

You are invited to attend

A Weekend at Sapsucker Woods

Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York
June 21–23, 2012



The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a world leader in the study, appreciation, and conservation of birds. Our hallmarks are scientific excellence and technological innovation to advance the understanding of nature and to engage people of all ages in learning about birds and protecting the planet.

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The real privilege is meeting Lab staff and hearing what they're doing. Having time to chat with extraordinary people like Ken Rosenberg and Jessie Barry was perhaps most important of all.

Chris Wright



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You're invited to our 2012 Weekend at Sapsucker Woods—two full days of enlightenment, birding, and camaraderie. This year's activities will start Thursday evening, June 21, and finish up early Saturday evening, June 23.

Reserve your spot by sending your registration form and payment by May 18. Your cost for the weekend is \$500 per person; this covers everything except hotel, travel expenses, and an optional dinner on Saturday evening. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Courtyard

Marriott, located near the Cornell Lab. You can make hotel arrangements by calling 607-330-3762. Ask for Theary and reference the Cornell Lab.

Soon after we receive your registration, we'll send you a comprehensive agenda and other materials to prepare you for the weekend. If you would like to know more about any aspect of the weekend, please contact Scott Sutcliffe at 607-254-2424 or sutcliffe@cornell.edu.

We hope you can join in the fun. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot soon.



Enjoy walks and look for birds along our trails.
Photo by Alex Gladstein

The paintings of the Golden-winged Warbler in this invitation were created especially for the Golden-wing Society by Evaristo Hernández-Fernández, a Bartels Science Illustration Intern. Each year the Bartels Science Illustration Intern program provides funding for talented artists to work at the Cornell Lab. You'll have a chance to see them in action during your visit.

Enjoy birds, people, and programs at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

We have planned a robust array of activities to enhance your birding experience and provide a deep understanding of the Cornell Lab's mission and programs.

Highlights

- Dynamic and engaging presentations by our director, John Fitzpatrick, and other Lab leaders
- Guided bird walks in Ithaca's birding hot spots
- Bird song recording, editing, and archiving of your recording in our Macaulay Library
- YardMap, a new citizen-science project designed to cultivate a richer understanding of bird habitat: you will learn how to use innovative and interactive tools to construct maps of your own yard, see how your yard connects with the larger landscape, and learn about improving habitats at home and across communities.
- Merlin, a new kind of bird identification tool that combines artificial intelligence with input from real-life birders to produce an online "wizard" to help you ID birds quickly
- Spectacular multimedia programs about some of the most unusual birds in the world—birds that have a story to tell
- Lessons on how to better identify birds—skills that will last a lifetime
- A fascinating and in-depth lesson about how binoculars and scopes work, led by a professional from the optics industry
- An eyes-on opportunity to try out a vast array of optical equipment
- Irby Lovette, director of the Fuller Evolutionary Biology Lab, will ask for your help in untangling the relationships of our summertime warblers
- Tours of the Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity and the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates.
- Great food and unsurpassed camaraderie

Loved the walks in the woods. Saw tons of birds. Great to see a sapsucker as well!

Debbie Reynolds

