BIRDING RESOURCES FOR NEW YORK BIRDERS

(for the Facebook New York Birders Page and for NYS birders in General)

Birding can be a recreational pursuit, a passion, even a career. It is definitely a community of talented and knowledgeable people who believe in sharing information and expertise. If you are new to birding, we encourage you to engage with our community. There are a number of options available in addition to Facebook New York Birders. They include:

- Subscribing to a mailing list (online systems in which birders report on bird sightings in a specific geographical area),
- Belonging to a bird club and/or Audubon society, attending their meetings and going on their field trips,
- Reporting your sightings to eBird (an online checklist program which allows your sightings to be part of a larger database of bird data),
- Engaging in citizen science programs, like your local Christmas Bird Count, eBird, or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Nestwatch project,
- Contributing your time to a conservation project, commenting on proposals in your area that impact on wildlife and the environment.

Postings on the FB New York Birders page are mainly concerned with bird sightings and activities like field trips (though many of us are also involved with citizen science and conservation). If you are new to birding, or to birding in NYS, here are lists of mailing lists in the state and of state and regional birding organizations. These are state organizations only, though we also encourage you to check out the American Birding Association (ABA), an organization about birding for birders.

Mailing Lists and Listservs for NYS birders

Mailing lists and listservs are Internet-based communication systems. Birders use them to spread the word about unusual sightings and other information related to birding. They’re sometimes referred to as “lists”.

Birders are encouraged to use these lists, especially when they have sighted an unusual bird. Although many of us also text and tweet, the lists are acknowledged to be the communication vehicle used by the most birders, and the easiest to access. You can find out how to subscribe on the home page of each list. It is pretty easy, just a matter of sending in your email address (and becoming a member of Yahoo for the Yahoo-based lists).

You can also read many of these email lists on the American Birding Association’s Birding News page: http://birding.abatracker.org/. However, this option does not allow you to post your sightings.

NYSBirds-L
http://www.northeastbirding.com/NYSbirdsWELCOME

NYSbirds-L is an email list focused on the discussion of birds and birding in and around New York State. The primary purpose of the List is to disseminate information about wild bird sightings in and around New York State in a timely manner and to provide an effective electronic forum for New York State area birders.

For additional information and rules of the List, including information about archives and list settings, please visit the following page: NYSbirds-L – Information and Rules

CayugaBirds-L
http://www.northeastbirding.com/CayugabirdsWELCOME

Cayugabirds-L is an email list focused on the discussion of birds and birding in the Finger Lakes Region, centered on the Cayuga Lake Basin. The primary purpose of the List is to disseminate information about wild bird sightings in
and around the Finger Lakes Region in a timely manner and to provide an effective electronic forum for Upstate New York area birders.

**CVBirds (Chemung Valley)**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CVBIRDS/
CVBIRDS is a listserv for nature lovers in the Chemung Valley area of NY State. The primary focus of the list is wild birds, their behavior, actions, sightings, and environment. Other nature topics can be discussed as well.

**eBirdsNYC**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ebirdsnyc
eBirdsNYC is primarily for reporting wild bird sightings within NYC and surrounding areas, defined rather vaguely - it might include places like Brigantine and Cape May in migration, the Adirondacks and Catskills during winter etc. Basically anywhere that’s a reasonable day-trip for NYC-based birders that has interesting birds.

**GeneseeBirds-L**
http://mail.geneseo.edu/mailman/listinfo/geneseebirds-l
Focuses on birds and birding in western New York.

**Hudson-Mohawk Birds (HMBirds)**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hmbirds/
HMBirds is mainly for reports of bird sightings and interesting bird behavior in the eleven counties surrounding Albany, NY. HMBirds is open to everyone interested in birding in the Hudson-Mohawk Region. HMBirds is sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, but you do not have to be a member of the Club to join HMBirds.

**MidHudson Birds**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MidHudsonBirds/
A forum for the dissemination of wild bird observations in the Ulster, Dutchess, Greene, and Columbia County areas of New York State, including the Catskill and Shawangunk Mountains. Related natural history observations within this geographical area, and relevant posts from outside of this area are also welcome.

**Northern New York Birds**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/northern_NY_birds/
A discussion area for amateur to expert birders to report rare, unusual, or simply interesting bird sightings in Northern NY. This would include the Adirondacks, St. Lawrence, Tug Hill, Eastern Lake Ontario, and Lake Champlain areas. Loosely, anywhere east of Lake Ontario/I-81 and north of I-90. Relevant cross-postings from neighboring groups are also encouraged.

**OneidaBirds**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/oneidabirds/
The Oneidabirds listserv has the following goals: To help Central New York birders exchange their bird sightings quickly; to encourage discussion on bird related topic, to inform birders of upcoming events.

**OSBirds (Otsego-Schoharie)**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/obirds/
Sightings and discussion about birds for Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie Counties of New York, and nearby areas.

**SiNaturalist**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sinaturalist
This group is for people interested in bird watching on Staten Island, and all natural science and environmental news relating to Staten Island, NY.
NYS Birding Organizations

There are over 50 organizations for birders in New York State! Join one, be a part of our community. Membership information is available on each organization’s website. If the club or society does not have a website, I’ve listed an email address or phone number.

The names, addresses, and websites of these organizations have been gathered from the websites of the New York Ornithological Association and Audubon New York. Thanks!

State-Wide Birding Organizations

**Audubon New York**
http://ny.audubon.org/
200 Trillium Lane
Albany, NY 12203

**New York State Bluebird Society**
http://www.nysbs.org/
5157 Orangetown Rd.
Brewerton NY 13029

**New York State Ornithological Association**
http://www.nybirds.org/

**New York State Young Birders Club**
http://www.nysyoungbirders.org/

Regional Membership Organizations

**Alan Devoe Bird Club**
P.O. Box 20
Chatham, NY 12037

**Allegany County Bird Club**
173 E. State St.
Wellsville, NY 14895
Email: braackc@alleganyco.com

**Audubon Society of the Capital Region**
http://www.capitalregionaudubon.org/

**Bedford Audubon Society**
http://www.bedfordaudubon.org
35 Todd Road
Katonah NY 10536

**Bronx River-Sound Shore Audubon Society**
http://www.brssaudubon.org/
P. O. Box 1108
Scarsdale, NY 10583

**Brooklyn Bird Club**  
http://www.brooklynbirdclub.org/  
email address: info@brooklynbirdclub.org

**Buffalo Audubon Society**  
http://www.buffaloaudubon.org/  
1610 Welch Rd  
North Java, NY 14113

**Buffalo Ornithological Society**  
http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/  
Buffalo Museum of Science  
1020 Humboldt Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14211-1293

**Burroughs Audubon Nature Club**  
http://bancny.org/  
126 Ayrault Rd.  
Fairport, NY 14450  
Greater Rochester area.

**Cattaraugus County Bird Club**  
http://cattbird.org/  
c/o Regina M. VanScy  
5557 Nichols Run  
Limestone, NY 14753

**Cayuga Bird Club**  
http://www.cayugabirdclub.org/  
159 Sapsucker Woods Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850

**Central Westchester Audubon Society**  
http://www.centralwestchesteraudubon.org/  
P.O. Box 359, White Plains, NY 10602  
Elmsford, Greenburgh, Harrison, Purchase, Rye, Rye Brook, Port Chester, White Plains

**Chemung Valley Audubon Society**  
http://www.freewebs.com/cvas/  
P.O. Box 663  
Elmira, NY 14902

**Chenango Bird Club**  
3683 County Rd 32  
Oxford, NY 13830

**Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society**  
http://doas.us/
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**Jamestown Audubon Society**
http://www.jamestownaudubon.org
Audubon Center & Sanctuary
1600 Riverside Road
Jamestown, NY 14701

**Kirkland Bird Club**
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kirkland-Bird-Club/179119088798483
c/o Karen Evert
75 Chestnut Hills
New Hartford, NY 13413
Oneida County area

**Lake Erie Bird Club**
6 Pine Drive
Fredonia, NY 14063
Email: goetz@netsync.net
Meeting schedule posted on Jamestown Audubon Society website under links/friends and partners.

**The Linnaean Society of New York**
http://linnaeannewyork.org/
P.O. Box 4121
New York, NY 10163-4121

**Naturalists’ Club of Broome County**
http://www.naturalistsclub.org/
P.O. Box 191
Vestal, NY 13851-0191

**New York City Audubon Society**
http://www.nycaudubon.org/
71 West 23rd Street, Suite 1523
New York, NY 10010

**North Country Bird Club**
P.O. Box 634
Watertown, NY 13601

**North Fork Audubon Society**
http://www.northforkaudubon.org/
P.O. Box 973
Mattituck, NY 11952

**North Shore Audubon Society**
(formerly Lyman Langdon Audubon Society)
http://www.northshoreaudubon.org
P.O. Box 763
Port Washington, NY 11050

**Northern Catskills Audubon Society**
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Palenville, NY 12463  
Phone number: 518-678-3248  
Greene County | Northern New York Audubon Society Inc.  
(formerly High Peaks Audubon Society & St. Lawrence/Adirondack Audubon)  
http://nnya.org/  
PO Box 488  
Keene Valley, NY 12943 |
| PO Box 488  
P.O. Box 620  
Syracuse, NY 13201 | Onondaga Audubon Society  
http://onondagaudubon.com/  
P.O. Box 836  
Middletown NY 10940 |
| PO Box 836  
Middletown NY 10940 | Orange County Audubon Society  
http://www.orangecountynyaudubon.com  
PO Box 836  
Middletown NY 10940 |
| PO Box 487  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540 | Putnam Highlands Audubon  
http://www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org |
| c/o Alley Pond Environmental Center  
228-06 Northern Boulevard  
Douglaston, NY 11363-1890 | Queens County Bird Club  
http://www.qcbirdclub.org/  
P.O. Box 487  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540  
Dutchess County |
| 187 Longridge Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14616 | Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club  
http://watermanbirdclub.org/  
P.O. Box 487  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540  
Dutchess County |
| 187 Longridge Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14616 | Rochester Birding Association  
http://www.rochesterbirding.com/  
P.O. Box 404  
New City, NY 10956 |
| 275 Millwood Road  
Chappaqua, NY 10514 | Rockland Audubon  
http://www.rocklandaudubon.org/  
P.O. Box 404  
New City, NY 10956 |
| | Saw Mill River Audubon  
http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/  
275 Millwood Road  
Chappaqua, NY 10514 |
Southern Adirondack Audubon Society  
http://www.southernadirondackaudubon.org/
4 Windy Ln.
S. Glens Falls, NY 12803
Warren, Washington, and northern Saratoga counties

South Shore Audubon Society  
http://www.ssaudubon.org/
P.O. Box 31
Freeport, NY 11520-0031

Sullivan County Audubon Society  
http://www.sullivanaudubon.org/
P.O. Box 30
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759

Tioga Bird Club  
36 Logan Hill Road
Candor, NY 13743
email: bpbird@frontiernet.net

Educational, Wildlife Rehab, and Other Birding Organizations in NYS

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology  
http://birds.cornell.edu/

John Burroughs Natural History Society  
http://jbnhs.org/

New York State Avian Records Committee  
http://www.nybirds.org/NYSARC/index.htm

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
http://www.dec.ny.gov/

New York State Wildlife Rehabilitators List  
http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83977.html

Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History  
http://www.rtpi.org/
311 Curtis St
Jamestown, NY 14701

And...

For more information about NYS wildlife sanctuaries, birding hotspots, national birding organizations, ornithological projects, etc., these pages offer useful links. Also check the websites of the above organizations for links to local wildlife sanctuaries and educational associations.

NYSOA - Resources  
http://nybirds.org/ResourceWebLinks.htm
NY Audubon – Birds and Wildlife
http://ny.audubon.org/birds-wildlife

Birds of New York State
http://library.sunyacc.edu/birds
An online guide to birding resources out of the SUNY Adirondack Library.

Long Island Birding
http://www.libirding.com/LI_Birds/
A site about Long Island birds and birding.