

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology Presents

Spring Field Ornithology

March 25 – May 17, 2009

Learn to identify many of the birds of the Cayuga Lake region in our eight-week spring birding course that runs from March 25th through May 17th, 2009. You can sign up for lectures, field trips, or BOTH sections!

The year 2009 marks the 32nd year of the course!

Wednesday evening lectures are taught by Dr. Steve Kress, Vice President for Bird Conservation for the National Audubon Society, along with other Lab Staff. Lecture topics include "How to identify birds and use binoculars," "Bird song and courtship," "Gardening for birds," "Eggs & Nests," and "Neotropical songbird conservation." Powerpoint (slides/audio), and (before-class) video presentations are regular features.

Weekend (Saturday OR Sunday - student's choice) early morning field trips visit habitats like Sapsucker Woods, Dryden Lake, Derby Hill, Braddock Bay, and other select birding locations in Central NY. For an additional cost, students may choose to participate in one or both of the special overnight birding extravaganzas to either the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Seneca Falls, NY, and/or (via an overnight bus trip) the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (a premiere birding location on the East Coast) in Oceanville/Cape May, NJ area.

Enrollment (ages 12 and up) is limited, as the course is very popular. Students may be able to take the course for credit as independent study by obtaining approval from their advisor prior to enrolling. *PLEASE NOTE: If you have arranged to take the course for credit, you must let the SFO staff know this when you enroll.*

BECAUSE THIS SPRINGTIME COURSE IS VERY POPULAR, SPACE IS LIMITED!

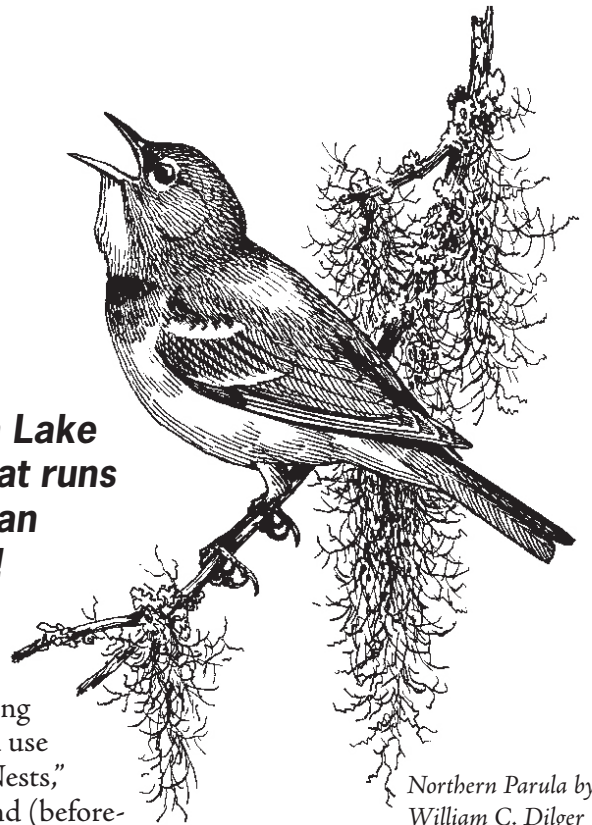
To enroll or to obtain the latest course information, please feel free to contact Course Coordinator George Dillmann at 607-254-2466, or call the Lab's (toll-free) number at 800-843-2473, or by mailing the enclosed form to the address below, along with your payment.

**Spring Field Ornithology
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Road
Ithaca, NY 14850-1999**

COURSE FEES*

Wednesday lectures ONLY:	\$150
Saturday/Sunday field trips ONLY:	\$150
BOTH lectures and field trips:	\$290

*Discounts are available for Cornell Lab of Ornithology members, staff, and volunteers.



*Northern Parula by
William C. Dilger*



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Course Schedule

Lectures Section

Wednesday lectures, 7:30–9:30PM, at the Lab of Ornithology on Sapsucker Woods Road in Ithaca, NY. PLEASE NOTE: ALL of the (optional) 1-hour guest speaker and video presentations will begin at 6:30 P.M.

- March 25** How to identify birds and use binoculars; Winter landbird resident identification. **Bring your binoculars and a field guide.** (Guest speakers Chris Wood [eBird] and Jacalyn Spoon [Adelson Library] beginning at 6:30 P.M. **No video.**
- April 1** Waterfowl identification; Cornell Collections, Part 1 (with Dr. Kimberly Bostwick); **Video: A Celebration of Birds with Roger Tory Peterson**
- April 8** Early landbird migrant identification; Bird migration; **Video: The Life of Birds—Limits of Endurance with Sir David Attenborough**
- April 15** Hawk and Owl ID; Song and Courtship; **Video: Pale Male (Hawk Courtship)**
- April 22** Late landbird migrant identification; Neotropical songbird conservation (Guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Rosenberg); **Videos: Banquet at Delaware Bay, and Returning Home: Bringing the Common Murre Back to Devil's Slide Rock**
- April 29** Eggs & Nests (Guest speaker Dr. David Winkler); Cornell Collections, Part 2 (with Dr. Kimberly Bostwick); **Video: Fish Out of Water**
- May 6** Warbler and vireo identification; Seabird conservation; **Video: Watching Warblers**
- May 13** Beyond Birding; Gardening for birds; **Video: Band of Birders—About Team Sapsucker** (the Lab's birding team)

Field Trips Section

Saturday **OR** Sunday trips. Locations, dates, and times noted below. Please bring binoculars and a field guide to all outings. Meet in the Lab of Ornithology observatory (lobby) unless otherwise specified.

- Mar 28, 29** 7–11 A.M., Sapsucker Woods and vicinity
- April 4, 5** 7–11 A.M., local wetlands
- April 11, 12** 7 A.M.–2 P.M. **Derby Hill Hawk Watch** †
OR 7–11 A.M., local trip
- April 14 (only)** **TUESDAY, 7:15 p.m.**, Woodcock/Owl watch
- April 18, 19** **Special overnight field trip to Montezuma NWR—extra fee applies**
OR Apr 18 or Apr 19: 7 A.M.–2 P.M., day trip †
OR Apr 18 or Apr 19: 7–11 A.M., local trip
- April 25, 26** 7–11 A.M., local upland habitats
- May 2, 3** 7 A.M.–3 P.M., **Braddock Bay** †
OR 7–11 A.M., local trip
- May 9, 10** **Special overnight field trip to Forsythe NWR, plus Cape May, NJ and surrounding areas—extra fee applies.** Bus departs Lab at 6:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 9 and returns to Lab at 9:30 P.M. on Sunday, May 10.
OR May 9 or May 10: 7–11 A.M., local trip
- May 16, 17** 7 A.M.–3 P.M., **Arnot Forest** †
OR 7–11 A.M., “local” trip (***AT ARNOT**)
(*Please note that ALL field trip groups on May 16 and 17 will convene **AT THE ARNOT FOREST at 7 A.M., NOT at the Lab of Ornithology.**)

PLEASE NOTE: Switching field trip days from week to week is **NOT** permitted!

† For anyone participating in the DAY trips, please remember to bring a bag lunch and a drink with you on those days. **NOTE:** Participants should have binoculars (spotting scopes are optional, not required), and a recent edition of one of the following field guides (available at most books stores, including **Wild Birds Unlimited at Sapsucker Woods**): *A Field Guide to Eastern Birds* by Roger Tory Peterson, or National Geographic Society's guide. **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING BINOCULARS AND A FIELD GUIDE TO THE FIRST LECTURE, AS WELL AS ON ALL FIELD TRIPS.**

Montezuma NWR—April 18 & 19 Saturday, April 18th

- 7:00 AM Meet in Lab of Ornithology Parking Lot
- 7:15 AM Depart for Montezuma NWR—stopping off at various locations along Cayuga Lake. (Bring bag lunch/drink)
- 12:00 PM Lunch, followed by birdwatching at Montezuma NWR South
- 6:00 PM Dinner (Casual dress, bring money for your meal)
Restaurant info: TBA
- 8:00 PM Arrive at the motel for overnight stay
Motel info: TBA
- 8:30 PM OPTIONAL night hike on the shore of Seneca Lake

Sunday, April 19th

- 6:00 AM OPTIONAL birding on the shore of Seneca Lake
- 7:00 AM Breakfast (Meal plan TBA)
- 8:00 AM Depart motel for Montezuma NWR
- 8:30 AM Birdwatching at the Northern Montezuma Wetlands State Wildlife Management Area
- 12:00 PM Lunch (at Montezuma Audubon Center) followed by OPTIONAL afternoon birdwatching at Montezuma NWR
- 3:30 PM Depart Montezuma NWR (Arrival in Ithaca approx. 5:00 PM)

Forsythe NWR/Cape May, NJ—May 9 & 10 Saturday, May 9th

- 5:30 AM Meet in Lab of Ornithology Parking Lot
- 6:00 AM Depart for Forsythe NWR (Bring bag lunch/drink)
- 12:30 PM Lunch, followed by birdwatching at Forsythe NWR
- 5:00 PM Dinner (Casual dress, bring money for your meal)
Restaurant info: TBA
- 8:00 PM Arrive at the motel for an overnight stay
Motel info: TBA
- 8:30 PM OPTIONAL night hike on the beach

Sunday, May 10th

- 5:30 AM OPTIONAL “early bird” walk on the beach
- 7:00 AM Breakfast (Meal plan TBA)
- 8:00 AM Depart motel for Higbee Beach
- 8:30 AM Birdwatching at Higbee Beach
- 10:30 AM Birdwatching at Cape May Point, followed by a picnic lunch (Meal & beverages provided)
- 1:00 PM Birding at Belleplain State Forest
- 3:30 PM Bus departs for Ithaca (Bus will make one stop—bring money for dinner. Arrival in Ithaca approx. 10:00 PM)

FOR BOTH TRIPS PLEASE NOTE: Trip schedules are tentative, and will depend on weather conditions and springtime migration patterns on the day(s) of the trip.

Items to bring with you: Non-perishable bag lunch (TWO for the Montezuma trip) and drink(s), money for dinner on Saturday (AND Sunday for the Forsythe trip), binoculars (and/or spotting scope), field guide, sunscreen, water bottle, and bug repellent. Attire is casual. We recommend wearing layered, light-colored clothing (long pants), long socks, and sun hats. Watch the weather channel—you may need rain gear and/or a windbreaker!

Spring Field Ornithology 2009 Registration Form *(please print)*

Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

Lab I.D. number (if known) _____ Daytime phone _____

E-mail address _____

Where did you hear about the class or obtain this notice? _____

Enroll me in	Non-member	Member*	# of People	TOTAL COST
Lectures only	\$150	\$135*	x _____	= \$ _____
Field trips only	\$150	\$135*	x _____	= \$ _____
BOTH sections	\$290	\$260*	x _____	= \$ _____

*Become a Lab member (or renew your membership) prior to enrolling and receive Lab membership benefits including a 10% discount on your course fees (discount pricing does NOT apply to special field trips), a one-year subscription to the Lab's publications, a 10% discount on our Home Study Course in Bird Biology (Chapter 2 was authored by Dr. Kress), PLUS 10% off purchases made at the **Wild Birds Unlimited at Sapsucker Woods** store located inside the Lab of Ornithology. Please make enrollment checks payable to: **Cornell Lab of Ornithology—SFO**, and mail to the address listed on the front of this flyer OR, enroll online via our course web site at <<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo>>.

How would you like to receive lectures handouts? As electronic files (available via Internet or on DVD/CD) Printed on paper

Which morning will you attend field trips? Saturday OR Sunday (Choose one ONLY—switching trip days is NOT allowed)

What do you feel your skill level for bird identification is? Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Would you be willing to drive for some field trips? IF SO - how many passengers (in addition to yourself) can you accommodate? # _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please charge my fee to credit card number _____ Exp. date _____

Cardholder signature _____ Visa M/C Discover

Montezuma NWR—April 18th & 19th, 2009

Please return this portion of the form, along with a check payable to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology **no later than Sunday, April 5th, 2009**. The package price includes (but may not be limited to) instruction and a night's stay at the motel (at a shared motel room price—please contact Terry if you would like a private room). **You will be responsible for all other trip expenses.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRIP REFUND REQUESTS CANNOT BE HONORED AFTER April 5th, 2009.

Name(s) _____ Daytime phone _____

Would like to room with: _____ OR Select roommate for me

Package = \$80.00 per person X _____ (# of persons attending) = \$ _____ (TOTAL AMOUNT)

Please indicate method of payment: Check Cash Credit Card

Credit card number _____ Exp. date _____

Cardholder signature _____ Visa M/C Discover

Trip inquiries should be referred to Terry Mingle via email <sfoclass@cornell.edu> or, call 607-254-2452 for more information.

Forsythe NWR/Cape May, NJ—May 9th & 10th, 2009

Please return this portion of the form, along with a check payable to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology **no later than Sunday, April 26th, 2009**. The package price includes (but may not be limited to) instruction, bus transportation, a one-night stay at the motel (at a shared motel room price—please contact Terry if you would like a private room), and a picnic lunch on Sunday afternoon. **You will be responsible for all other trip expenses.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRIP REFUND REQUESTS CANNOT BE HONORED AFTER April 26th, 2009.

Name(s) _____ Daytime phone _____

Would like to room with: _____ OR Select roommate for me

Package = \$150.00 per person X _____ (# of persons attending) = \$ _____ (TOTAL AMOUNT)

Please indicate method of payment: Check Cash Credit Card

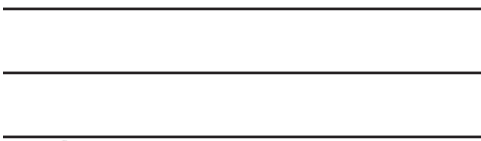
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Ithaca, NY 14850

Please fill out and return your registration form as soon
as possible to ensure your space in the class.
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