



# Audubon NEW YORK

## **Fall 2014 Audubon Council Meeting Pre-meeting field trip. Birds of the Niagara River and the Great Lakes!**

Participants are encouraged to arrive the evening of Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Several reasonable hotel options are available right across from the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport and a short distance from the AMTRAK station. These include a Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield Inn, Days Hotel, Courtyard Marriott, and Holiday Inn. Many of these hotels will include a breakfast as part of your stay or have breakfast available downstairs. A diner and other restaurants are a short distance from these hotels. If there is enough interest we may be able to plan a social activity Thursday Evening.

The trip will leave from these hotels at 9:00 AM on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>. The primary focus will be the Niagara River Corridor Global IBA – one of the IBA’s chosen by National Audubon as part of “Saving our Important Bird Areas” initiative. We will first head north to Niagara Falls where we can observe gulls, herons, peregrine falcons and other species while experiencing one of the natural wonders of the world. We will stop for lunch at an appropriate location right on the river edge. The next stop will be at the mouth of the Niagara River near downtown Buffalo New York – an amazing chance to do high-quality birding within a dynamic urban environment. We will highlight high-quality habitat for resident and migratory birds a proverbial stone’s throw away from our iconic grain elevators. We will also discuss the Niagara and Buffalo River Areas of Concern (AOC’s), and the work to restore and delist these areas.

We will continue south and west along the lake Ontario shoreline with additional stops as time allows, possibly including the Dunkirk Harbor IBA. The trip will end at the conference hotel by 5:00 to give participants ample time to check in to the hotel, freshen up, and prepare for evening activities.

Please RSVP with name, e-mail, cell phone number, number in your group and other appropriate information to [smith@buffaloudubon.org](mailto:smith@buffaloudubon.org).

Arrivals in Buffalo on Friday MAY be able to be accommodated by the field trip or other travel arrangements provided by local participants, volunteers and Buffalo Audubon board members. Buffalo Audubon is not, however, able to act as a travel agent – we appreciate your understanding! Contact Loren Smith – [smith@buffaloudubon.org](mailto:smith@buffaloudubon.org) if you have any questions.



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(we can't promise that there will or won't be snow)



Times Beach Nature Preserve



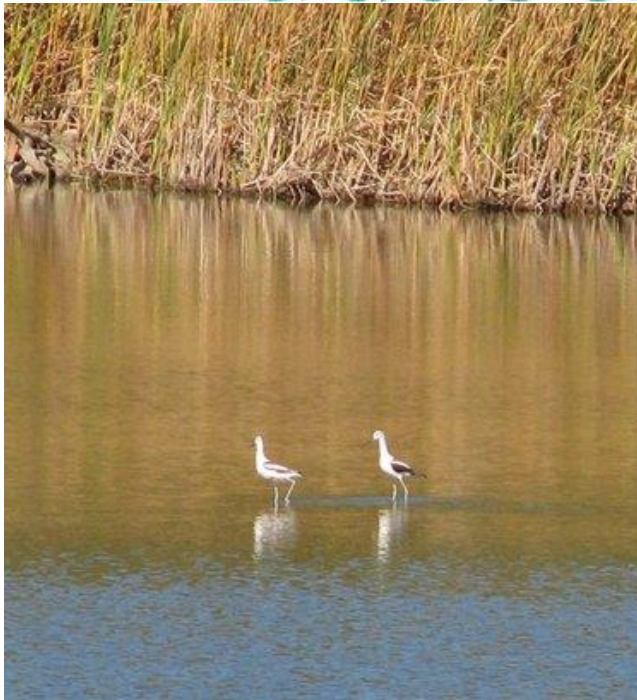
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Name the spp. – at Times Beach in October. Photos Jay Burney