

**Field Ornithology: 303-28400**  
**Fall 2004**  
**Dr. John Confer**

**FIELD TRIPS AND LABORATORY SCHEDULE**

For field trips, always dress according to weather prediction: rain, cold or sunny needing sunscreen. Bring layers of clothing to accommodate to cold mornings and hot afternoons.

- 26 Aug, Tr,    Lab.  
                  Use of binoculars and digiscoping  
                  Bird external anatomy
- 28 Aug, Sat,    5:30 AM - ~12:30 AM.  
                  Owl prowl and local parks from ~5:30-8:30, and donuts and coffee  
                  and Myers Point and lake shore 10:00-11:30, campus by 12:00
- 2 Sep, Tr,        Lab.  
                  Bird feathers, plumages, and molt  
                  Bird skeletons *vis a vis* other vertebrates
- 4 Sep, Sat,     5:00 AM - ~3:00 PM  
                  ASAP: Montezuma Nat'l Wildlife Refuge viewing platform,  
                  then coffee shop  
                  Bring lunch and a drink. I'll have a cooler.
- 9 Sep, Tr,        Morning lecture period: **ID Quiz #1.**
- 9 Sep, Tr,        Lab.  
                  Drive to Cornell University Vertebrate Collection:  
                  a. specimens of hard to identify species  
                  b. hybrid clines across North America
- 11 Sep, Sat,    5:00 AM – 3:00 PM,  
                  ASAP to Montezuma Nat'l Refuge, then coffee shop  
                  then around Cayuga Lake  
                  **Bring lunch and a drink. I'll have a cooler.**
- 16 Sep, Tr,     **ID Quiz #2.**
- 18 Sep, Sat,    No field trip. Good time to start digiscoping.
- 23 Sep, Tr,     **Exam** during lab period on text readings and lectures
- 24-25-26 September: Fr,-Su, Departure to be arranged. Return to Ithaca before 5:00,  
but plan on being exhausted and not being able to do much work Sunday night.  
    Long Island, NY –  
                  Jamaica Bay Nat'l Wildlife    Refuge,  
                  Fire Island Nat'l Seashore  
                  Captree State Park  
                  Kennedy Wildlife Refuge, and owls and more.

- 2 Oct., Sat., no field trip
- 7 Oct., Tr. Slide show or film and **ID Quiz #3**
- 9 Oct., Sa. 5:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Lake Ontario shoreline
- 21 Oct., Tr. Optional, preparation of museum-style bird study skins
- 4 Nov, Tr. **Exam** on text and lectures in lab period
- 6 Nov., Sa. 5:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Loon migration and tour around Cayuga Lake
- 11 Nov. Tr. Slide show or film and **ID Quiz #4**
- 20 Nov. Sa. 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Breakfast and bird-banding at Confer's home in Brooktondale, NY
- 2 Dec. Tr. Slide show or film and **ID Quiz #5**
- 4 Dec., Sa. 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Tour around Cayuga Lake
- 9 Dec. Tr. Slide show or film and **ID Quiz #6**

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