Careers in Conservation require specific knowledge of natural resources and a willingness to participate in field activities even during adverse weather conditions. As a freshman student in one of the Conservation programs, we strongly recommend that you have the following items when you begin at the College:

- day pack
- rain suit
- work boots
- durable outdoor clothes
- hiking boots
- water bottle
- journal/daily calendar
- field identification guides

There are many excellent field identification guides available. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are required for certain courses. Time that you spend learning how to use the guides will be a key to your success in the Conservation programs. Proper resource management is based, to a large degree, on correct species identification.

**Plant Guides**


**Wildlife Guides**


Wildlife Guides - continued


We also urge students to acquire the following items during their two years at Finger Lakes:

- binoculars
- hand lens
- backpack
- sleeping bag
- ground pad/mattress
- tent
- compass
- camera

Field guides and equipment will be used in CON 190, Conservation Field Camp, a required course for AAS Natural Resources Conservation, AAS Natural Resources Conservation: Law Enforcement and AS Environmental Studies students. The course is taught in the summer between the freshman and sophomore year.
Students in AAS programs in Conservation will take an extensive test on species identification in the spring semester of their last year. This test is a part of CON 203, Conservation Seminar, and it serves to assess student competencies gained during their entire time at Finger Lakes. We strongly urge all students to begin preparing for this test by learning species identification as soon as possible.