

Winter Weekend in the Central Adirondacks! Saturday & Sunday, January 30-31, 2016

Spend a fun winter weekend in the scenic central Adirondacks! An optional field trip will be offered on Saturday morning followed by a late afternoon presentation on winter irruptive species. Participants will meet at the Adirondack Hotel for a group dinner Saturday night. Sunday morning will feature the main field trip. We'll be looking for year-round boreal birds and irruptive species across the winter landscape. The field trips will be mostly car-birding with easy, level walking during stops.

Joan Collins will present "Winter Bird Visitors of Northern New York" at the Adirondack Interpretive Center in Newcomb on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 3 p.m. Each year, avian visitors from the far north move south to spend the winter in the northern New York region. Some of the species, like Bohemian Waxwing and Snow Bunting, can be found every winter. Other species, such as Pine Grosbeak, irregularly "irrupt" into our area only in certain winters, while some species irrupt on a fairly regular schedule such as the Common Redpoll, which tends to visit every other winter. Why the birds move to our region, and where you can find them, will be discussed. The presentation will feature photographs and vocalizations of nineteen species that visit northern New York in winter. Several videos will also be shown including the mysterious snow burrowing behavior by Common Redpolls.

Joan Collins is President of the New York State Ornithological Association and Editor of *New York Birders*. She is also Vice-President of Northern New York Audubon, past President of High Peaks Audubon Society, and past member of the Board of Directors for the Audubon Council of New York State. Joan, President of Adirondack Avian Expeditions & Workshops, LLC, leads birding field trips year-round, is a New York State licensed guide, an Adirondack 46er, and has climbed all the Adirondack fire tower peaks. She is a frequent guest speaker and teaches classes on ornithology topics. Joan has published several journal, magazine, and newspaper articles on wildlife and conservation topics in various publications including *New York Birders*, *Conservationist*, and *The Kingbird*. She authored several warbler species accounts, in addition to serving as a peer reviewer for *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*. Mountain Lake PBS, *Adirondack Explorer*, and *Adirondack Life* magazine have featured pieces on Joan, and her regular birding segments with Todd Moe can be heard on North Country Public Radio.

Joan Collins and Mary Beth Warburton will co-lead the Saturday and Sunday field trips. 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. There is a maximum of 20 participants – register now!

For more information and to register, contact Mary Beth Warburton at 315-268-0150 or email at msmarybeth.warburton@gmail.com (if emailing, include "NYSOA trip" in the subject line of the message). Suggested lodging is in Long Lake at the Shamrock Motel and Cottages (<http://www.shamrockmotellonglake.com/>) or the Adirondack Hotel (<http://www.adirondackhotel.com/>).