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## COMING ACTIVITIES

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June 4 An 8--11 Field Trip with Tom Salo — Birds and trails of Basswood Pond State Forest.  
Call Tom at 965-8232 for more information.

Aug 22 Board meeting at John Davis' home.

Sept 19 Board meeting at home of Stephen Rice.

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DOAS field trips are open to the public. Participants should meet at the stated time and location — please be prompt We encourage carpooling — please help with expenses if you are sharing a vehicle. Most trips include a moderate amount of easy walking; leaders will note any strenuous hiking. Please expect to provide your own food and drink unless a food stop is indicated. In case of bad weather, check with the leader about cancellation.

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### April 22, 2006 Earth Day Cleanup at Milford State Forest



DOAS cleanup crew: L to R Tom Salo, Ann Greenemeier, Lisa Gorn, Joe Richardson,  
Gerianne Carillo. Taking the picture: John Davis.

Earth Day, April 22, 2006 brought a group of 6 DOAS Auduboners to Milford State Forest, where a chilling rain didn't prevent the picking up of a dozen or so trash bags full of the refuse of those who thoughtlessly despoil a part of our public natural heritage. The participants in the cleanup also brought several quotes, signifying the state of, if not the hope for, our world at large.

"A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children."  
John James Audubon

"Earth, our only home, is in a desperate struggle against the onslaught of the worst exotic species: 'Homo unsapiens'. We continue to foul our nest."  
John Davis

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## Conservation and Legislation

by Andy Mason

Environmental Protection Fund held hostage in Albany-- The NYS Legislature created the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) in 1993 to provide a reliable, dedicated source of funding for a variety of key environmental programs in NYS. The EPF is funded by a dedicated portion of the revenues from the NYS real estate transfer tax, which ensures a reliable stream of revenue to implement EPF projects. Each year, the NYS legislature must appropriate this revenue to the EPF. The EPF is being held hostage! For the first time in 13 years due to political infighting, the EPF is currently being left out of the NYS budget. \$200 million dollars is already available to fund the EPF, but is not being dedicated due to political squabbling. Unless the Governor, Senate, and Assembly can put politics aside and come to an agreement, the EPF will be bankrupt in the 2006 - 2007 budget. New York's environment will suffer if this important issue is not resolved.

New York's environment, economy, and public health are dependent upon a strong and fully funded EPF. The EPF supports numerous programs in every part of the state that have a tremendous benefit to all New Yorkers. A sample of program categories that the EPF supports include: Open Space & Pollution Prevention--This category includes programs that support the acquisition of open space and farmland protection. Critical pollution control programs, including non-point source pollution reduction receives funding through this category. Important water quality projects, including programs that benefit the South Shore Estuary Reserve, Great Lakes, rivers and other essential water bodies are also funded. Solid Waste--This category includes program funding for municipal recycling and pesticide reduction. Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation--The EPF supports local waterfront revitalization projects, community parks, and important environmental stewardship programs. The EPF must be funded in the 2006 - 2007 NYS budget. The Governor, Senate, and Assembly must agree that our environment is more important than politics. As the 2006 - 2007 NYS budget is finalized, funding must be appropriated to the EPF to ensure critical environmental programs continue, including funding for environmental education at zoos and botanical gardens. How you can help. Write Gov. Pataki, and your state legislators and urge them to allocate funding to the Environmental Protection Fund in 2006 - 2007 NYS budget.

### Addresses

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## May Bird Sightings

The Spring explosion of first of the year birds has been incredible this year as has been proven by the following list of bird sightings. On 4/12 Tom Salo reported a field sparrow in W. Burlington and he also saw a Savannah sparrow on 4/13. Andy Mason saw an osprey in Stamford on 4/14 and he reported seeing rough-winged swallows in Oneonta on 4/15. On 4/16 Andy also saw a ruby-crowned kinglet in Jefferson and Charlie Scheim reported yellow-rumped warblers and ruby-crowned kinglets in Unadilla.

On 4/17 Tom Salo espied a vesper sparrow in Burlington. He also reported a hermit thrush on 4/19 in W. Burlington while Sue Whitney had an Eastern towhee in Delhi. 4/21 was a big birding day. Elliott Adams had a northern oriole singing in Sharon Springs, Charlie Dahan reported four white-throated sparrows in Otego, Jo Ann Salo saw a winter wren in W. Burlington and Andy Mason spotted a blue-headed vireo in Jefferson. Tom Salo was surprised to see a brown thrasher in W. Burlington on 4/22 and an Eastern towhee on 4/24. On 4/29 Sue Whitney reported a chimney swift in Delhi. On 4/20 Tom Salo had his first of the year house wren in W. Burlington.

The first of May was the start of many sightings. Trina Bassoff reported a warbling vireo in Blenheim and Andy Mason had a rose-breasted grosbeak in Jefferson. On 5/2 Tom Salo saw yellow-rumped warblers in W. Burlington. Many birdwatchers reported rose-breasted grosbeaks on 5/4. In addition Trina Bassoff had yellow warblers and a black and white warbler in Blenheim, Ed McGittigan had Eastern phoebes and gray catbirds in Downsville, and John Davis reported black-throated green warblers in Cooperstown on the same day. Cinco de mayo made its impact on the birding world. Tom Salo reported a Nashville warbler in W. Burlington, Gerianne Carillo had a ruby-throated hummingbird in Milford, Andy Mason saw a Baltimore oriole in Stamford and Sue Whitney had 35+ American pipits, a spotted sandpiper, cliff, barn and tree swallows in Hamden. On 5/6 Trina Bassoff reported an Eastern kingbird in Blenheim and Cindy Campbell saw a blue-winged warbler in Cherry Valley on the same day. On 5/7 Jo Ann Salo saw an ovenbird in W. Burlington and Andy Mason reported a scarlet tanager. On 5/8 Matt Albright had magnolia and blackburnian warblers in Burlington while John Davis saw chestnut-sided and yellow warblers in Cooperstown. On 5/9 Charlie Dahan reported a Baltimore oriole in Otego.

If you have bird sightings please reach me, Dianne Benko at (607) 829-5218, at 6815 Co. Hwy 16, Delhi, NY 13753 or at [caged@wpe.com](mailto:caged@wpe.com) by the end of August, 2006 for the September Belted Kingfisher.

## Ornithological Meeting

Our Audubon Chapter is hosting a major ornithological event this fall. The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NY State Ornithological Assoc. is scheduled for Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1 at the Morris Conference Center at the State University of NY at Oneonta, NY. The weekend will feature workshops, field trips, papers session, a picnic lunch at the Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, and a Saturday evening banquet with speaker Donald E. Kroodsma, Professor Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Field trips will include visits to Otsego Lake, the "Glimmerglass" of James Fenimore Cooper; canoeing/kayaking in a freshwater marsh; eagle and waterfowl spotting on Delaware County's reservoirs; and the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Soc. Sanctuary, home of the Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch.

Saturday night's speaker, Donald Kroodsma, has studied birdsong for more than thirty years and was recognized as the "reigning authority on the biology of avian vocal behavior" in the citation for his 2003 Elliott Coues Award from the American Ornithologists' Union. He is author of the critically acclaimed *The Singing Life of Birds. The Art and Science of Listening to Birdsong*, published last year by Houghton-Mifflin, accompanied by a CD with 98 selections of birdsong. Professor Kroodsma has been featured on radio shows and in articles in such publications as *Audubon*, *Scientific American*, and *Outside*. Dedicated to tropical birds, Professor Kroodsma donates proceeds from his appearances to conservation of these species.

DOAS members receive a discount on the meeting registration fee. Those who wish to attend just the Saturday evening banquet and/or speaker do not need to register. Details can be found on the registration form.

The usual camaraderie and good spirit of the NYSOA meetings will also be in place--please join us for this special weekend! A registration form can be found in this issue of *The Belted Kingfisher*.  
... *Andy Mason*

## DOAS Board of Directors

The new slate of Directors has been voted in and remains unchanged. They are listed on page 8.

## A Small Victory

For many years, our property has suffered from an overpopulation of deer. Their constant browsing changes the plant community. They devour anything tasty from garden plants to young balsam, oak, maple and cherry trees. Anything they don't eat is favored. Hop hornbeam, striped maple, beech and speckled alder fill the forest understory. Invasive, and unsavory, garlic mustard dominates native wildflowers, some of which become increasingly hard to find.

Over the years, my family and friends have helped reduce deer numbers. About 5 years ago DEC started giving me extra doe permits because of economic damage. Many deer, including 25 does, were removed from my 80 acres by hunters just in the last 10 years. In addition, there were 6 deer I found dead, mostly coyote kills. The majority of those were does also. The deer population is lower than 5 or 6 years ago but still too high. I recently counted a single group of 38 deer.

Over the past 2 years, I have aggressively cut down many of the woody species the deer don't eat. I burn just a fraction of this wood. The rest is left on the ground to return to the soil. I view this as an act of ecological restoration. It reduces the competition for the species that are struggling because of the deer. The trees on the ground become an obstacle for the deer, keeping them from browsing in difficult to reach areas. Last fall I planted a couple of hundred acorns inside these thickets. My hope is they will grow higher than the deer can reach before the dead trees rot away. I occasionally girdle some of the larger trees I want removed to provide woodpecker habitat.

This woodlot work has resulted in habitat changes. Last spring was the first bird breeding season since I began the tree cutting. The brush on the ground resulted in an immediate increase in the numbers of Mourning Warblers and Eastern Towhees in our woods. We also had our first ever Winter Wrens. As I write in early May, the towhees are back and we've heard Winter Wrens several times. I await the return of the Mourning Warblers.

Recently, I found evidence of progress: trilliums flowering in plain sight. The first in many years. I could find the leaves of these long lived plants but no flowers or seed pods. These small red blossoms have become, for me, a small but tangible sign of progress.  
... *Tom Salo*

## Stephen Rice, Board Member

I grew up in Boston suburbia and am fortunate to have been raised by parents who sensitized me to all of nature. As a family, we rescued and raised orphaned robins, starlings, squirrels, and rabbits. Now, through my work with DOAS, I have become an impassioned environmentalist; I believe in the preservation of wild nature, for its own sake and for ours.

## BIRDS OF THE ONEONTA, NEW YORK AREA

—J. Robert Miller, 1985

(Based on the species listed in the Delaware Otsego Audubon Society Checklist and on the taxonomy of the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds*, 6th edition, 1983.)

NAME **BIG DAY** - 119 species DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
 AREA \_\_\_\_\_ WEATHER showers off/on \_\_\_\_\_  
 5-20-06

- GAVIIDAE**  
 1 Red-throated Loon  
 3 Common Loon
- PODICIPEDIDAE**  
 Pied-billed Grebe  
 Horned Grebe  
 Red-necked Grebe
- PHALACROCORACIDAE**  
 2 Double-crested Cormorant
- ARDEIDAE**  
 American Bittern  
 Least Bittern  
 3 Great Blue Heron  
 Great Egret  
 Cattle Egret  
 Green-backed Heron  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Hero
- ANATIDAE**  
 Tundra Swan  
 Mute Swan  
 Snow Goose  
 Brant  
 ✓ Canada Goose  
 4 Wood Duck  
 Green-winged Teal  
 ✓ American Black Duck  
 ✓ Mallard  
 Northern Pintail  
 Blue-winged Teal  
 Northern Shoveler  
 Gadwall  
 American Wigeon  
 Canvasback  
 Redhead  
 Ring-necked Duck  
 Greater Scaup  
 Lesser Scaup  
 Oldsquaw  
 Black Scoter  
 Surf Scoter  
 White-winged Scoter
- Common Goldeneye  
 ✓ Hooded Merganser  
 ✓ Common Merganser  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
 Ruddy Duck
- CATHARTIDAE**  
 ✓ Turkey Vulture
- ACCIPITRIDAE**  
 Osprey  
 10 Bald Eagle  
 Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned hawk  
 3 Cooper's Hawk  
 Northern Goshawk  
 1 Red-shouldered Hawk  
 Broad-winged Hawk  
 ✓ Red-tailed Hawk  
 Rough-legged Hawk  
 Golden Eagle
- FALCONIDAE**  
 ✓ American Kestrel
- PHASIANIDAE**  
 ✓ Ring-necked Pheasant  
 ✓ Ruffed Grouse  
 ✓ Wild Turkey  
 Northern Bobwhite
- RALLIDAE**  
 Virginia Rail  
 Sora  
 American Coot
- CHARADRIIDAE**  
 ✓ Killdeer
- SCOLOPACIDAE**  
 Greater Yellowlegs  
 Lesser Yellowlegs  
 3 Solitary Sandpiper  
 ✓ Spotted Sandpiper  
 Upland Sandpiper  
 5 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
 Western Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 1 Pectoral Sandpiper
- ✓ <sup>Wilson's</sup> Common Snipe  
 American Woodcock
- LARIDAE**  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 ✓ Ring-billed Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 Common Tern  
 Black Tern
- COLUMBIDAE**  
 ✓ Rock Dove <sup>Pigeon</sup>  
 ✓ Mourning Dove
- CUCULIDAE**  
 4 Black-billed Cuckoo  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- TYTONIDAE**  
 Common Barn-Owl
- STRIGIDAE**  
 1 Eastern Screech-Owl  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Snowy Owl  
 2 Barred Owl  
 Long-eared Owl  
 Short-eared Owl  
 Northern Saw-whet Owl
- CAPRIMULGIDAE**  
 Common Nighthawk  
 Whip-poor-will
- APODIDAE**  
 ✓ Chimney Swift
- TROCHILIDAE**  
 ✓ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- ALCEDINIDAE**  
 2 Belted Kingfisher
- PICIDAE**  
 Red-headed Woodpecker  
 3 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
 ✓ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 ✓ Downy Woodpecker  
 ✓ Hairy Woodpecker  
 Black-backed Woodpecker  
 ✓ Northern Flicker  
 ✓ Pileated Woodpecker

**1 Common Raven****TYRANNIDAE**

- ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ✓ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ✓ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- ✓ Alder Flycatcher
- ✓ Willow Flycatcher
- ✓ Least Flycatcher
- ✓ Eastern Phoebe
- ✓ Great Crested Flycatcher
- ✓ Eastern Kingbird

**ALAUDIDAE**

- ✓ Horned Lark

**HIRUNDINIDAE**

- ✓ Purple Martin
- ✓ Tree Swallow
- ✓ Northn. Rough-winged Swallow
- ✓ Bank Swallow
- ✓ Cliff Swallow
- ✓ Barn Swallow

**CORVIDAE**

- ✓ Blue Jay
- ✓ American Crow

**PARIDAE**

- ✓ Black-capped Chickadee
- ✓ Boreal Chickadee
- ✓ Tufted Titmouse

**SITTIDAE**

- ✓ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ✓ White-breasted Nuthatch

**CERTHIIDAE**

- ✓ Brown Creeper

**TROGLODYTIDAE**

- ✓ Carolina Wren
- ✓ House Wren
- ✓ Winter Wren
- ✓ Marsh Wren

**MUSCICAPIDAE****Sylviinae**

- ✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

- ✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Turdinae**

- ✓ Eastern Bluebird
- ✓ Veery
- ✓ Gray-cheeked Thrush
- ✓ Swainson's Thrush
- ✓ Hermit Thrush
- ✓ Wood Thrush
- ✓ American Robin

**MIMIDAE**

- ✓ Gray Catbird
- ✓ Northern Mockingbird
- ✓ Brown Thrasher

**MOTACILLIDAE**

- ✓ Water Pipit

**BOMBYCILLIDAE**

- ✓ Cedar Waxwing

**LANIIDAE**

- ✓ Northern Shrike

**STURNIDAE**

- ✓ European Starling

**VIREONIDAE**

- ✓ Solitary Vireo
- ✓ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ✓ Warbling Vireo
- ✓ Philadelphia Vireo
- ✓ Red-eyed Vireo

**EMBERIZIDAE****Parulinae**

- ✓ Blue-winged Warbler
- ✓ Golden-winged Warbler
- ✓ Tennessee Warbler
- ✓ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ✓ Nashville Warbler
- ✓ Northern Parula
- ✓ Yellow Warbler
- ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- ✓ Magnolia Warbler
- ✓ Cape May Warbler
- ✓ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- ✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ✓ Black-throated Green Warbler
- ✓ Blackburnian Warbler
- ✓ Pine Warbler
- ✓ Prairie Warbler
- ✓ Palm Warbler
- ✓ Bay-breasted Warbler
- ✓ Blackpoll Warbler
- ✓ Cerulean Warbler
- ✓ Black-and-white Warbler
- ✓ American Redstart
- ✓ Prothonotary Warbler
- ✓ Worm-eating Warbler
- ✓ Ovenbird
- ✓ Northern Waterthrush
- ✓ Louisiana Waterthrush
- ✓ Mourning Warbler

- ✓ Common Yellowthroat
- ✓ Wilson's Warbler
- ✓ Canada Warbler
- ✓ Yellow-breasted Chat

**Thrupinae**

- ✓ Scarlet Tanager
- ✓ Cardinalinae
- ✓ Northern Cardinal
- ✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ✓ Indigo Bunting

- ✓ E. Red-sided Towhee
- ✓ American Tree Sparrow

- ✓ Chipping Sparrow

- ✓ Field Sparrow

- ✓ Vesper Sparrow

- ✓ Savannah Sparrow
- ✓ Grasshopper Sparrow

- ✓ Henslow's Sparrow

- ✓ Fox Sparrow

- ✓ Song Sparrow

- ✓ Lincoln's Sparrow

- ✓ Swamp Sparrow

- ✓ White-throated Sparrow

- ✓ White-crowned Sparrow

- ✓ Dark-eyed Junco

- ✓ Lapland Longspur

- ✓ Snow Bunting

**Icterinae**

- ✓ Bobolink

- ✓ Red-winged Blackbird

- ✓ Eastern Meadowlark

- ✓ Rusty Blackbird

- ✓ Common Grackle

- ✓ Brown-headed Cowbird

- ✓ Northern Oriole

**FRINGILLIDAE**

- ✓ Pine Grosbeak

- ✓ Purple Finch

- ✓ House Finch

- ✓ Red Crossbill

- ✓ White-winged Crossbill

- ✓ Common Redpoll

- ✓ Pine Siskin

- ✓ American Goldfinch

- ✓ Evening Grosbeak

**PASSERIDAE**

- ✓ House Sparrow

There were 6 teams of 12 people from DOAS and 6 people from Delhi Bird Club who participated. This was one of our lower years on species number. The team with highest species was Cheryl and Joanne Boise with 89, and next were Andy Mason with 86 and the Millers and Peter Stephan with 86 also. Of special interest were the Red-thr. Loon, 2 DC Cormorants, 10! Bald Eagles, 3 Red Bellied Woodpecker (2 were paired), 5 BG Gnatcatchers, the N. Mockingbird and the Raven.

## DOAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

37 years 1969-2005

-J. Robert Miller

[100 species in 37 years]

	2005	# years	high # of birds (yr.)				
Common Loon		2	1 (73,79)	American Crow	818	37	833 (01)
Tundra Swan		1	1 (99)	Common Raven	3	2	3 (05)
Great Blue Heron		18	4 (91)	Black-capped Chickadee	524	37	692 (95)
Canada Goose	10	18	1201 (00)	Boreal Chickadee		1	3 (75)
Green-winged Teal		1	1 (82)	Tufted Titmouse	86	29	86 (05)
American Black Duck	9	22	44 (95)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	37	40 (93)
Mallard	72	27	142 (93)	White-breasted Nuthatch	87	37	87 (05)
Canvasback		2	13 (01)	Brown Creeper	3	30	9 (99)
Ring-necked Duck		1	12 (99)	Carolina Wren	1	11	3 (04)
Bufflehead		2	3 (88)	Golden-crowned Kinglet		22	20 (82)
Common Merganser	10	16	60 (01)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2	4 (99)
Hooded Merganser		2	3 (01)	Eastern Bluebird	3	2	4 (04)
Osprey		2	1 (93,00)	Swainson's Thrush		1	1 (71)
Golden Eagle		3	2 (04)	Wood Thrush		1	1 (71)
Bald Eagle		2	1 (90,00)	Varied Thrush		2	1 (71,83)
Northern Harrier		6	1(73,80,83,94,98,00)	American Robin		13	5 (72,75,79)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	14	2 (81,90,98,05)	Gray Catbird		1	1 (72)
Cooper's Hawk		12	2(89,90,92,94,95,98,99)	Northern Mockingbird		8	2 (81)
Northern Goshawk	1	10	2 (87)	Cedar Waxwing	9	20	11 (04)
Red-shouldered Hawk		4	1 (74,99,03,04)	Northern Shrike	3	17	5 (95)
Red-tailed Hawk	17	37	30 (98)	European Starling	1156	36	2741 (00)
Rough-legged Hawk	1	30	10 (74)	Yellow-rumped Warbler		1	1 (75)
American Kestrel	3	28	10 (73)	Northern Cardinal	45	36	76 (76)
Merlin		1	1 (00)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1	6 (79)
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	17	3 (71,84,86,00)	Eastern Towhee		3	2 (80)
Ruffed Grouse		28	24 (82)	American Tree Sparrow	100	37	269 (71)
Wild Turkey	427	25	1225 (95)	Chipping Sparrow		1	8 (83)
Northern Bobwhite		2	5 (75)	Field Sparrow		1	2 (77)
Killdeer		2	1 (79,85)	Savannah Sparrow		1	1 (71)
Ring-billed Gull	10	15	206 (01)	Fox Sparrow		1	1 (97)
Herring Gull		3	9 (92)	Song Sparrow	1	26	41 (75)
Rock Pigeon	400	30	1517 (98)	Swamp Sparrow		1	6 (75)
Mourning Dove	225	35	409 (98)	White-throated Sparrow	2	21	39 (72)
Common Barn-Owl		1	1 (71)	White-crowned Sparrow		6	3 (69)
Eastern Screech-Owl	4	6	6 (03)	Dark-eyed Junco	181	37	1051 (71)
Great Horned Owl	3	25	5 (04)	Snow Bunting		15	500 (76)
Barred Owl	1	5	2 (02)	Red-winged Blackbird		10	9 (70)
N. Saw-whet Owl		1	1 (04)	Rusty Blackbird		1	2 (74)
Belted Kingfisher		22	5 (99)	Common Grackle		9	65 (71)
Red-headed Woodpecker		3	1 (80,82,99)	Brown-headed Cowbird	4	20	200 (84)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	3	3 (05)	Bullock's Oriole		1	1 (70)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		5	3 (93,97}	Pine Grosbeak		13	80 (72)
Downy Woodpecker	68	37	80 (89)	Purple Finch		29	102 (82)
Hairy Woodpecker	26	37	59 (71)	House Finch	73	30	452 (86)
Northern Flicker	2	8	2 (69,00,03,05)	Red Crossbill		4	20 (86)
Pileated Woodpecker	6	21	6 (05)	White-winged Crossbill		2	3 (85)
Horned Lark		4	25 (72)	Common Redpoll	1	22	101 (99)
Blue Jay	437	37	500 (72)	Pine Siskin	83	20	83 (05)
				American Goldfinch	194	37	375 (00)
				Evening Grosbeak	17	30	696 (86)
				House Sparrow	108	37	947 (74)



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**59th Annual Meeting**  
**NY STATE ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOC., INC.**  
 September 29, 30; Oct. 1, 2006  
 Morris Conference Center  
 State University of NY College at Oneonta  
 Oneonta, NY



**HOSTED BY DELAWARE-OTSEGO AUDUBON SOC.**

Name _____ Club/Affiliation _____ (club delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> ) Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone _____	<b>REGISTRANT #1</b>	Name _____ Club/Affiliation _____ (club delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> ) Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone _____	<b>REGISTRANT #2</b>
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**REGISTRATION**  
*(Registration required for attendance)*

	Fee	# 1	# 2	Total
Registration fee (before Aug. 1)	\$30 per person (\$25 DOAS members)			
Registration fee (Aug. 1-Sep. 8)	\$35 per person (\$30 DOAS members)			
Attendance for Sat. speaker only	\$5 per person			

**MEALS**

Meal	Cost	# 1	# 2	Total
Saturday breakfast buffet	\$11.50			
Saturday box lunch	\$7.50			
Saturday banquet:				
<i>Prime Rib au jus</i>	\$30.00			
<i>Chicken Cordon bleu</i>	\$30.00			
<i>Vegetable lasagna</i>	\$30.00			
Sunday breakfast buffet	\$11.50			

<b>LODGING</b>	<b>Amount Enclosed</b>
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Comfortable, clean dorm-style lodging is available in the Morris Conference Center (a non-smoking facility): single or double rooms with twin size beds. A large single-sex tiled bath is centrally located on each corridor. Opposite sex walks to a bathroom nearby. Each bathroom has 2 walk-in showers with curtains, a tub/shower with locking door, 3 toilet stalls and 4 sinks. Rates are \$50 single, \$65 double, per night, including tax. To reserve, contact the Morris Conference Center, (607) 436-2079, during weekday business hours. Further information at [www.oneonta.edu/general/registry/morris.asp](http://www.oneonta.edu/general/registry/morris.asp).

Blocks of rooms have also been reserved through mid-August at three local hotels:  
 Super 8: (607) 432-9505; \$101 per night, plus tax; use code CGAUD.  
 Holiday Inn: (607) 433-2250; \$119.99 per night, plus tax; two night minimum; use code NYO.  
 Hampton Inn: (607) 433-9000; King bed, \$139; two queen beds, \$129 per night, plus tax; two night minimum; use code C-BSP.

Other lodging in the Oneonta area can be found through the Otsego Co. Chamber of Commerce: (877) 5-OTSEGO; [www.otsegocountychamber.com](http://www.otsegocountychamber.com).

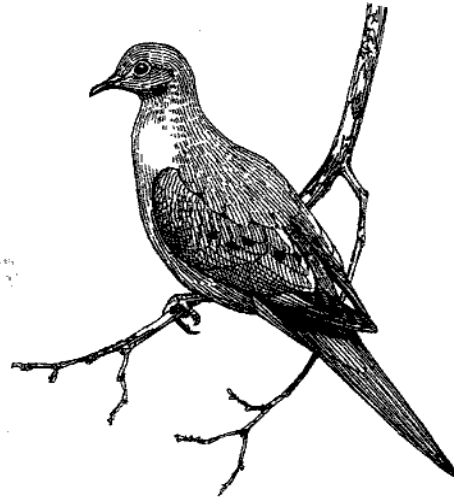
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