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NEW YORK STATE WILDLIFE PRESERVES

7. Rogers Environmental Education Center
Outstanding Birding Area in Chenango County, New York

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During May of this spring (1974), when migration was at its peak, I had the opportunity to do an extensive amount of birding in central New York State, particularly Chenango and Madison Counties. In my search for good birding locations, I discovered that the Rogers Environmental Education Center (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) is one of the best areas I have ever seen for migrating songbirds, especially warblers.

The Rogers Center, which was a New York State Game Farm until 1966, at which time it was converted to its present status, is located on Route 80 one mile west of the village of Sherburne. It consists of 571 acres of land with a range of habitats represented, including open fields, coniferous, mixed and deciduous woodlands, marshes, swamps and ponds. Centrally located are a picnic area and an interpretive building which houses offices, educational displays, a quite complete library and a gallery with outside microphones and spotting scopes which provide an overlook of a marsh. Four and one half miles of well-marked trails, provisioned with explanatory signs and displays are excellent birding routes. Along these trails also there is a large variety of wild flowers and other native plants, all conducive to interesting botanical study. Maps of the trails are conveniently located.

The total habitat of the Rogers Center seems to be particularly suited to spring migrants. The land borders the Chenango River, a tributary