

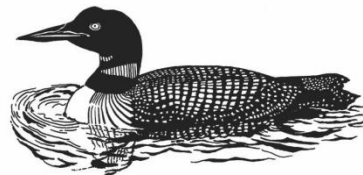


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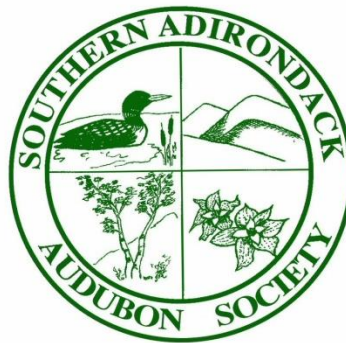
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## ADIRONDACK BIRDING FESTIVAL



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### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival

June 11 - June 14, 2020

#### Schedule of Events

Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco,  
Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake,  
Long Lake, Raquette Lake and Inlet

Call (518) 548-3076 or (800) 648-5239 to register!

The Hamilton County Department of Tourism and Audubon NY welcome you this June for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondack Birding Festival.

The Adirondack Park in upstate New York is a bird-watching haven. In June, the Adirondack Birding Festival in Hamilton County celebrates the height of breeding season with 4 days of birding hikes, walks, safaris, outings and presentations throughout the county.

**About Hamilton County:**

Located entirely within the Adirondack State Park, Hamilton County is the third largest, yet least populated, county in New York State. Over 60% of our land area is either Wilderness or Wild Forest. The county's million acres of forest, 1,500 miles of rivers and streams and over 56,000 acres of lakes and ponds provide unequalled birding and wildlife watching opportunities.

Nesting birds, rising trout, rushing water, wildflowers, and the newborn of many species make the woods and waters of Hamilton County a desirable location to explore. While birding in the park is enjoyable throughout the entire year, during springtime it is a place of excitement and discovery. By June, all of the birds that migrate to the Adirondack region for the summer have arrived and are in the height of breeding season.

Our towns and hamlets are located at 1,200-1,600 feet above sea-level and our mountains approach 4,000 feet. Normally in June we enjoy warm to hot days and cool evenings, on rare occasions even dropping below the freezing point. As you plan your birding adventure, make sure to check the forecast and come prepared. Dressing in layers is highly recommended, as the springtime temperatures fluctuate throughout the day.

After a day's activities, you will find an array of comfortable lodges and excellent restaurants staffed with hospitable folks. Here in the heart of the Adirondacks, it is our pleasure to share the experience of this State Park with you. You will find an ongoing celebration of our unique heritage and extraordinary, unspoiled natural beauty.

Don't think it can get much better? Did we mention that all of the outings and presentations during the birding festival are FREE?

**Please Note:**

Each of the outdoor trips will require different equipment necessary for a pleasant birding adventure. Suggested hiking equipment includes: binoculars, camera, sunscreen, bug repellent (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks and/or lunch, flashlight (headlamp), and comfortable, waterproof footwear. In addition, the canoe trips will require a canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFD as required by law. This time of year is referred to as "Black Fly Season," so be prepared with insect repellent and/or bug shirts for each event!

- Registration is required for each outdoor event.
- Registration is appreciated but not necessary for any of our evening presentations.

**To register, call (800) 648-5239 or (518) 548-3076  
Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.**

## Thursday June 11, 2020

### **DRIVING SAFARI/ WALK: Perkins Clearing, Speculator - 7AM**

Joan Collins and Jamie Taft will lead a driving safari into the Perkins Clearing area to see **Mourning, Chestnut-sided, Blackburnian, and other warblers**. There will be many stops along the way to observe wildlife along the road. Also possible to see **Olive-sided** and **Alder Flycatchers**, and many other mixed woodland species, including **Indigo Bunting** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**.

**GUIDES:** Joan Collins & Jamie Taft

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4-5 hours

**LIMIT:** 15

**BRING:** Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars.

**MEET:** Mason Lake parking area on the west (left) side of Route 30, north of Speculator.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.5991366°N, 74.4163017°W

**DIRECTIONS: From South:** Take Route 30, 8 miles north of Speculator. **From North:** 16 miles S. on Route 30 from Indian Lake. The parking area is on the west side of Route 30, and overlooks Mason Lake. You'll see several picnic tables at the rest stop.

### **WALK: Sacandaga Pathway, Speculator— 1:00 PM**

Join **Joan Collins** and **Jamie Taft** on the beautiful Sacandaga Pathway in Speculator. This 1 ½ mile long boardwalk and path is an easily accessible trail leading you to a variety of habitats and three types of wetlands along a flat-water section of the Sacandaga River. Look for **American Bitterns** and **Blue Herons** along the eastern side of the path following the river as well as **Black Ducks** and **Mallards**. Along the path, you may also find a variety of **Woodland Warblers, Woodpeckers, Red-tailed Hawks** and **American Kestrels**.

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins & Jamie Taft

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING:** Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, water, lunch, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

**MEET:** Speculator Pavilion

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.495843, -74.359633

**DIRECTIONS:** The Speculator Pavilion is located on Route 30 South, the Village of Speculator. It is directly across the street from the public beach and is neighbored by the Speculator Fire Hall. There is ample parking here to meet and then continue onto the Pathway.

### **TRIP TBD- 7AM**

**GUIDE:** Rob Snell

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4-5 hours

**LIMIT:** 15

**BRING:** Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars.

**MEET:**  
**GPS WAYPOINT:**  
**DIRECTIONS: From South:**

## **Friday June 12, 2020**

### **TRIP FULL HIKE: Massawepie Mire, Colton - 6:30AM**

Join **Joan Collins** for a hike into lovely, remote Massawepie Mire, the largest bog in New York State. Massawepie is also a designated “Important Bird Area” (IBA) in New York. The trail through the mire is an old railroad bed, now a perfectly level dirt road. There are several different habitats encountered along the trail including mixed forest, boreal forest, bog, and marsh. The South Branch of the Grass River is crossed at about 1.5 miles down the trail and Silver Brook at 3 miles. Participants will watch for many bird species including, **Black-backed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler (18 warbler species nest in the area), Lincoln’s Sparrow**, and if we are extremely fortunate, the elusive **Spruce Grouse!** Bog plants such as the carnivorous Sundew and Pitcher Plant are also found along the trail. Moose tracks are often observed at the mire. Plan to hike over 5 miles round trip on level terrain. We will do a bit of car-birding on the long drive to the trailhead to observe **Common Loons, Mourning Warblers**, and more! Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m. Larkin’s in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike. The Massawepie Boy Scout sign is located approximately 10 miles west of Larkin’s along Route 3 (on the left side of the road if heading west). (We can leave some of the cars in a parking area and car-pool to the trailhead.)

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING** Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin’s in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike.

**MEET:** Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** N 44° 15.658' W 074° 38.483'

**DIRECTIONS:** The Massawepie Boy Scout sign is located approximately 10 miles west of Larkin’s along Route 3 (on the left side of the road if heading west). (We can leave some of the cars in a parking area and car-pool to the trailhead.)

## HIKE: Hitchins Pond, Long Lake - 7AM

Join **John and Patricia Thaxton** for a walk into beautiful Hitchins Pond and the Upper Dam on the Bog River. **Common Loons** nest on Hitchins Pond each year. **Bald Eagles** and **Great Blue Herons** are also a common sight. The route is an old dirt road that passes through many lovely and varied habitat areas. The first mile of trail borders a vast bog. Next, there is a marsh with a brook, where blue joint grass, alders and pickerel-weed provide contrast from the peat land. Coniferous and deciduous forests make up the last mile, with many interesting cliff areas. After the 2.5 mile walk on level terrain to Hitchins Pond, there will be a food break at a scenic picnic area. With the wonderful variety of habitats along this route, many species will be observed. Some of the species likely to be observed include, **Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Bald Eagle, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Common Raven, Gray Jay, Lincoln's Sparrow, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler, Magnolia Warbler** (and many other notable warbler species)

**NOTE:** This is a flat, but long trip in a very isolated area. You must be in appropriate condition and you should bring energy food and lunch due to the length of the walk.

**GUIDE:** John and Patricia Thaxton

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 20

**BRING:** Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

**MEET:** Bog River Falls Parking Area on Route 421 (Off Route 30)

**GPS WAYPOINT:** N44.1285450°, W74.5458196°

**DIRECTIONS:** Drive 12 miles north of Long Lake on Route 30. Take a left-hand turn onto County Route 421 (Bog River sign) and proceed just under 3/4 of a mile to the Bog River Falls Parking Area on the left after the bridge. The actual unmarked trail is down the road another 6.6 miles, and we will carpool to the trailhead.

## WALK: Powley Road, Piseco – 7:00AM

Join **Jamie Taft** and **Laurie Freeman** for another one of our popular Birding Festival trips! Drive on a lightly traveled dirt road (approximately 8 miles) which affords a look at some unusual species in the area, such as the **American Three-Toed Woodpecker, various Birds of Prey, Olive Sided Flycatchers, Thrushes, Cedar Waxwing, Sparrows**, and other woodland habitat bird species. Other birds seen along the road in past years included **Indigo Bunting, Northern Parula, Carolina Wren, Chestnut Sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-Rumped Warbler, Nashville Warbler, and Chipping Sparrow**. Stops along the way will give this leisurely trip many birding opportunities.

**GUIDES:** Jamie Taft & Laurie Freeman

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3 – 4 hours

**LIMIT:** 20 participants

**BRING:** Binoculars, camera, bug repellent (for those who want to get out of their vehicles), and comfortable clothes.

**MEET:** Intersection of Route 10 and Powley Road, 1.2 miles south of the Route 8 & Route 10 intersection. Drive onto and park on Powley Road with the other cars.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.3790382° N, 074.5456680° W

**DIRECTIONS:** From Speculator: Take Route 8 west for 12 miles to route 10. Make a left turn (south) onto Route 10 and travel 1.2 miles to Powley Road, which will be on the right side of Route 10 as you drive south from Route 8. Pull onto Powley road on the right side of the road.

### **TRIP TBD- 7AM**

**GUIDE:** Rob Snell

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4-5 hours

**LIMIT:** 15

**BRING:** Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars.

**MEET:**

**GPS WAYPOINT:**

**DIRECTIONS:** From South:

### **WALK: Forked Lake Road, Long Lake – 2:30PM**

Join **John and Pat Thaxton** on this 2 mile walk on the Forked Lake Campsite road will bring us through a variety of woodland habitats. We could see a variety of **thrushes**, and **Gray Jays** have been seen in the area. The variety of birds seed is unprecedented and sure to surprise! This route follows an unimproved dirt road that parallels the Raquette River on the south side and should present some rewarding birding opportunities.

**GUIDE:** John & Pat Thaxton

**EVENT LENGTH:** 2-3 hours

**LIMIT:** 20

**MEET:** Forked Lake Campground Parking Lot. Enter the campground from North Point Road.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.9050798°N, 74.5261100° W

**DIRECTIONS:** From the intersection of Route 28N & 30 (Hoss's Country Corner/ Stewarts) in Long Lake, travel Route 30 south for 3 miles and make a right onto North Point Road. Drive another 3 miles to the entrance of Forked Lake Campground on the right (north) side of the road. Continue for another 2 miles in towards the campsite, and meet in the large parking lot.

## **Saturday June 13, 2020**

### **HIKE: Sabattis Circle Road, & Round Lake Road, Long Lake - 6:30 AM**

Join **Joan Collins** on this exciting trip into the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area north of the Town of Long Lake. Meet at the Geiger Arena in Long Lake to regroup and carpool to the birding area north. The trip will begin with a short stop at Shaw Pond in Long Lake. This shallow body of water is surrounded by marshes and hosts nesting Wood Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, Virginia Rails, and American Bitterns. Next, we'll head to Sabattis Circle Road and car-bird for ~5 miles, stopping at several locations, including the scenic inlet of Little Tupper Lake and Sabattis Bog. Eighteen warbler species breed along this road including Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers. Many boreal species can be found along Sabattis Circle Road including, Black-backed

Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Lincoln's Sparrow. Next, we will hike a short distance on the Round Lake Trail, a relatively level, dirt road trail. If we have time, we can drive to Sabattis Station where Olive-sided Flycatchers can often be found nesting. Round Lake, Little Tupper Lake, and Sabattis Bog are within the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area, a Designated Important Birding Area (IBA) by Audubon New York. Temperate deciduous and boreal forests make up most of the surrounding area, with over 30% of the IBA being a wetland habitat.

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING:** Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, water, lunch, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

**MEET:** At the Geiger Arena (Ice Skating Rink) Parking Lot, located directly across from the Long Lake Post Office on Route 30/28N.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.966571, -74.421913

**DIRECTIONS:** Located just south on Route 30, from the intersection of Route 30/28N & Hoss's Country Corner Store, on the left hand side, directly across from the Long Lake Post office.

## **HIKE: Roosevelt Truck Trail, Newcomb 7 AM**

Back by popular demand with guides **John and Patricia Thaxton!**

**DESCRIPTION:** This gently rolling trail is an old moss covered road passing 2 ½ miles through a pristine northern (boreal) coniferous forest where many of the Boreal species can be found. We will start the walk (and leave the cars) at the pull off/parking lot on Route 28N, which is 1.6 miles north of the Boreas River bridge on Route 28N. We'll walk 5 miles round trip and return to the parking lot on 28N. We'll look for **Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Siskin, Black-Backed Woodpecker and the Cape May Warbler**. It is one of the few areas in the Adirondacks to observe the **Cape May Warbler**.

**GUIDE:** John and Patricia Thaxton

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15

**BRING:** Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear. Trail may be wet in spots.

**MEET:** The parking lot on the south/east side of Rte. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Rte 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. It is located directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road. **NOTE:** If you miss us at this meeting place, continue on to parking lot on 28N in Minerva where we'll start the walk. See directions and GPS coordinates.

below

**GPS WAYPOINT: NLP Trail Head in Long Lake:** 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

**GPS WAYPOINT: Pkg Lot: Start of Hike on 28N:** 43.9143950° N, -74.0213517° W

**DIRECTIONS:** From Long Lake: drive north/east on 28N towards Newcomb. At 1.6 miles from the Stewarts/Hoss's in Long Lake, look for the parking lot on the right side of the road for the **NLP trail**. It is located directly opposite Tarbell Road. Wait here.

**NOTE:** If you are running late, and don't meet up at this trail head, drive directly to the parking lot on Route 28N where we'll start the hike. From the NLP trailhead in Long Lake, drive 17 miles east on Rte 28N to the intersection of the Blue Ridge Highway and Rte 28N,

the road your drove on from Long Lake. Take a Right on 28N (do not go straight on the Blue Ridge Road) and drive approximately 3 miles south to the parking lot on the left side of the road, where we'll park cars and start the hike.

### **HIKE: Fiddlers Pond, Piseco - 7AM**

Join **Jamie Taft** and **Laurie Freeman** on this easy hike that follows along the Northville-Placid Trail. You will cross a foot bridge over a stream that leads to Fiddler's Pond, after which you will need to bushwack off the trail. You will follow the stream for .4 miles northeast to the lake, continuing along the southern and eastern shores of the lake for outstanding birding opportunities. There is potential to see nesting **Great Blue Herons, Common Loons, Woodland Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets** and more!

**GUIDES:** Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 participants

**BRING:** Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

**MEET:** Arietta Town Barn

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.4591183° N 74.5222633° W

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming east on Route 8 in Piseco, the town barn is located on the right side of the road just past Piseco Common School and across the street from the old Casey's Corner gas station. Coming west on Route 8, the town barn is approximately half a mile past the Oxbow Inn on the left. Look for the Northville- Lake Placid Trailhead Sign. Park to the right of the building.

### **W.W. DURANT SCENIC CRUISE, Raquette Lake – 1:30 PM (Boarding)**

Join us on a very special scenic cruise celebrating the Adirondack Birding Festival. **Boarding** time is **1:30PM-2:00 PM**, and the cruise will last from 2:00-3:30 PM. Cash snack and beverage bar as well as use of the restrooms (below) will be available to those riding the open upper deck.

**COST:** **BIRDING FESTIVAL SPECIAL!** Upper deck cruise only \$15/per person!

**RESERVATIONS:** Please call **Raquette Lake Navigation** directly at 315-354-5532 to make your reservations. Visit [www.raquettelakenavigation.com](http://www.raquettelakenavigation.com) for more information about the cruise and the luncheon menu.

**HOSTS:** Captain Dean & Donna Pohl

### **PRESENTATION: Julie Hart (DEC): The Joys of Atlasing– 4:00 PM**

It has been 20 years since the last breeding bird atlas in New York State and a lot has changed! The third atlas will take place from 2020-2024 and involve thousands of volunteers from across the state. Learn about the history of the atlas, the importance of atlas data, and how you can get involved. Find out how the third atlas will differ from previous atlases, including how we will be using eBird for data entry. Atlasing is a great excuse to explore new areas and provides an intimate look into the daily lives of birds. Whether you are a beginner or advanced birder, this unique opportunity will strengthen your birdwatching skills while contributing valuable data to a large conservation-oriented project.



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Julie is a native Vermonter who started birding while working as a bird conservation intern with National Audubon, Audubon New York, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She traveled for several years doing field work around the globe before returning to VT to serve as the coordinator for Mountain Birdwatch with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies. She spent several years chasing Bicknell's Thrush around the mountains of the Northeast and Hispaniola before moving to Wyoming to continue her education. She received her Master's degree studying the impacts of climate change on Cassia Crossbill in southern Idaho. She is now settled in the Albany area where she is the Project Coordinator for the third Breeding Bird Atlas in NY. In her travels she has participated in two bird atlases and considers atlasing her favorite type of birding.

**MEET:** Adirondack Experience Museum Auditorium

**EVENT LENGTH:** 1 – 1 ½ Hours

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.8693404°N, 74.4319656°W

**DIRECTIONS:** From Blue Mt. Lake: ½ mile north on Route 30 from the center of Blue Mountain Lake, the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28. Museum is on the left side of the road. From Long Lake: Drive south on Route 30 approximately 10 miles. Just after you pass the Blue Mountain trail head on the left side of the road, look for the museum a bit further on the right side of the road.

## **Sunday June 14, 2020**

### **TRIP FULL HIKE: Spring Pond Bog, Tupper Lake – 6:30 AM**

Join **Joan Collins** for a hike to scenic Spring Pond Bog. One of the most popular birding destinations in the Adirondacks and a designated “**Important Bird Area**” (IBA), Spring Pond Bog is the second largest bog in the New York State. This Adirondack Nature Conservancy property contains diverse habitats and bird species. Wetlands, bogs, boreal forest, mixed and deciduous forests, and areas growing back from logging activity, can all be found at this Tupper Lake property. Spring Pond Bog is a primary study site for **Spruce Grouse** researchers in the Adirondacks. Eighteen warbler species breed in this area including **Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers**. Other boreal species include **Common Loon, Northern Goshawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided, Yellow-bellied, and Alder Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln's Sparrow**, and the increasingly rare **Spruce Grouse**. The hiking trail to Spring Pond Bog gradually climbs through a hardwood forest to a glacial esker. There is a boardwalk loop to the right of the esker that takes visitors into the bog for close-up views of plant and bird life. The trail is less than a mile long. We will make a couple other stops and hike along level dirt roads in boreal forest within the Spring Pond Bog complex.

**GUIDES:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15

**BRING:** Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin's in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine

St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring along. (Larkin's is about a mile northwest of McDonalds.)

**MEET:** Meet in Tupper Lake at the large parking lot to the right of McDonalds. We can leave some of the cars at the parking lot and car-pool into Spring Pond Bog.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** N 44 13.679, W 74 27.77

**DIRECTIONS:** McDonalds is located at 26 Demars Blvd. (Route 3 west) From Long Lake head North on State Route 30, the parking lot will be just before McDonalds.

### **DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Hayes Flow/ Robbs Creek, Speculator - 7 AM**

Join guide **Jamie Taft** and **Laurie Freeman** on this trip in to Robbs Creek and Hayes Flow Trails. This old forest road, now closed to vehicular traffic, can be overgrown at times but is easy to follow. The old road weaves in and out and crosses Robbs Creek several times while working its way over rolling hills to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. This is a perfect trail for a birdwatching walk, and if you are extra quiet, you might be lucky enough to see a moose! Birds you might see include **warblers, woodpeckers** and **raptors**.

**GUIDE:** Jamie Taft & Laurie Freeman

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING:** Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, water, lunch, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

**MEET:** Speculator Pavilion

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.495843, -74.359633

**DIRECTIONS:** The Speculator Pavilion is located on Route 30 South, the Village of Speculator. It is directly across the street from the public beach and is neighbored by the Speculator Fire Hall. There is ample parking here to meet and then carpool into Hayes Flow.

### **HIKE: Northville-Lake Placid Trail, Long Lake - 7AM**

A bird walk in these areas will take participants through a wide variety of habitats including boreal forest, marsh/bog, swamp, mixed forest, deciduous woods, and to the shoreline of Long Lake. Each section, north and south, is 2 miles, round trip. We will do both, if time permits. The walk through boreal wetlands takes you over raised walkways and is home to **Black-backed Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** and **Boreal Chickadees**. The second half of the trail moves through mixed forest where you may see **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, nesting **Northern Goshawks** and up to 14 varieties of woodland warblers, including **Yellow-rumped, Magnolia** and **Blackburnian**. As you approach the lake at Catlin Bay, look for many species of waterfowl, **Common Loons** and **Bald Eagles**.

**GUIDES:** John & Patricia Thaxton

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4-5 hours

**BRING:** Bug Repellent, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, binoculars and waterproof hiking attire. Due to the length of this trip, it is recommended to bring lunch to enjoy along the trail.

**MEET:** Parking Lot on S side (R side) of Route 28N at (across from) Tarbell Hill Rd.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

**DIRECTIONS:** The trailhead for the hike is a large parking lot on the south side of Route. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Route 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. Directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road.