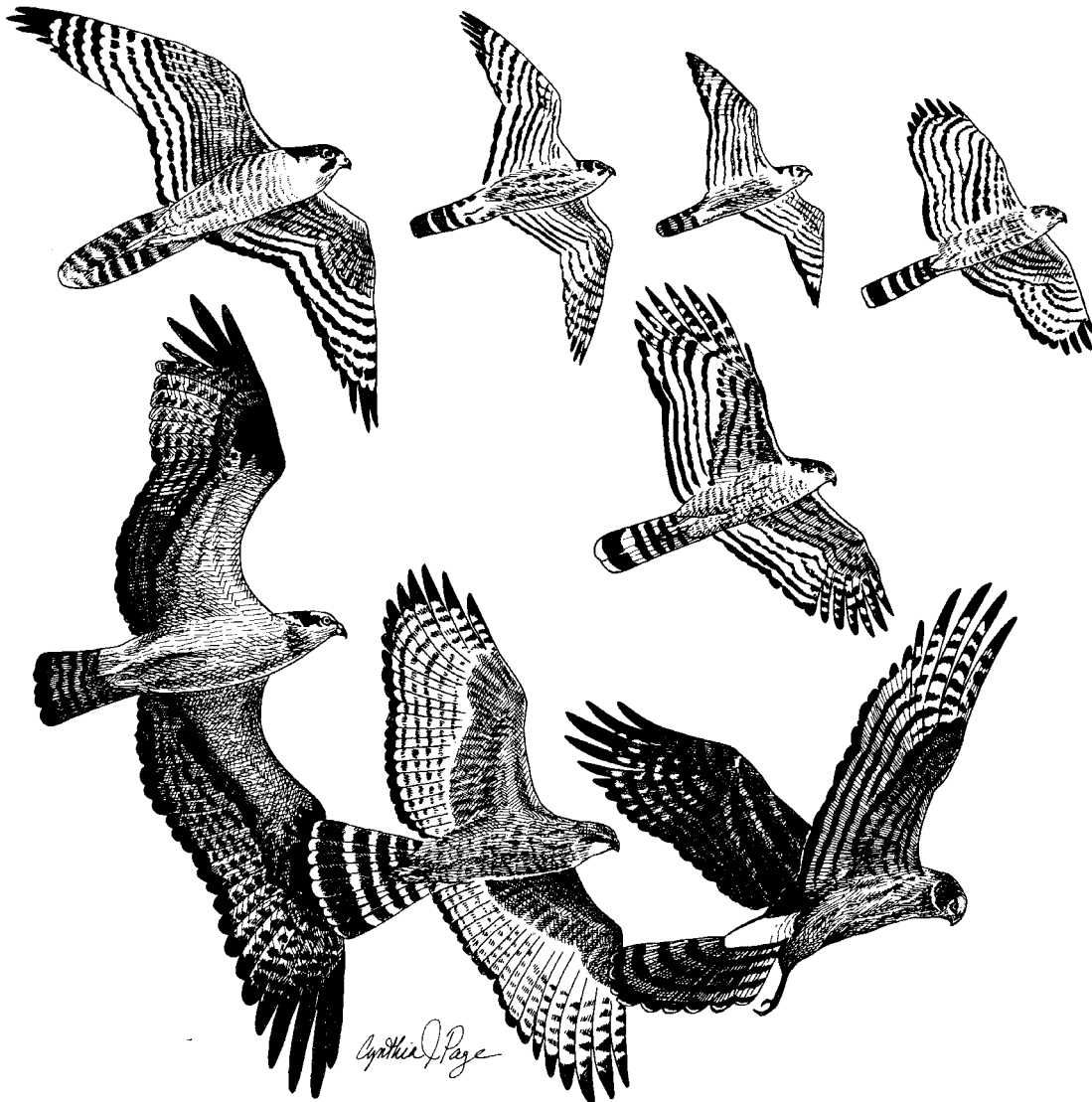




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Seminar 2004  
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**NYSWRC  
SEMINAR 2004**

NEW YORK STATE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COUNCIL  
24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEMINAR

**Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 2004**

**Owego Treadway Inn Conference Center  
Owego, NY**

**Registration Deadline:  
Sept. 10, 2004**

**About NYSWRC:**

The New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council is a not-for-profit statewide organization. The primary goal of our membership-based organization is to promote professionalism in the field of wildlife rehabilitation and to provide wildlife rehabilitators with educational and technical support. NYSWRC encourages a strong network within New York and across the country. NYSWRC is the oldest statewide organization in the United States and has gained national recognition for its many accomplishments. In addition to sponsoring educational opportunities, NYSWRC serves as a liaison to government agencies working with wildlife, and publishes a quarterly newsletter, Release. We welcome you as members.

**Cooperating Organizations:**

We welcome the assistance and participation of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Wildlife Associations. The tri-state effort will make this an extra special event.

**About the Location:**

The Owego Treadway Inn is conveniently located for participants from NJ, PA and NY. Owego is just off interstate 86 (Old Rt. 17), 30 miles from Ithaca, 20 miles from Binghamton, 182 miles from Buffalo, 204 miles from NY City, 164 miles from Albany, close to the PA border, and 213 miles from Philadelphia, PA.

**Keynote Speaker and Specialty Courses:**

We are especially lucky this year to be joined by several nationally known wildlife rehabilitators: Keynote Speaker **Walter Crawford** (World Bird Sanctuary, MO) as well as **Dr. Erica Miller, DVM** (Tri State Bird Rescue & Research, DE), **Shirley and Allan Casey** (WildAgain, CO), and **Bill Brothers** (ACES, CA) as well as **veterinarians** from Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. If you have ever attended a national conference or read the national wildlife rehabilitation publications you will recognize these individuals. We are pleased that these stellar rehabilitators, educators, and conservationists are among the many speakers joining us this year.

**About the Courses:**

NYSWRC is proud to bring you the very best instructors presenting timely topics that have been requested by our members. This is your opportunity to learn from experienced rehabilitators and veterinarians.

Please be aware that some workshops will include lab work handling dead animals so that you may gain valuable hands-on experience while under the supervision of experts.

As in all rehabilitation there are inherent risks involved with handling wildlife, dead or alive. NYSWRC will provide latex gloves and surgical masks, but if you feel the need you may provide your own additional safety equipment during the seminar. Anyone with latex allergies should provide their own gloves.

**Auction/Raffles:**

This year's auctions and raffles will be bigger, quicker and better than ever. You can help. Participate by donating to the event. Anything and everything is welcome: T-shirts, mugs, artwork, medical supplies, animal equipment, crates, cages, etc. We need it all. Prepare for bargains--prepare for FUN!

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed to act as room monitors. Keep track of attendance, introduce speakers, warn of end of session time, and take care of room arrangements. Fill in box on registration form if you'd like to help us.

**New York Rehabilitator Registration Scholarships:**

- You must be a currently licensed New York State wildlife rehabilitator for no less than 1 year and no more than 5 years for the general scholarships, and more than 5 years for the Bulander scholarship. (Include a copy of your current state license.)
- You must submit a letter stating how you feel you would benefit from attending the seminar

**Submit Scholarship application letter to:**

Seminar Chair at PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852 on or before August 26.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM:** *Only fill this out and return it if you are not a current member, are not able to attend the conference, and do wish to join NYSWRC.*

I would like to join NYSWRC: \_\_\_ General USA: \$20. \_\_\_ Household: \$35 \_\_\_ Organization: \$40.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Canadian: \$30.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return, with your check payable to NYSWRC, to:  
NYSWRC MEMBERSHIP, 4139 Ontario Center Rd., Walworth, NY 14568

## Specialty Courses

These require advance registration and may have an additional fee.

### Two Day Squirrel Seminar

A new highlight this year is the addition of a two day Squirrel Seminar by Allan and Shirley Casey of Wild Again in CO ([www.ewildagain.org](http://www.ewildagain.org)). To incorporate this into our program and allow people the opportunity to attend the rest of our seminar we are scheduling the squirrel seminar on Thursday, September 30th and Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This course is a unique opportunity to learn the many aspects of squirrel care for the successful rehabilitation of the most common mammal species rehabilitated in NY, the gray squirrel the other species of tree and ground squirrels. This fast-paced program provides extensive information about effectively rehabilitating infant, juvenile and adult squirrels. This seminar has received excellent feedback from both new and experienced rehabilitators, and NYSWRC is proud to present it at our conference.

Fee (including comprehensive 265 page handbook):  
\$90. (\$80. if registering for full conference.)

**Animal Basic Care** is an all day workshop designed for beginning rehabilitators and those who feel the need for more hands-on experience. The course includes lecture, hands-on experience with dead animals, and an extensive manual and medical kit. A certificate of participation will be given.

Fee: \$75.

### Chemical Capture Full Day Course

Bill Brothers, owner of Animal Care & Equipment and Services, Inc. (ACES), Crestline, CA

This eight hour course is an excellent beginning for **rehabilitators, humane workers and animal control officers** who are interested in becoming skilled at chemical capture. Course lecture is supplemented by instructional videotapes of real-life captures and by field practice with equipment and targeting. Fee: \$110.

#### Choosing Chemical Capture

Learn the correct method for each situation, equipment, training protocols, legal liability issues

#### Preparing for the Capture

Animal behavior, assessing environmental conditions, evaluating site options, analyzing dart impact, practicing the commandments of chemical immobilization, completing the report forms

#### Understanding Pharmacology

How to mix "cocktails," determine correct dosages, estimate an animal's weight, etc.

#### Using Appropriate Equipment

Equipment options, including poles, syringes, blowpipes, and power projectors

#### Field Practice

Handle each type of equipment, practice with blowpipes and gun-type projectors, load syringes

An attendance certificate will be issued at the completion of the course. A box lunch will be provided. Fee: \$110

### Capture, Transport & Emergency Care for Wildlife

Peggy Hentz, Red Creek Wildlife Center, PA

This six hour course is the perfect class for staff or volunteers who provide the capture and transport aspect of rehabilitation. Wildlife first responders will receive training in the basic care needed in those critical first few hours. Your fee includes a training manual. Fee: \$15.

### Turtle Shell Repair

Kathy Michell and Harriet Forrester

Learn the techniques of repairing damaged turtle shells. Repair kit is included in your cost. Practice, under the watchful eyes of your instructors, cleaning, mixing glues and applying fibre glass to dead turtles. Fee: \$15

### Rabies Vector Species

This course is offered by NYS DEC and NYSWRC. It is a must for anyone considering working with RVS animals. You must be registered and are expected to attend the entire class. You will be asked to sign in and out. This course is a pre-requisite to obtaining your RVS license. Free (\$40. if not attending the rest of the conference.)

### Wildlife Rehabilitator Exam

You must register with DEC, phone (518) 402-8985.

You must pass this exam to be able to handle mammals in New York.

### Jess Making Workshop

Fee: \$15.

### Field Trip to Cornell Veterinary College in Ithaca, Sunday afternoon

Parasitology, Pathology, and CPR for Wildlife Fee: \$5. each

# TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## 2004 SEMINAR

This schedule is subject to change,  
but is presented here to give you an idea of the new and exciting course offerings.

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY

\*Speciality Workshops: \* means Fee & Pre-registration Required

**THURSDAY**  
9:00-6:00

\* **Two Day Squirrel Seminar**, instructors Shirley and Allan Casey, WildAgain, CO, includes comprehensive squirrel care handbook 9:00-6:00 Thurs and 8:00-5:00 Fri.

**FRIDAY**

8:00-5:00  
8:30-5:30

\* **Two Day Squirrel Seminar**  
\* **Animal Basic Care**, NYSWRC instructors, Fee includes manual and medical kit.

8:30-5:30

\* **Rabies Vector Species**, NYS DEC, NYS Dept. of Health, NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Barb Hollands, and Elise Able

10:00-5:00

\* **Capture, Transport & Emergency Care for Wildlife**, Peggy Hentz, Red Creek Wildlife Ctr., PA

11:00-1:00

\* **NYS DEC Wildlife Rehabilitator Exam**, Must also register with DEC, phone 518.402.8985

General Session Lectures:

1:00-2:00

**Whitetail Deer Research; Spay Vac Contraceptive Vaccine**, Paul Curtis, Cornell Dept. of Natural Resources

2:00-3:00

**The World Bird Sanctuary, An Overview of the Start-up & Growth of a Bird Rehabilitation Facility**, Walter Crawford, World Bird Sanctuary; MO

3:00-4:00

**The Role of Stress & Concern for Common Zoonoses in Wildlife**, Dr. Erica Miller, DVM; Tri State Bird Rescue and Research; DE

4:00-5:00

**Radiographic Case Studies**, Dr. Laura Wade, DVM

6:00-6:30

**Annual Meeting** (NYSWRC elections and brief reports)

6:30-7:00

**Ice Breaker**

7:00-8:00

**Dinner**

8:00

**Animal Capture Olympics**, Bill Brothers, ACES; CA

### SATURDAY Morning

6:00-7:30

**Early Morning Bird Walk**

8:00-8:10

**Conference Welcome & Announcements**

Keynote Address:

8:10-9:05

**The World in Crisis: Where Do Wildlife Rehabilitators Fit In?**, Walter Crawford

9:05-10:00

**Wildlife Rehabilitation: The Big Picture at Home and Beyond**, Dr. Erica Miller, DVM

10:20-11:25

**Citizen Science**, Michael Powers, Cornell Lab. of Ornithology

10:20-11:30

**Captive Turtle Husbandry**, Harriett Forrester

11:30-12:30

**Common Injuries in Reptiles**, Harriet Forrester and Kathy Michell

10:20-11:30

**Care of Injured Cottontails**, Connie Maue

11:30-12:30

**Rehabilitation of Fox**, Elise Able

10:20-11:30

**Rehabilitation of the Porcupine**, Barb Cole

11:30-12:30

**Orphan Opossum Care**, Janice Hughlett

10:20-12:30

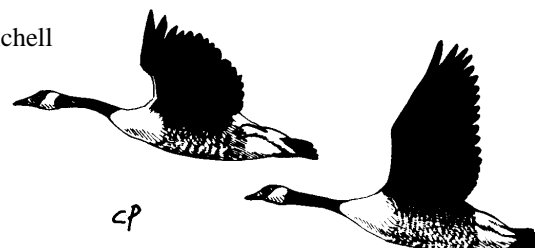
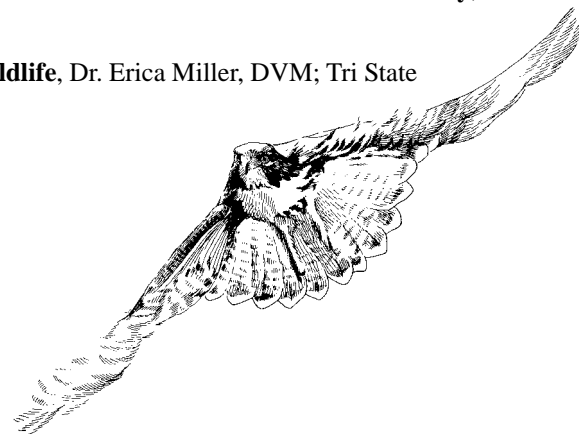
**Whitetail Deer Rehabilitation**, Cindy Page

10:20-11:30

**Wound Management Lecture**, Dr. Laura Wade, DVM (Required for those taking the later lab.)

11:30-12:30

**Mycoplasmosis in Eastern House Finches and Other Passerines: an Overview and Update**, Dr. George Kollias, DVM



## SATURDAY Afternoon & Evening

\*Fee & Pre-registration Required

- 1:30-2:30 **Eastern Bluebirds**, John Rogers  
2:30-3:30 **Maintenance of Accipiter Hawks in Captivity**, Dr. John Parks, Ph.D., Cornell Raptor Program and Dept. of Animal Science
- 1:30-2:15 **Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis; Considerations in Opossum Releases**, Cindy Page  
2:15-3:15 **Bat Identification, Natural History and Conservation**, Liz Thompson
- 1:30-2:15 **Animal Nutrition and Reading Labels**, Elise Able  
2:15-3:15 **Selecting and Using Rodent Chow**, Allan Casey
- 1:30-2:30 **Overview of Falconry and Licensing Requirements**  
2:30-3:15 **Use of Falconry Techniques for Rehabilitation**
- 1:30-3:15 **Caring for Oiled Wildlife**, Dr. Erica Miller, DVM
- 1:30-2:15 **Housing Education Animals**, Hawk Creek  
2:15-3:30 **So You Want to Do Education**, Hawk Creek  
3:45-4:30 **Beginning Raptor Training for Education**, Hawk Creek  
4:30-5:30 **Wings of Wonder: Utilization of Live Birds of Prey to Impact Environmental Education, You are the Message**, Walter Crawford
- 3:30-5:30 **Passerine Rehabilitation; Basic Care and Species Specifics**, Giselle Smisko
- 3:30-5:30 **\*Turtle Shell Repair**, Kathy Michell, Harriett Forrester
- 3:30-4:30 **Common Squirrel Health Problems**, Shirley Casey  
4:30-5:30 **Mammal Milk Replacers: More than Just a Cookbook**, Allan Casey
- 3:30-5:30 **\*Jess-making Workshop**
- 3:30-5:30 **\*Wound Management Lab**, Dr. Laura Wade, DVM (Must have attended previous AM lecture.)
- 6:30-7:00 **Cocktail Time**  
7:00 **Dinner**  
7:45 **Veterinarian of the Year Award**  
8:00 **Raffle/Auction**



## SUNDAY

- 6:30-7:30 **Early Morning Bird Walk**
- 8:00-9:00 **Antibiotic Use for Wildlife**, Dr. Laura Wade, DVM  
9:00-10:00 **Understanding and Treating Emaciation & Dehydration in Wildlife**, Dr. Erica Miller, DVM  
10:00-11:00 **Research on Cancer in Sea Lions**, Dr. Elizabeth Buckles, DVM  
11:00-12:00 **Presentation of Successful Homeopathic Wildlife Cases**, Shirley Casey
- 8:00-10:00 **Networking and Establishing a Wildlife Hotline**, Molly Gallagher, North Country Wild Care  
9:00-10:00 **Demystifying the 501 (c) 3 Process**, Allan Casey
- 9:00-10:00 **Turtle Identification**, Harriet Forrester  
10:00-12:00 **\*Turtle Shell Repair**, Kathy Michell and Harriett Forrester
- 8:00-5:00 **\*Chemical Capture Seminar**, Bill Brothers ACES
- 9:00-11:00 **The Simple Approach to Bird Training, Using Positive Reinforcement to Train Birds of Prey**, Walter Crawford, World Bird Sanctuary, MO
- 10:00-12:00 **Wound Management Lab**, Dr. Laura Wade, DVM (Must have attended Sat. lecture.)
- Off Site Field Trips--Carpools will be arranged.**  
1:30-3:30 **\*Workshops at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca**  
Parasitology  
Pathology Lab  
CPR for Wildlife
- 1:30-3:30 **Field Trip to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology & Cornell Raptor Barn**

# Owego Treadway Inn Registration Information

This year's conference is being held at the beautiful Owego Treadway Inn and Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express in Owego, NY. The Treadway has given us special conference rates which include our group's meals during your stay. Rates are listed below. **Please call Owego Treadway Inn to make your reservations, at 1 (607) 687-4500 after Aug. 1.** If you are part of a tax exempt organization that will be paying your bill, mention that, and be aware that you will have to pay with a check from that organization.)

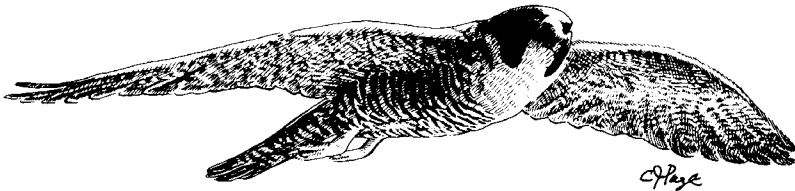
- Make any roommate arrangements in advance so you can tell the hotel at the time you book your room.
- Most rooms are non smoking. No pets (or wildlife) allowed. Kennels are located nearby.

Friday & Saturday night Complete Meeting Package & Room Rates-per person (includes tax & tips):  
(Fri. lunch, dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch, dinner, Sun. breakfast)

rates: Single \$253. Double \$184. Triple \$155. Quad \$140.

Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday rooms (\$72/person + tax & tips) and meals are also available at an additional cost.

Meals tickets for commuters will be for sale at the NYSWRC Registration Desk each morning.



## Conference Registration Information: (See next page to register with NYSWRC)

Speciality Workshops spaces are limited; preregistration is required for all workshops. Registrants must be at least 18 years old or hold a valid NYS license.

You do not have to register for the entire conference to participate in the Squirrel 2 Day Workshop, RVS training, the DEC exam, or the Chemical Capture Course, but will need to preregister and pay any relevant workshop fees.

Conference registration is required for all other workshops and to participate in the general sessions. You will be notified prior to the conference if you are accepted into your requested speciality workshops, via a confirmation letter with hotel directions.

Workshop fees will be refunded at the conference only if you are not accepted due to lack of workshop space. Refund requests must be received prior to September 28, 2004. No general registration cancellation refunds after September 28. All requests for cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed for consideration. A \$15. processing fee will be charged. A \$30. service charge will be levied for any returned checks that do not clear your bank.

Notice: Many workshops include the handling of dead animals as a part of the training. Latex gloves and masks will be provided; you may bring your own if you prefer. You will be asked to sign a release form at registration.

Updates will be posted on the NYSWRC website: <http://www.NYSWRC.org>

*Thanks to Cynthia J. Page for  
the use of her wonderful artwork*

# NYSWRC Conference 2004 Registration Form

DEADLINE: Sept. 10, 2004

Return to: Amy Freiman, Registrar, PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852

Questions: Call Amy at 518.582.3655

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any donations you are bringing to the auction: \_\_\_\_\_

What days will you be attending the seminar? \_\_\_THUR. \_\_\_FRI. \_\_\_SAT. \_\_\_SUN.

Do you require vegetarian meals? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

Would you like to volunteer as a room monitor? \_\_\_ Yes (NYSWRC will contact you prior to the session.)

## REGISTRATION FEES

**Conference Registrations Fees:** DOES NOT INCLUDE ROOM & BOARD  
\_\_\_\_ Full \$70. Current Members \$90. Nonmember (Nonmembers will receive a one-year  
\_\_\_\_ One Day Only \$45. Current Member \$65. Nonmember NYSWRC membership with registration.)

### Preregistration is required for these courses:

Check your choice (s) Limited Space--First Come, First Served!

| <i>Workshop</i>                                          | <i>Date</i>    | <i>Time</i>            | <i>Additional fee</i>                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ____ ◆ Two Day Squirrel Seminar                          | Thurs.<br>Fri. | 9:00-6:00<br>8:00-5:00 | \$90. or \$80. if registering for full<br>conference--includes handbook |
| ____ ◆ Rabies Vector Species                             | Friday         | 8:30-5:30              | Free if attending full confer-<br>ence, \$ 40. for RVS only             |
| ____ NYS DEC Wildlife Rehab Exam                         | Friday         | 11:00-1:00             | Free, but must register<br>with DEC 518.402.8985                        |
| ____ ◆ Animal Basic Course (beginners)                   | Friday         | 8:30-5:30              | \$ 75. (includes manual and<br>medical kit)                             |
| ____ Capture, Transport & Emergency<br>Care for Wildlife | Friday         | 10:00-5:00             | \$ 15. (includes CD manual)                                             |
| ____ Turtle Shell Repair                                 | Saturday       | 3:30-5:30              | \$ 15. (includes repair kit)                                            |
| ____ Jess-making Workshop                                | Saturday       | 3:30-5:30              | \$ 15. (will make jesses to take)                                       |
| ____ Turtle Shell Repair                                 | Sunday         | 10:00-12:00            | \$ 15. (includes repair kit)                                            |
| ____ ◆ Chemical Capture Training                         | Sunday         | 8:00-5:00              | \$110.                                                                  |
| ____ Paristology ___Pathology ___CPR                     | Sunday         | 1:30-3:30              | \$5. each                                                               |

◆ Attendance Certificate will be provided at the end of class workshop fees subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
or at checkout; full participation is required.

Conference Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Workshop Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Shirt: \$25. \_\_\_\_\_  
Late Fee \$15. after Sept. 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Shirt** is long sleeve, button down,  
light denim, 100% cotton with an embroidered  
NYSWRC logo. Pre-conference price: \$25.  
(Adult) \_\_\_Small \_\_\_Med. \_\_\_Large \_\_\_X Large

(you pay no tax)

**Return this entire page, completed with check or money order (in US dollars only) made out to:  
NYSWRC 2004 c/o Amy Freiman, PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852**

*Canadian checks must be drawn on US banks.*

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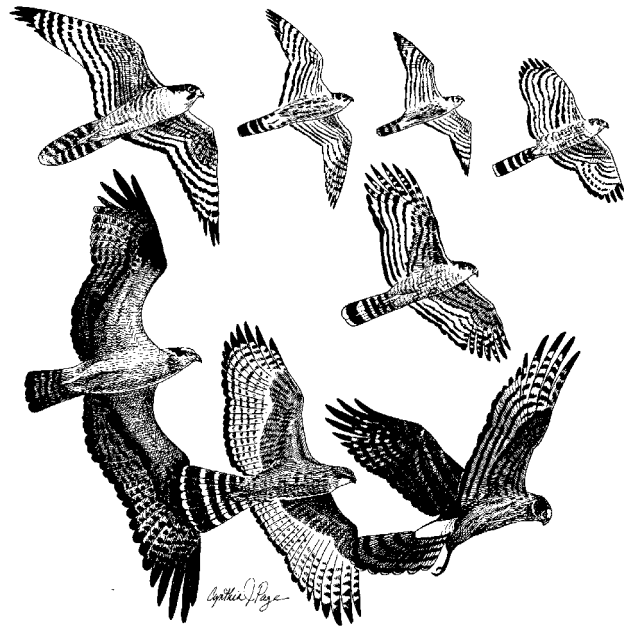
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