.

**BOB AND JUNE
BIRDING IN
BEARTOWN**

July 27, 2013

*Photo by
Kathy Killeen*



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 Sackets Harbor April 4, 2023
Photo by Kathy Killeen

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RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

Grass Point SP

April 3, 2023

Photo by
Jauri Jantzi

BONAPARTE'S GULL (JUVENILE)

Sackets Harbor

April 11, 2023

Photo by
Kathy Killeen



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