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Renew or Join at the Loon Level by June 30th and receive an IRLC hat!

We've enclosed a Membership envelope for your convenience.

Individual - \$35.00

Individual access to public & member only events. IRLC window decal

Heron - \$250.00

IRLC hat plus all benefits above

Family - \$50.00

Family access to public & member only events. 2 IRLC window decals

Osprey - \$500.00

Invitation to President's End-of-Summer Thank You Party plus all benefits above

Loon - \$100.00

Priority access to public & member only events - plus all benefits above

Eagle - \$1,000.00 & above

Invitation to special small group events, unique eagle pin plus all benefits

Special Membership Offer: We've created a great looking, first ever IRLC Hat. Normally a free hat would go to donors at the Heron Level (\$250) and above, but from now until June 30, 2014 we'll give a hat to anyone who renews or joins at the Loon level (\$100). You can also get a free hat by completing 15 volunteer hours by June 30th. Two hats if you do both!

Membership is the base of any organization like ours. If you are not a Member please join us. If you are already a Member please consider upgrading your membership level.

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During the late fall and winter months flocks of chickadees enliven the winter scene in so many ways. The patient person can actually tame individual birds to eat from your hand with time and patient effort. Certainly the winter woods would be a duller place without these entertaining creatures. From a conservation standpoint there seems little short-term worry for the future of this widespread, adaptable species. That said, on our fast changing planet there are few guarantees. Some populations of this species have been hard hit by West Nile Virus and experienced sharp but apparently temporary declines. And climate change can be a threat even to widespread and adaptable critters. For now, however, this species can just be enjoyed for all its qualities we humans find so endearing

Gerry Smith is a senior Northern New York ornithologist and consulting ecologist. Gerry is a devoted friend and advocate for grass roots land trusts and the dedicated volunteers who share his love of nature.

Our Popular Seasonal Hikes Continue



Twenty-nine hikers enjoyed the striking scenery and learned about the geological history of this region from geologist Ken Schwarz on our "Falling Leaves" hike along the North Ridge trail at the Grand Lake Reserve near Redwood. The next IRLC-sponsored hike titled "Winter Wonderland" is slated for February 9, 2014.

Don't miss out! We have more hikes and special events planned this summer. If you want to make certain that you get notifications and reminders about our activities, make sure you are on our email list. If you haven't been getting hike reminders, please send us your email address: indianriverlakes@gmail.com.