



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Summer Birds, Neo-Tropics to be Discussed During Weekend Hike**

MILFORD – On Saturday, August 3 Dave Kiehm will lead an Otsego County Conservation Association sponsored hike, “Summer Birds and Neo-Tropics at Milford State Forest,” beginning at 9 a.m.

The Milford State Forest has been carefully managed since enduring a tornado in May 1998. The result is varied habitat for both flora and fauna, with scenes of quiet morning beauty. Hikers will meet at 9 a.m. sharp at the DEC warehouse on Kelly Corners Road (about ½ mile south of its intersection with State Land Road) for a walk of two hours. Participants will look for the summer birds and neo-tropics that frequent the area. Bring binoculars if you have them and choose footwear appropriate for tall, wet grass. For more information, contact Dave Kiehm at [dave@deadriftstudio.com](mailto:dave@deadriftstudio.com)

Since 2001, OCCA has organized and/or co-sponsored nature walks on local trails. Other confirmed dates, venues and hike leaders for 2013 are: August 17, The Robert V. Riddell State Park, Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent; September 21, Crumhorn Mountain, Allen Nichols; October 19, Glimmerglass State Park, Eamonn Hinchey; October 26, The Robert V. Riddell State Park, Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent; and January 18, 2014, The Robert V. Riddell State Park, snowshoe hike with the Kents. For a complete hike schedule, details and directions, visit the EnviroEvents calendar link via [www.occainfo.org](http://www.occainfo.org).

OCCA is a private, non-profit environmental membership organization dedicated to promoting the appreciation and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning. For more information on OCCA, or to support programming, call [\(607\) 547-4488](tel:6075474488) or visit [www.occainfo.org](http://www.occainfo.org).