



60TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING

September 19-21, 2008 at the Marriott Airport Inn, Rochester

Hosted by **Rochester Birding Association**
and **Burroughs Audubon Nature Club**

Join Rochester Birding Association, Burroughs Audubon Nature Club and the officers and directors of the New York State Ornithological Association for an exciting weekend: great fall birding, cutting-edge ornithological and conservation research presentations, an outstanding and world-renowned featured speaker...and good food and fellowship, too.

Along the shores of Lake Ontario, the Rochester area enjoys one of the longest and most pleasant fall seasons in the nation...and we can hope for good birds as well. The Rochester area is blessed with helpful geography and a broad diversity of bird habitats. A number of Global Important Bird Areas – including Hamlin Beach State Park and the Braddock Bay area, as well as Montezuma NWR – are close by. When conditions are right, we have a good shot at the fall migration of passerines and water and shore birds. For the non-birder there's plenty to do with the world-famous Strong Museum of Play, the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the Memorial Art Gallery, the fall beauty of the Finger Lakes wine country, and lots more.

We've got a great weekend planned for you:

Friday, September 19, 2008

- 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at the Rochester Marriot Airport Hotel
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon field trips depart
- 5:30 p.m. Poster Sessions, Reception and Buffet
- 7:00 p.m. Concurrent workshops

Saturday, September 20, 2008

- 6:30 a.m. Delegate field trip departs
- 7:00 a.m. Non-delegate field trips depart
- 9:00 a.m. Registration continues
- 9:30 a.m. NYSOA Council of Delegates meeting (open to all members)
- 1:30 p.m. Research paper sessions
- 6:00 p.m. Reception and Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. **Featured speaker, Peter Harrison: "Seven Years and Seven Continents"**

Peter Harrison is a world-renowned expert on seabirds. Author of *Seabirds: An Identification Guide*, a definitive book on the seabirds of the world (bring your copy for autographs), Peter has spent years traveling all the oceans of the world doing fundamental research and leading tours. An entertaining and incisive speaker, he delivers a serious message, with wit and passion, about the need to conserve habitats for all birds.

Sunday, September 21, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Field trip departs
- 12:00 p.m. Meeting ends

The Rochester Marriott Airport Hotel was completely renovated and refurbished in 2007; it is a very comfortable hotel, convenient to some of the best birding sites in the area, to a number of restaurants and (for non-birders) good shopping.

Directions to the hotel:

From the west: Take the NYS Thruway exit 47, I-490 to Rochester, to NY Route 390 North to the NY Route 104 West (Ridge Road West) exit. Follow the ramp right, onto Ridge Road heading west. The Airport Marriott Hotel will be on your right; take a right at the stop light just past the hotel, then a right into its driveway.

From the east: Take Thruway exit 46, I-390 North to Rochester; the road will divide, so follow the signs to the Greater Rochester International Airport. Continue on I-390 North past the airport and the I-490 junction to the NY Route 104 West (Ridge Road West) exit. Follow the ramp right, onto Ridge Road heading west. The Airport Marriott Hotel will be on your right; take a right at the stop light just past the hotel, then a right into its driveway.

You should not miss this weekend. **If you've been here before, you know how good it can be. If you haven't, isn't it time you found out?** For more information contact:

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