

CHRISTMAN SANCTUARY

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Barred Owl

HISTORY

The Eastern New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy purchased the original 97 acres of this sanctuary in 1970 from Lansing and Lucille Christman, son and daughter-in-law of the late William W. Christman. William (Will) Christman devoted his lifetime to farming, nature writing, poetry, and over many years converted his farm into a nature sanctuary. The site is a Registered National Historic Landmark listed by the New York State Historic Trust.

HIGHLIGHTS

The heart of the sanctuary is the Bozenkill, a picturesque creek that tumbles down sandstone steps amid steep hemlock and pine forest. A dramatic 30-foot waterfall at the end of the Blue Trail puts the region's geology on vivid display. Mixed deciduous hardwoods, plantations of locust, cedar, spruce, and white and red pine, abandoned orchards and shrubby meadows fill out a habitat mosaic that is home to a wide variety of species, including the Barred owl (above).



STEWARDSHIP

The trail system, with its stairways, bridges, and handrails, is attributable to the passion and dedication of numerous volunteers, including the members of the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club. In 2006, Henri Plant, a longtime MVHC member and Christman Sanctuary Preserve Steward, received the David Van Woe Stewardship Award from The Nature Conservancy in recognition of his over 36 years of service and generous funding for the Christman Preserve. Henri's contributions—made in memory of his wife Doris Saunders Plant—have enabled The Conservancy to protect and maintain additional acreage along the Bozenkill, increasing the size of the sanctuary.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you enjoy the natural beauty and solitude of this special place, please consider becoming a member of The Eastern New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Your support is vital to our mission of protecting natural areas throughout our region.

Our single greatest source of funding comes from you, the individual donor, so become a partner in conservation by joining The Nature Conservancy today! Visit us on-line at www.nature.org/newyork

The Eastern New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy

The Conservancy's first chartered chapter owns 43 preserves and natural areas, protecting over 15,000 acres and operates in seven landscape scale sites throughout the region. We also partner with Conservancy programs in Central and South America and in the Caribbean. For more information or to receive a free copy of our Preserve Guide call 914-244-3271 or 516-699-7952.

Established in 1951, The Nature Conservancy is the largest private land conservation organization in the world. Working with partners around the world, we have protected more than 125 million acres of the world's most ecologically important places.

The Nature Conservancy has its roots here in eastern New York. Chartered in 1951, the Eastern New York Chapter is the first chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The chapter works with its members and partner organizations to protect and manage many sites to nature conservation and landscapes from Woodhatch County to the tip of the Adirondacks.

