

## 2017 - 18 Fall – Winter Field Trips



### September 16 & 30 – Birding the Washington County Grasslands

Join Friends of the IBA Executive Director Laurie LaFond and avid birder Bo Harris to see what's happening in the IBA! We'll visit FIBA's Alfred Z. Solomon Grassland Bird Viewing Area and take a private tour of 64 acres of critical habitat we're working to purchase. We'll also visit NYSDEC's Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and other prime birding sites nearby. Likely sightings include Northern harriers, kestrels, bluebirds, hawks, migrating warblers and dozens of other species!

**Meeting Time:** 8:00 a.m. *Call Bo at (518) 677-3350 to register.*

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### January 27 & March 17 – Owl Watch & Winter Raptors!

Grab your binoculars and head out to the Washington County Grasslands with Friends of the IBA Executive Director Laurie LaFond & avid birder Rich Speidel to look for Short-eared owls and other wintering raptors. Likely sightings include Short-eared owls, Rough-legged hawks, Red-tailed hawks, Northern harriers, Horned larks, Snow buntings and more! Snowy owls always possible. Group size is limited. *CALL Rich at (518) 623-2587 to register.*

**Meeting Time:** 2:30 p.m. (January); 4 p.m (March)

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ALL FIELD TRIPS: **FEE:** \$15 nonmembers (\$25 Family); Free to Members

Visit [www.ibafriends.org](http://www.ibafriends.org) for full schedule and details...

**Friends of the IBA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust** conserving critical habitat for New York's endangered Short-eared owls and other at-risk grassland birds. We are currently working to purchase and permanently protect 64 acres of critical habitat in the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area (IBA).

Public contributions are encouraged.

**Friends of the Washington County Grasslands IBA, Inc.**