

## The Cornell Lab Young Birders Event

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is excited to host The Cornell Lab Young Birders Event, which will be held August 12-15, 2010 in Ithaca, New York. The Young Birders' Event aims to bring together teenagers with a passion for birds and interested in pursuing a career in the field. You'll meet people who have successful careers that involve birds in a variety of ways from ornithological researchers to tour leaders, to audio specialists and computer scientists. High school aged young birders are invited to fill out our application form and return it for review by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Ten young birders will be selected and notified in late April.

The Young Birder's Event will feature:

- two days of field trips
- presentations by Cornell Lab of Ornithology staff including professors, researchers, and students who will share various ways to incorporate birds into a career
- eBird and field notes workshop
- specimen preparation workshop
- sound recording workshop
- tour of Cornell Lab including the Macaulay Library and Museum of Vertebrates
- dinner with Cornell Lab Directors and Staff

**Application Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Tuition: \$250** *Travel expenses to and from Ithaca are not covered in the tuition.*

Meet Chris Wood and Jessie Barry, the primary leaders for the event:

Chris Wood is an eBird Project leader and WINGS tour leader. He's a Colorado native who's been birding since he figured out he couldn't find dinosaur fossils in his sandbox. Chris has traveled the world in search of birds and is thrilled to be able to share some stories and birding skills with young birders.

Jessie Barry is an Assistant Curator in the Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds. Her first word was "duck" and she's been working on a life list since age 10. Jessie joined the lab in 2008, shortly after graduating from the University of Washington. Along with Chris, Jessie hosts the Lab's birding video series called *Inside Birding*.

