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Where to Find Birds in New York State: The Top 500 Sites. Susan Roney Drennan. 1981. Syracuse University Press. This bird-finding guide in paperback is being offered to members of the Federation during 1985 for the discount price of \$13.50.

Following are excerpts from a review by John Farrand, Jr., in *The Kingbird*, Volume XXXII, No. 4 (Fall, 1982):

"In preparing this monumental work, the author seems to have thought of everything. *Where to Find Birds in New York State* is a comprehensive and detailed guide to more than 500 birding localities in the state. Descriptions of these top sites are arranged according to the ten regions currently recognized in the Regional Reports in *The Kingbird*. Preceding the guide to localities are a discussion of the New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC), complete with instructions on how to report a rarity and a sample form; a section on Rare Bird Alerts in the state; a directory of research collections and ornithological libraries in New York State; and detailed physiographic and ecological descriptions of each of the ten regions. Following the site descriptions are specialized chapters on pelagic birding (covering the whole New York Bight), and on hawk migration sites, a useful bibliography, and an index to the localities covered in the guide.

"It is the descriptions of birding localities that form the bulk of the book—some 400 pages and 106 maps, many of them drafted by the author herself—that merit the most attention here. The amount of information presented is almost overwhelming. Not only is each site discussed in terms of the birds to be found there—their abundance, seasons of occurrence, and status, notes on "special" species and hints on how to find them—but a wealth of supplementary ecological information is provided as well, information that will surely entice the most determined and hurried lister to slow down and take greater notice of the habitat and how the birds fit into it. Such detailed descriptions of the habitats, with lists of dominant trees and shrubs, greatly increase the usefulness of the book. Careful directions for locating each site are provided, and happily, these directions *work*, a feature that not every birding Baedeker can boast."

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