

Winter Weekend in the Central Adirondacks!

Saturday & Sunday, February 10-11, 2018

With a one-in-twenty-year bumper food crop on the trees of the Adirondacks, it is the perfect time for NYSOA to host a Winter Birding Weekend in the Central Adirondacks! Ron Pittaway's "Winter Finch Forecast 2017-2018" recommended visiting the Adirondack Mountains for a great place to see finches and boreal birds this winter.

There will be a pre-workshop field trip on Saturday, February 10, 2018 for participants who arrive early.

Saturday afternoon will feature a presentation on crossbills followed by a social dinner at the Adirondack Hotel. The main field trip will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018, Matt Young will present "Crossbills of New York: Status and Flight Call Identification" at the Long Lake Town Hall. The presentation will explore Red Crossbill distribution and ecology and their different flights calls. How and where to look for crossbills, depending on the season, will be discussed.



Matt Young has worked at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for over 11 years in sound editing for the Lab's Master Set of North America Bird Sounds. He is currently working on the delivery and licensing of Macaulay Library media assets. Matt recently authored "Crossbills of North America: Species and Red Crossbill Call Types" for eBird. He also wrote all the native finch species accounts for *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*. Matt became hooked on birds, particularly finches (and warblers too), while working as an AmeriCorps team

member in the Cascades of Washington in the mid-1990s. When he's not working, he's either tracking down finches, looking for some rare native orchid species in a bog or swamp in upstate NY, or trying to protect habitat for the various land trust boards he sits on.

Joan Collins and Matt Young will co-lead the Saturday pre-workshop field trip. Joan Collins, Mary Beth Warburton, and Matt Young will co-lead the main field trip on Sunday. Pre-registration is required for the field trips, and preference is given to NYSOA members and NYS Young Birders Club youth members on a first-come, first-served basis. The field trip is limited to 20 participants – register now! For more information and to register, contact Kathy Schneider via phone at 518-799-3457, or email fallline@nycap.rr.com. Suggested lodging is in Long Lake at the Adirondack Hotel (<http://www.adirondackhotel.com/>). Additional places to stay can be found at: <https://mylonglake.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Winter-Lodging-2018-1-1.pdf>. Please let Kathy Schneider know if you plan to attend the group dinner at the Adirondack Hotel on Saturday night.

Red Crossbill photo by Joan Collins.

