

**New York State Ornithological Association
71st Annual Meeting
Hosted by Burroughs Audubon Nature Club & Rochester Birding Association
October 5 – 7, 2018,
RIT Inn and Conference Center, Henrietta, NY**



The 71st annual meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) will be held October 5 – 7, 2018 in Henrietta, NY, a suburb of Rochester. This meeting will be hosted by Burroughs Audubon Nature Club (BANC) and the Rochester Birding Association (RBA). This will be the 70th anniversary of the first meeting of the organization, formerly called the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, which was held in Rochester in 1948, with each following 10th anniversary meeting since also held here. The meeting and associated activities will be centered at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta, NY 14467. This location has ample space for our inside activities and easy access to the Thruway and highways for travel to nearby birding spots.

The weekend meeting will include Friday afternoon field trips for early arrivals and a welcome reception and buffet followed by two workshops, each run twice and in parallel on Friday night. On Saturday morning there will be field trips. A papers session will be held in the afternoon and a banquet and speaker in the evening. Sunday morning will bring more field trips. Friday and Saturday afternoons will also provide an opportunity to visit vendors and other exhibits while meeting people from across the state. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. You do not have to be a member of NYSOA to attend.

**Saturday Night Banquet Speaker: Greg Miller
A Big Year: Life After**

The banquet speaker will be Greg Miller of *The Big Year* book and movie fame. This is the 20th anniversary of Greg's Big Year. He will approach the subject from the viewpoint of what followed from his adventures: the book, the movie, and his future involvement in birding. He was able to spend time on the movie set interacting with Jack Black (who played him), Steve Martin, and Owen Wilson and served as Bird Consultant to the movie. He has become an advocate of bringing birding to as many people as possible through talks and leading tours, makes bird records contributions through eBird, and has a special interest in encouraging young birders.



In 2016, he embarked on another Big Year, this one non-traditional. It consisted of 11 one-week tours aimed at introducing many to target species birding, with a goal of surpassing 500 species with that limited-time, focused approach. He currently lives in Sugarcreek in the heart of Amish Country in Northeast Ohio.