



*Yellow-bellied sapsucker
Caroline Pearson*

INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2010-11

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FALL WORK DAY

Bring your tools and help clean up the trails for winter. There's still a big gravel pile, and always encroaching brush and blow-downs. Bring a lunch and learn more about what's going on at ICNC.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 9 9:00 am-?
Leader: Roger Hutchinson (315) 386-4795

WORK ON THE LOWLAND TRAIL

The Adirondack Mountain Club Professional Trail Crew, living on site, began a five day work week on June 11th to build bridges and reconstruct sections of the Lowland trail. This loop extends northeast from the boardwalk to extensive views of the wetlands on a wide point. Five crew members carried in wood and began setting and nailing bridges as the Conservation Field Days students finished their programs. The work was funded by a bequest from former board member Herb Mason. Future work may include a volunteer crew in the summer of 2011.

President's Message

We hope to have the work finished on the interpretive trail and the brochure ready before the snow flies. As you can see above, Caroline Pearson has done a beautiful job of creating some of the illustrations for the Lowland Trail brochure. The bird check-list is also in the works. The Adirondack Mountain Club professional trail crew built a new boardwalk and did some re-routing on the lowland trail. This should make the trail much more 'foot friendly'. The YCC did some much needed side cutting on the trail. It's work that always needs to be done. Many thanks to all the volunteers that made it possible for the county sixth graders to participate in the Conservation Field Day. Also a big thank you to Kathie and Gordon Batson for the donation of binoculars. Please check the date for our fall workday and plan to give a few hours getting the trails ready for winter. Here's hoping that you can get out to enjoy the Center and the programs planned for the Fall.

Best Wishes, Ann



Alison Charles

Glenn Johnson lets a fascinated group handle a turtle during a recent program at the Nature Center. Snakes and salamanders too!

Fall/Winter 2010-11 Public Programs

Public programs, presented by our volunteer naturalists, biologists, foresters and educators, are provided free of charge. We ask only that you register with the individual program leader **prior** to the date of the event. Assistance is also available by calling Anne Johnson at (315) 322-4058. **Unless otherwise noted, all groups meet at the Main Entrance parking lot.**

WILD FRUITS AND WILDLIFE

The early and mid-summer wild fruits and berries provide sweet, nourishing food for mammals and birds. Some of the late summer/fall fruits, especially the more pungent, sour, even toxic varieties may be distasteful to some, yet are extremely important in the diet of the long-distance migrant birds. Find out why as we look at some wild fruiting plants and discuss their value to the Nature Center's wildlife. Pre-registration requested.

Leader: Don O'Shea (315) 393-5137
Date: Saturday, September 4 9:30-11:30 am

THE NIGHT SKY IN AUTUMN

Say goodbye to the summer with an evening of star gazing. We will observe Jupiter through the telescope, and take a tour of the late summer/early autumn sky.

Leader: Jeff Miller (315) 229-5493
Date: Saturday, September 11 8 - 9 pm

FALL FLOWERING PLANTS.

Join us at the Nature Center for a walk through wetland and woodland habitats in search of asters, goldenrods, and other fall flowering plants.

Leader: Anne Johnson (315) 322-4058
Date: Sunday, September 12 9:00-11:30 am

MUSHROOMS OR MOSSES - DEPENDS

If we have wet weather we should find sufficient fungi to learn how to identify some of the common mushrooms. To collect fungi we need waxed paper, a field knife, and some sort of basket. If the weather is drier we will learn how to recognize the common mosses. To collect mosses we need a hand lens, 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper, and preferably, a small spray mister (such as you would use in ironing clothes).

Leader: Dr. Karl McKnight (315) 229-5147
Date: Saturday, September 25 9:30 am-Noon

REMEMBER: Member's work day Oct. 9
Seed pick-up Oct. 23

FALL BIRD WALK

Jointly sponsored with the Northern NY Audubon. Participants will view a wide variety of species on a hike through shrubland, marsh, wetland, and forest along the Tower and Succession trails. A spotting scope will be used to view birds on Lower Lake from the top of the observation tower. Binoculars are available, or bring your own.

Leaders: Mary Beth Warburton (315) 268-0150
Eileen Wheeler (315) 386-2482
Date: Sunday, September 26 8:00 - 11:00 am

TREES AND SHRUBS

We are at the beginning of the season for fall colors. Ash and red maples will be in color at the edge of fields. We will take a deeper look at the forest and trees with emphasis on identification, ecological and silvicultural characteristics and historical and botanical significance. For all ages.

Leader: Don Brown (315) 244-1517
Date: Saturday, October 2 9:30 am-noon

AQUATIC ORGANISMS AND NEARBY INSECTS

Retired naturalist, Bob Wakefield will lead a trip to the Nature Center's nearby ponds. A few nets, trays and guide books will be provided for a survey of pond life and any other creatures nearby. He'll point out ways of catching things and discuss ecology and adaptations according to interests in the group.

Leader: Bob Wakefield (315) 287-4179
Date: Saturday, October 16 10:00 am-noon

PLAN A TRIP OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE

If your scout, garden, or school group would like a guided tour of the Center, a guide can usually be arranged by calling any of the board members listed on page 1. Since winter trips can't be planned in advance, please check our web site, www.indiancreeknaturecenter.us, or your local paper for winter activities.

Indian Creek Nature Center Birdseed Sale 2010

Many prices have been reduced again this year due to early ordering. The sale of bird seed is one of the many fundraisers for the Nature Center, and we need your financial support. Your birdseed purchases are, in part, a contribution toward maintenance, overhead, and programs at the Center. Won't you support us in our birdseed sale?

Order Form - Your Copy

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
20 #	Choice Blend	_____	\$ 14.00	_____
20 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 17.50	_____
20 #	Just Desserts	_____	\$ 29.00	_____
18 #	Cardinal Blend	_____	\$ 19.00	_____
20 #	Finch Blend	_____	\$ 24.00	_____
20 #	Chickadee Blend	_____	\$ 22.00	_____
30 #	Value Blend	_____	\$ 11.00	_____
40 #	Choice Blend	_____	\$ 23.00	_____
40 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 31.00	_____
25 #	Black Oil Sunflower	_____	\$ 14.00	_____
50 #	Black Oil Sunflower	_____	\$ 24.00	_____
25 #	Striped Sunflower	_____	\$ 21.00	_____
50 #	Striped Sunflower	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
25#	Sunflower Kernels	_____	\$ 33.00	_____
50 #	Cracked Corn	_____	\$ 13.50	_____
10 #	Nyjer-Thistle	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
25 #	Nyjer- Thistle	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
Ea.	Nutty Butter Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Ea.	High Energy Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Total (Check# _____)		Enclosed = \$ _____		

Mail your order by **October 1** to:

Roger Hutchinson
c/o INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER
4 Orebed Rd. Canton, NY 13617

Pick up Order Saturday, **October 23, 9-3 PM**
Army Reserve Center W. Main St., Canton, NY 13617

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Make Checks Payable to:

INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Membership Form : North Country Conservation Education Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Membership for 200__ New__ Renewal__

Make check payable to:

Indian Creek Nature Center
PO Box 286, Canton, NY 13617

Student (in school/college)	\$10 _____
Senior Citizen (age 62 and over)	\$10 _____
Individual	\$20 _____
Family	\$30 _____
Patron	\$100 _____
Life (non-transferable)	\$200 _____
Donation	\$ _____

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