

# Trip Report, League of Naturalists

**6/08/03 Iona Island, New York, Natural History Walk**

**Led by:** Alan and Della Wells

**Participants:** Jack Focht, Ken McNichol, Marsha Meyer, Carol Weiss, Willard and Marguerite Wells.

**Location:** Met at the Iona Island entrance gate at 1 PM. Trip ending at about 4 PM.

**Weather:** Temperature probably in the mid 60s, overcast from lingering storm.

**Highlights:** Cliff swallows, black rat snake, vultures and of course the dead chipmunk (who done it?)

(High resolution photos available upon request.)



**Photo 1.** Marsha, Alan, Carol, Della, Ken, and Jack.



**Photo 2.** Iona Island gated entrance.



**Photo 3.** Leafy (?) spurge.



**Photo 4.** Black vulture.



**Photo 5.** Turkey vulture.

**Moths & Butterflies**

Little Wood Satyr (lots!)

**Reptiles & Amphibians**

Redback Salamander, Black Rat Snake

**Birds (27 species)**

American Goldfinch, Baltimore Oriole, Black Vulture, Blue Jay, Canada Goose, Cedar Waxwing, Chimney Swift, Chipping Sparrow, Cliff Swallow, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Kingbird, European Starling, Field Sparrow, several heard singing, Great Black-backed Gull, Great Crested Flycatcher, Grey Catbird, House Finch with fledglings, Indigo Bunting, Mourning Dove, Mute Swan, Northern Mockingbird, Osprey (carrying a large, orange fish. A prize koi?), Red-winged Blackbird, Song Sparrow, Turkey Vulture, Yellow Warbler



**Photo 6.** Cliff swallow gathering mud.



**Photo 7.** Carol engaged in outhouse tipping?

**Mammals**

White-tailed Deer, Eastern Chipmunk

**Misc. Plants**

Ebony Spleen-Wort

Marsh Fern

Black Swallow-Wort

Yellow Sweet Clover

Yellow Flag (in bloom)

Blue Flag (in bloom)

Hop Clover

Leafy (?) Spurge

Frost Weed, *Helianthemum canadense*

Ragged Robin (along causeway)

Tupelo Tree (in flower, just past prime)



**Photo 8.** What's that???



**Photo 9.** Ken with Black Rat Snake.