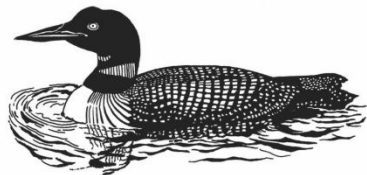


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15th Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival

June 6 - June 9, 2019

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 15th 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 6, 2019

WALK: Fawn Lake Trail, Lake Pleasant– 7:00 AM

Join Joan Collins and Jamie Taft on a new trip- added just this year! This relatively easy, flat trail leads to Fawn Lake, a pristine, uninhabited lake surrounded by state land. This easy trail leads to the eastern shore of the lake where there are primitive campsites. The trail is unmarked, but is very easy to follow. You may see a variety of **warblers and woodpeckers**.

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: Parking Lot across from County Courthouse to carpool

GPS WAYPOINT: N43 28.940 W74 26.645

DIRECTIONS: From NY8, turn onto South Shore Road by Hamilton County Court House in Lake Pleasant. Immediately on the left is a parking area where you can park and carpool to the trail head. To the trailhead: From NY8, take Tamarack Road to its end. Then turn left onto Fawn Lake Road. Follow Fawn Lake Road to the end of the pavement, continuing .1 mile to a wide pull off.

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.

Friday June 7, 2019

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: Fiddlers Pond, Piseco – 7:00AM

Join Jamie Taft and Tim Emmerick 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 a potential to see nesting **Great Blue Herons, Common Loons, Woodland Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets** and more!

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and Tim Emmerick

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.

WALK: Dillon Road, Raquette Lake – 12:00PM

Take a walk down an old railroad bed. This 4 mile roundtrip walk enters woodland, riverine, marsh and boggy habitat. Here you will have the opportunity to see a variety of **warblers, thrushes**, and possibly **Yellow-bellied** and **Olive-sided flycatchers**.

GUIDE: Mike and Wanda Moccio

EVENT LENGTH: 3-4 Hours

LIMIT: 20

MEET: Raquette Lake Library

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.813262, -74.658255

DIRECTIONS: From Inlet: drive 11 miles east towards Raquette Lake, turn left down County Road 2 and then left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left. From Blue Mountain Lake: Drive 13 miles west on Route 28 towards Raquette Lake. Turn right down County Road 2 and the left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left.

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

A favorite for the 8th year in a row! 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.

PRESENTATION: Ed Kanze, Biological Backyard Study– 5:00 PM

For nearly 19 years, Ed Kanze and his family have been surveying the flora, fauna, fungi and everything else that's alive on the eighteen acres along the Saranac River that they call home. They've found most of the expected things- robins, whitetail deer, red maple trees, balsam firs- plus lots of surprises and wild neighbors that escape the attention of all but a few specialists. Ed will share storied and photos of the findings to date. Included are moose, bears, insects, earthworms, woody plants, wildflowers, mushrooms and even a few things only visible with a microscope.

GUEST SPEAKER: Adirondack naturalist, guide, and writer Ed Kanze lives with his wife, Debbie, and their children Ned and Tasman along the Saranac River near Bloomingdale. Ed is a seventh generation Adirondacker whose four-times-great grandparents began farming along the Sacandaga River about 1795. His pioneering biological survey work in the Westchester County, NY park system in the 1980s led to the designation of the 4,700-acre Ward Pound Ridge Reservation as a Biodiversity Reserve. One of Ed's earliest memories is

of climbing on the old steam engine at the then-Adirondack-Museum in 1961. In recent years, he has led nature walks on the Adirondack Experience's Minnow Pond Trail and savored every step of the way. Ed has produced the video series, "Curiously Adirondack" in partnership with Josh Clement and is a frequent contributor to Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Life magazines. His most recent book, "Adirondack: Life and Wildlife in the Wild, Wild East," was published by SUNY Press.

MEET: Adirondack Experience Museum Auditorium

EVENT LENGTH: 1- 1 1/2 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.

Saturday June 8, 2019

TRIP FULL HIKE: Sabattis Circle Road, & Round Lake Road, Long Lake - 6:30 AM

Join Joan Collins and Brian "Fox" Ellis 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 & Brian "Fox" Ellis

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.

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

NYS licensed guides Michael & Wanda Moccio will lead the 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: Michael & Wanda Moccio

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.

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 you 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.

PRESENTATION: Brian "Fox" Ellis: Adventures with Audubon – 4:00 PM

In this interactive performance Audubon will bring to life bird behavior, focusing on the birds you are most likely to see as you go bird watching in the Adirondacks. Audubon followed the annual migrations of birds throughout North America in the 1820s and 1830s, keeping meticulous journals on the birds he saw. With lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history, and bird migration, the audience is invited to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered friends.

GUEST SPEAKER: Brian "Fox" Ellis, a storyteller who portrays Audubon in entertaining and meticulously researched monologues drawing from Audubon's journals, essays, and letters to his friends and colleagues. This program was developed with a grant from the USFWS as part of their celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Fox has performed as Audubon in museums, nature centers, schools and libraries across the United States, including Audubon's home in Henderson, Kentucky.

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.

DINNER: The Adirondack Hotel, Long Lake -6 pm

After the presentation at the Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, join us in the dining room at the historic Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake. This hotel, originally built in the 1850's, is the only one of its kind still operating in the Adirondacks. The Adirondack Hotel overlooks Long Lake and is just a short distance from the shops in town. Dinner will include salad, your choice of entrée from a small specialized menu, and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

COST: \$25 per person, includes tax and tip. Reservations must be made when registering for the festival.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Route 30 North through Long Lake. The Adirondack Hotel is located

directly across the road from the public beach, at 1245 Main St, Route 30 N Long Lake, NY 12847

Sunday June 9, 2019

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.

WALK: Hayes Flow/ Robbs Creek, Speculator - 7 AM

Join guide Jamie Taft on this trip in 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

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.

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.

WALK: Lake Durant Marsh, Indian Lake - 7AM

Join **Mike and Wanda** for a beautiful 3 hour walk between Lake Durant proper and a large marsh. We will look and listen for **American Bittern** and **Virginia Rail** in the marsh, **Common Loons** in the lake, other **warblers, vireos, flycatchers and thrushes** will be found. Also a round beaver dam is an oddity. If time permits a walk into a nearby woodland can top off the morning.

GUIDES: Michael and Wanda Moccio

LIMIT: 15 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 Hours

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

MEET: Lake Durant parking area on Route 28 west of Indian Lake (NOT the campground)

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.85°, -74.41°.

DIRECTIONS: Traveling east from Blue Mountain Lake, the picnic and parking area is on the left side of the road, 2 miles from the intersection of Route 28N and Route 30. Approximately 9 miles west of Indian Lake.