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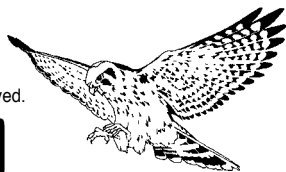
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CAPE MAY BIRD OBSERVATORY

Northwood Center

P.O. Box 3, 701 East Lake Drive

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Phone: 609.400.3868 • Fax: 609.884.6052

March through May:

Wednesday through Saturday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Center for Research and Education

600 Route 47 North

Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Phone: 609.246.3581 • Fax: 609.861.1651

Store closed, trails open.



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www.featheredgeoptics.org

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

The Northwood Center will be **CLOSED**

April 10th & 11th (Virtual Optics Sale)

and May 31st (Memorial Day).

The 26th Annual CAPE MAY BIRD OBSERVATORY

OPTICS SALE

Virtual Edition

April 10 & 11 | 9AM - 5PM

INCREDIBLE DEALS!

For additional details, please see
Special Events on page 11.

NEW and gently
used binoculars and
spotting scopes, factory
close-outs and demos
while supplies last.
No Rain Checks.

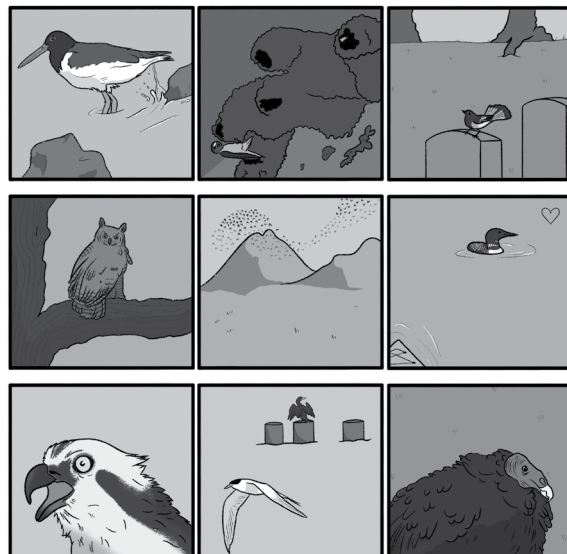


Representatives from
Celestron, Kowa, Leica,
Opticron, Swarovski, Zeiss,
and Vortex will be on hand for
live chats to answer questions
and demonstrate gear.



May 8th, 2021 19:45

• LIVE - NJ Audubon's World Series of Birding



REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

2021 CAPE MAY SCHOOL OF BIRDING

Gulls Simplified

With Michael O'Brien • March 6

Wintering and Migrant Waterfowl

With Tom Reed • March 13

Birding Fieldcraft

With Tom Reed • April 16-17

Birds in Flight - Spring Edition

With Tom Reed • April 24

Sounds of Spring

With Michael O'Brien • May 1-2

Spring Migration Special

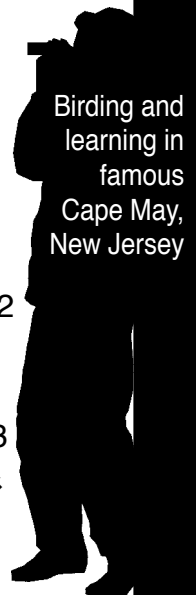
With David La Puma • May 11-13

Spring Shorebirds & Southern Breeders

With Tom Reed • May 18-19

www.birdcapemay.org - 609.400.3864

Birding and
learning in
famous
Cape May,
New Jersey



Season's Passage Spring 2021

I feel the warm breeze on my face as the sun tops the horizon to the east, with the sounds of birds cascading over me, providing a sense of wonder and serenity that only nature can provide.

It must be spring in Cape May! With all the challenges and changes experienced in the past year, nature continues to be, more importantly continues to be, an ever-present force that we all can enjoy and immerse ourselves in, wherever we are. But what better way to share in that joy and learn more about the migration of birds, butterflies, and more that swirl around us than a walk or workshop in incredible Cape May with experienced and excited naturalists to help you make the most of your time and adventure.

This Kestrel Express is your guide to the best experiences that spring has to offer, following proper protocols to bring you a safe, comfortable, and memorable experience. From two hours to multiple days, on land or boat, there's something here for you. So, check it out and sign up today, and I'll...

See you in the field!

Brett Ewald

Director, New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory



Become a New Jersey Audubon member and enjoy discounts on tours, events, and field trips at all New Jersey Audubon centers. Members also get a 10% discount at our Nature Stores (some exclusions apply). Optics and tripods are already at their lowest prices.

Spring Programs 2021

WEEKLY WALKS/ ACTIVITIES

Led by CMBO's stellar Associate Naturalists and/or staff, these programs meet at locations highlighted on the CMBO Bird and Butterfly Map (available at our centers or downloadable from our website). Bring binoculars and dress for prevailing weather according to the season. Most walks involve walking a mile or more on varied terrain such as asphalt, boardwalk, gravel, beach, and dirt (sometimes muddy) paths. For more information about accessibility for those with limited mobility, contact the Northwood Center at **609.400.3868**. Note: Programs may be cancelled due to difficult/unsafe weather conditions.

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To minimize the risk of COVID-19, NJ Audubon is implementing the following safety protocols:

- 1) In-person programs will be limited in group size, and as such, each person must preregister for each program they would like to attend. Drop-ins will be turned away.
- 2) You can easily register for events by visiting our online Calendar of Events: njudubon.org/calendar/category/cape-may-bird-observatory-northwood-center/
- 3) Unfortunately, we will not be sharing any optics so please bring your own equipment.
- 4) Leaders and participants must wear face coverings throughout the program and maintain social distancing (at least 6' of separation). Leaders may remove their face covering in order to be heard by the group while maintaining social distance.

New Jersey Audubon field trips and programs adhere to CDC guidelines; leaders have the right to ask a participant to leave the program if someone is not adhering to these guidelines for the health and safety of all. Please do not come to a program if you are sick or have a sick family member. Please refer to our website www.birdcapemay.org for the latest COVID-19 updates about program cancellations or postponements. *Thank you for your cooperation during this time.*

Saturdays

① BIRDING CAPE MAY POINT

Saturdays, March 6 to April 24 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The "shoulder season" in Cape May is a wonderful time for birding and there's no better place to do it than the Cape May Point State Park. With its diversity of habitat – beach, dunes, ponds, forest, and marsh – it's the perfect spot for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and shorebirds to stop and refuel as the push of spring migration begins. We'll travel the trails, check out CMBO's Northwood Center, and investigate surrounding hotspots on The Point as we soak up the wonder of this annual phenomenon of nature. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS

Saturdays, April 10 to May 22

EXCEPT May 8 & 15 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meets at the Belleplain State Forest Office on Henkensifkin Road, just off Route 550. Many southern birds, including Summer Tanager, Hooded Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo, are near the northern limit of their breeding range in Belleplain. *Preregistration required.*
Cost: \$9 members, \$15 nonmembers.

③ A BIRD WALK FOR ALL PEOPLE

Saturdays, April 17 to May 29

EXCEPT May 8 & 15 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Meets at the parking lot at the end of Wilson St. off of Seashore Road on Cape Island. Located along Cape Island Creek, this hidden gem holds warblers, sparrows and much more, plus great views of the tidal marsh. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

④ SPRING BIRDING AT THE GARRETT

FAMILY PRESERVE • Saturdays, May 1 to May 29

EXCEPT May 8 & 15 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Meets at the end of Jakes Landing Road, near Dennisville, off of Route 47. Watch for Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Great Horned Owls, and winter songbirds where the forest meets the salt marsh. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Sundays

⑤ SUNDAY MORNING AT TURKEY POINT

Sundays, March 7 to 28 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Meets at the end of Turkey Point Road in Cumberland County (reached from Route 553 south of the town of Dividing Creek) in the Natural Land's Glades Wildlife Refuge. Walk New Jersey's miracle mile for an exciting array of winter birds. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

⑥ NIGHTFALL AT JAKES LANDING

Sunday, March 7 4:30 PM - DUSK

Sunday, March 14 5:00 PM - DUSK

Meets at the end of Jakes Landing Road, near Dennisville, off of Route 47. Watch for Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Great Horned Owls, and winter songbirds where the forest meets the salt marsh. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

⑦ SUNSET BEACH: A Place For All Seasons

Sundays, March 7, April 4, & May 2 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Meets at the parking lot behind the miniature golf course, on the north side of Sunset Blvd. as you approach Sunset Beach. Part of the world-famous Higbee Beach WMA, the Sunset Beach area hosts an array of birds, including sparrows, warblers, hawks, and waterbirds. *Preregistration required.* This **FREE** walk is sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING AT COX HALL CREEK

Sundays, April 4 to May 2 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Meets at the west end of Shawmount Ave. (off Route 603 / Bayshore Road in Lower Township). Explore this former golf course, now a state wildlife management area, on easy-walking asphalt trails. Good for woodpeckers, Pine Warblers, sparrows and other early migrants. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Mondays

⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS

Mondays, March 15 to May 31 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Meets at The Nature Conservancy's South Cape May Meadows Preserve parking lot on Sunset Blvd. Spring birding for lingering waterfowl and migrant shorebirds can be very rewarding at this freshwater wetland. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Tuesdays

⑩ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN

Tuesdays, April 13 to May 18 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meets at the Belleplain State Forest Office on Henkensifkin Road, just off Route 550. Visit some of the lesser-known parts of this marvelous State Forest for spring migrant birds, wildflowers and whatever crosses our path. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$9 members, \$15 nonmembers.

⑪ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD

Tuesdays, April 13 to May 18 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meets near the Northwood Center's parking lot located at 701 E Lake Drive, Cape May Point. For beginning birders and anyone who wants to learn more about birds and how to find them. Join CMBO naturalists for 2 hours of birding where we'll explore the nature trail and feeding stations at our Northwood Center and then enjoy lingering waterfowl and migrant songbirds along Lake Lily. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Wednesdays

⑫ MIGRATION AT THE POINT

Wednesdays, April 7 to May 26 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Join Director Brett Ewald and CMBO naturalists for this 2-hour walk around the streets of Cape May Point. With migration in full swing, every day sees new arrivals! Experience the diversity, abundance, sounds, and colors of spring migration at Cape May Point. We'll enjoy a bonanza of seabirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, and more in the shadow of the lighthouse and nearby habitats. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

⑬ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND

Wednesdays, April 7 to May 19 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Meets at the north end of Nummy Island, just over the bridge from Stone Harbor. This rich salt marsh is one of the best spots to observe breeding Clapper Rails, herons and egrets, American Oystercatchers, Ospreys, Black Skimmers, terns and Seaside Sparrows. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

⑭ EXPLORING CUMBERLAND

Wednesdays, May 5 to May 19 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meets at the parking area at the base of the Maurice River Bridge on Route 670, just a few miles from the western junction of Routes 47 and 347. Visit little-known hotspots in eastern Cumberland County and search for migrant and breeding birds. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$9 members, \$15 nonmembers.

Thursdays

⑮ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST

Thursdays, April 15 to May 20 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meets at the Belleplain State Forest Office on Henkensifkin Road, just off Route 550. Varied habitats yield an amazing diversity of spring migrants and breeders. Highlights include many target species, such as Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Louisiana Waterthrush. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$9 members, \$15 nonmembers.

Fridays

⑯ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING

Fridays, April 9 to May 28 EXCEPT May 14

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

With Program Director Melissa Roach and CMBO naturalists. Meets at the parking lot at the west end of New England Road. Blue Grosbeaks, Brown Thrashers, Yellow-breasted Chats, Yellow Warblers, and White-eyed Vireos all arrive in April to breed here. Many spring warblers and other songbirds migrate through. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

⑰ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON

Fridays, April 9 to May 21 EXCEPT May 14

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

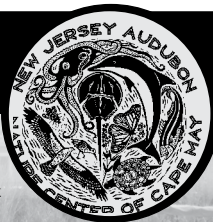
Meets at The Nature Conservancy's South Cape May Meadows Preserve parking lot on Sunset Blvd. Seasonally flooded ponds attract ducks and shorebirds while beach-nesters like Least Terns and American Oystercatchers will be back and busy. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$6 members, \$10 nonmembers.

LOOKING FOR CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY PROGRAMS?

Our sister center, the Nature Center of Cape May, has a full schedule of programs for all ages exploring many facets of the natural world. Contact the nature center at 609.427.3045 or check online at www.njaudubon.org/centers/nccm.

**1600 Delaware Ave
Cape May, NJ**



SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register online through our website www.birdcapemay.org. Please register early; group size is limited.

For more information, contact the Program Registrar at cmboregistrar@njaudubon.org or by calling 609.400.3864.

⑱ POOR MAN'S PELAGIC

Saturday, March 20 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

With Program Director Melissa Roach and CMBO Naturalists. Meets at the Cape May Ferry for a half hour of birding from the landing before traveling across the Delaware Bay aboard the Cape May-Lewes Ferry at 1pm and returning on the 2:45pm boat. Expect to see Northern Gannets, loons, cormorants, gulls, terns, and scoters in the bay. PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED to board the ferry. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers (includes round trip ferry fee).

⑲ BIRDS OF PEASLEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Sunday, April 25 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

With Janet Crawford and CMBO Naturalists. Peaslee is an extension of Belleplain State Forest with special areas that attract migrant and breeding songbirds. Get to know some of the very best spots in this wonderful natural area – great for vireos, tanagers, warblers and much more! *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$24 members, \$32 nonmembers.

⑳ EXPLORING ATLANTIC COUNTY – NEW!

Sunday, May 2 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join CMBO Naturalists Chris Marks and Bert Hixon to explore the birding hotspots in Atlantic County with a focus on Estelle Manor Park, one of many excellent spring birding spots in the county. About 1700 acres, the park includes a 2-mile paved loop with viewpoints of the South River as well as several hiking paths throughout. Many different habitats comprise the park, which creates a diverse selection of plant and wildlife. Some sightings may include Bald Eagles, Eastern Bluebirds, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Louisiana Waterthrush, Magnolia Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and much more; if time allows, other nearby spots may be visited. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers.

㉑ SHOREBIRDS ON THE BAY

Thursday, May 20 1 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, May 25 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Join CMBO Naturalists on this special trip to Delaware Bayshore beaches - at the best time of year for migrating shorebirds, such as Red Knots and Ruddy Turnstones, stopping over to feed on Horseshoe Crab eggs before heading to the high Arctic to breed. We'll visit several protected shorebird hotspots in our search for shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs in action! *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers.

CAPE MAY SCHOOL OF BIRDING WORKSHOPS

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register online through our website www.birdcapemay.org. Please register early; group size is limited.

For more information, contact the Program Registrar at cmboregistrar@njaudubon.org or by calling 609.400.3864.

㉒ GULLS SIMPLIFIED • Saturday, March 6

With Michael O'Brien. This workshop combines time in the field learning the easy way to separate and identify the more common winter gulls and practicing sifting flocks of gulls for something rare, with an indoor review of gull plumages, aging, and some of the rarer species. By the end, you'll learn to love gulls too! *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$90 members, \$120 nonmembers.

㉓ WINTERING AND MIGRANT WATERFOWL

Saturday, March 13

Join CMBO's Migration Count Coordinator Tom Reed for a day of birding exploring wintering and migrant waterfowl in Cape May County! March is a wonderful time of year to seek out various species of waterfowl as lingering winterers are joined by northbound migrants. We'll seek out as many species as we can find across several locations while taking time to study various identification clues: plumage, size & shape, flight characteristics, behavior, habitat preferences, and migration timing. This birding break has something to offer birders of all skill and experience levels. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$90 members, \$120 nonmembers.

㉔ BIRDING IN 2021: TECH AND TOOLS FOR TODAY'S BIRDER – NEW!

Friday evening, April 16 & Saturday, April 17

Join CMBO's Migration Count Coordinator Tom Reed for this two-day hybrid event to learn about the tricks, strategies, and gadgets that today's birders use to maximize their time in the field. These days, it seems there is an ever-growing number of apps, websites, and resources available to birders. It can be difficult to keep up with this wealth of information, let alone understand how to use all of it. We'll start with a virtual session on Friday evening 6pm – 9pm followed by an afternoon outing on Saturday noon – 5pm at a time of year when a number of these strategies and tools can be put to good use! *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$90 members, \$120 nonmembers.

㉕ BIRDS IN FLIGHT – SPRING EDITION

Saturday, April 24

With Tom Reed. Cape May is synonymous with migration and birds in flight. This may include waterfowl, wading birds, raptors, shorebirds, swallows, and songbirds. Join our veteran Migration Count Coordinator for a day of watching water and sky for northbound migrants while learning in-flight ID tips and more about the status and distribution of spring migrants at Cape May. *Preregistration required.* Cost: \$90 members, \$120 nonmembers.

㉖ SOUNDS OF SPRING • Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2

With Michael O'Brien. Everyone's dreamed of learning bird songs, and everyone can. Even experienced birders spend time each spring "getting their ear in," re-learning the songs they already know. Jump-start your audio recall by learning how to listen critically, group and categorize song types, and (as your song and call repertoire grow) gain confidence and skill. Many of southern NJ's breeding birds are back and singing heartily, and migrants will be joining the chorus, too. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$150 members, \$200 nonmembers.

㉗ SPRING MIGRATION SPECIAL

Tuesday-Thursday, May 11-13

With David La Puma. Celebrate spring with migrating

songbirds deposited by the night sky and shorebirds teeming on the mud flats. Hooded and Kentucky Warblers sing in the shadows of Belleplain State Forest, while Summer Tanagers “piki-tuck” overhead. Red Knots and Sanderlings feed in mosaics of rust and silver on the Delaware Bayshore, and egrets and herons dot the back bay meadows. This workshop is all about diversity and focuses not only on identifying the birds, but also learning about their lives. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$225 members, \$300 nonmembers.

⑳ SPRING SHOREBIRDS AND SOUTHERN BREEDERS Tuesday-Wednesday, May 18-19

With Migration Count Coordinator Tom Reed. Heislerville’s celebrated shorebird concentration coupled with Belleplain State Forest (and nearby Delaware Bay and Cumberland County hotspots) – a lot of great birds, all close together! Red Knots, Dunlin, maybe a Curlew Sandpiper, plus woodland birds like Yellow-throated and Prothonotary Warblers and Summer Tanagers. *Preregistration required.*

Cost: \$150 members, \$200 nonmembers.

SEASONAL RESEARCH

㉑ CAPE MAY SPRINGWATCH March 1 to May 31

Coastal migration is monitored daily for three hours starting at sunrise at the Coral Avenue dune crossover platform in Cape May Point. Waterbirds, shorebirds, and songbirds all pass by in great numbers as they head north towards their breeding grounds. Dress warmly, bring a scope if you have one, and enjoy the spectacle! Please be mindful that this watch takes place in a residential area. *No preregistration, just drop by.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

㉒ CMBO ANNUAL OPTICS SALE – VIRTUAL EDITION Saturday & Sunday, April 10 and 11 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Catch the best deals of the year with Demo, discontinued, and clearance optics as well as 10% discounts on the full line of numerous brands! In addition, representatives and staff will be available in virtual chatrooms to demonstrate new products and answer your questions. Head on over to www.featheredgeoptics.org for more information.

㉓ WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING Saturday, May 8

It’s the 38th annual World Series of Birding, the event that raises over \$500,000 annually for conservation. Learn how to participate or become a team sponsor at www.WorldSeriesofBirding.org.

Don’t have a team? Consider joining CMBO’s Century

Run Team led by the CMBO staff and Associate Naturalists to help raise funds to support our conservation, education, and research missions. We’ll be birding at a moderate pace in Cape May County at the peak of spring migration where we’re likely to get close to 150 species! Preregistration required. Cost: Pledges of at least \$1 per bird (raised by you: get family, friends, co-workers to pledge).

For more information or to join the team, contact the Program Registrar at cmboregistrar@njudubon.org or call 609.400.3864.

㉔ CAPE MAY SPRING FESTIVAL – A HYBRID EVENT Friday through Sunday, May 14 to 16

Join us for the 44th annual Cape May Spring Festival! We’ve put together a phenomenal mix of live streaming from migration hotspots such as Belleplain State Forest, The Nature Conservancy’s South Cape May Meadows, and Garrett Family Preserve. Add to that, virtual presentations from some of Cape May’s finest ranging from Scott Whittle’s warbler identification to taking a trip along the Delaware Bayshore with Kevin Karlson and Glen Davis. We’ve also added the option of in-person workshops on Saturday and Sunday!

Check out our keynote speakers! Mark Garland speaks Friday on Cape May and pandemic birding. On Saturday, Kelly Goodale of the US Fish and Wildlife Service brings us the story of Hawaii’s favorite bird, Wisdom the Laysan Albatross, originally banded on the island atoll of Midway by Chandler Robbins in 1956. At 69+ years of age, Wisdom is the oldest known banded wild bird and is still returning to Midway annually to raise a chick. The stories she could tell...

For more information, check out our website: njudubon.org/cape-may-spring-festival/

BOAT TRIPS

The Osprey is a 37’ pontoon boat that has a comfortable enclosed cabin with large viewing windows, a front deck with a railing, and a restroom on board. Non-motorized wheelchair accessible. More information, detailed directions, and online reservations at ospreycruise.com or call The Osprey at (609) 898-3500. Unless otherwise stated, all trips depart from the Miss Chris Marina, 1212 Wilson Drive, Cape May. Free parking.

㉕ LOONS AND SHOREBIRDS CRUISE Saturday, April 17 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join the crew of The Osprey and CMBO Naturalists on this special birding boat trip as we focus on loons, lingering waterfowl, and some great shorebird viewing. *Reservations required.*

Cost: \$40 members, \$45 nonmembers.

**34 BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT on The Osprey
Saturdays, April 24 to May 29 EXCEPT May 15**

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Sundays, April 25 to May 30 EXCEPT May 16

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mondays, April 26 to May 31 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join Capt. Bob & the naturalists and crew of The Osprey for close-up looks at secretive rails, nesting Ospreys, migrant shorebirds, terns, gulls, herons, and more. We'll explore the coastal saltmarsh of Cape May from Cape Island Creek to the Wildwoods and view the natural wonders of historic Cape May Harbor. **Family-friendly.** Cost: \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers (Saturdays), \$40 members, \$45 nonmembers (Sundays, Mondays).

CMBO PERENNIALS

WANTED: USED (AND NOT-SO-USED) BOOKS

Clean your shelves and help fill ours for a good cause! Birding, butterflies, nature, gardening for wildlife (no magazines or periodicals, please). Bring donations to the Northwood Center and check out our used books section.

SEVEN POINT BINO-CHECK

Since optics are the primary tools for enjoying bird life, it is important to keep them in top working condition. Stop at the Northwood center during business hours to have your binocular performance evaluated. Limited availability at peak visitation times. Cost: **FREE**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YOU AND YOUR TIME ARE VALUABLE TO US!

Associate Naturalists and Field Trip Assistants: Most of our programs are led by volunteers. If you are a good birder/naturalist and have excellent people skills, contact Program Director Melissa Roach, melissa.roach@njudubon.org.

Nature Store Volunteers: Friendly people needed to greet visitors, answer phones, provide information and process sales. Contact Brian Moscatello, brian.moscatello@njudubon.org.

Backyard Habitat Garden Care: Are you a gardener? Do you possess one of those proverbial green thumbs? Backyard Habitat at CMBO in Goshen needs your care and attention. Contact Deb Shaw, deb.shaw@njudubon.org.

Public Outreach Events:

Contact Deb Shaw, deb.shaw@njudubon.org.

2020 Business Partnerships

This listing highlights the businesses that support our organization at the Partner level. Visit our website at www.birdcapemay.org for a complete list.

Please let these businesses know that you appreciate their support of the Cape May Bird Observatory. Many of them offer discounts to current NJ Audubon/ CMBO members. So keep your card handy when you visit! Enjoy Cape May!

BIRDING BY BOAT – THE OSPREY

Miss Chris Marina, 1212 Wilson Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 • 609-898-3500
www.birdingbyboat.com

COASTLINE REALTY LLC

941 Columbia Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-5005
www.coastlinerealty.com

FINS BAR & GRILLE

142 Decatur Street Washington Street Mall,
Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-3449
www.finscapemay.com

THE GRAND HOTEL

1045 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-5611/800-257-8550
www.grandcapemay.com

MAD BATTER RESTAURANT

at the Carroll Villa Hotel
19 Jackson St., Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-5970
www.carrollvilla.com

PERIWINKLE INN

1039 Beach Ave., Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-9200
www.periwinkleinn.com

THE RUSTY NAIL/BEACH SHACK

205 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-0017
www.caperesorts.com

SEA CREST INN

101 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-4561
www.seacrestinn.com

WEST CAPE MOTEL

307 Sunset Boulevard, Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-4280
www.westcapemotel.com

THE WILDLIFE GARDENER

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www.njwildlifegardener.com

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Numbers next to events on calendar correspond to event numbers in text. Ex. ⑩

②⑨ CAPE MAY SPRINGWATCH March 1 to May 31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ② GULLS SIMPLIFIED
7 ⑤ SUNDAY MORNING @ TURKEY PT. 8AM-10AM ⑥ NIGHTFALL @ JAKES LANDING 4:30PM-DUSK ⑦ SUNSET BEACH 9AM-11AM	8	9	10	11	12	13 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ② WINTERING AND MIGRANT WATERFOWL

14 ⑤ SUNDAY MORNING @ TURKEY PT. 8AM-10AM ⑥ NIGHTFALL @ JAKES LANDING 5PM-DUSK	15 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	16	17	18	19	20 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ⑧ POOR MAN'S PELAGIC 12:30PM-4:30PM
21 ⑤ SUNDAY MORNING @ TURKEY PT. 8AM-10AM	22 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	23	24	25	26	27 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM
28 ⑤ SUNDAY MORNING @ TURKEY PT. 8AM-10AM	29 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	30	31			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM
4 ⑦ SUNSET BEACH 9AM-11AM ⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM	5 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	6	7 ⑫ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑬ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM	8	9 ⑮ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑯ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM	10 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS 7:30AM-10:30AM ③ CMBO ANNUAL OPTICS SALE 9AM-5PM Northwood Center Closed for Optics Sale

11 ⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑩ CMBO ANNUAL OPTICS SALE 9AM-5PM Northwood Center Closed for Optics Sale	12 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	13 ⑩ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑪ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM	14 ⑫ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑬ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM	15 ⑮ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM	16 ⑮ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑯ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM ⑰ BIRDING IN 2021	17 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS 7:30AM-10:30AM ③ BIRD WALK FOR ALL 3PM-5PM ④ BIRDING IN 2021 ⑤ LOONS & SHOREBIRDS CRUISE 1PM-4PM
18 ⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM	19 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM	20 ⑩ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑪ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM	21 ⑫ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑬ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM	22 ⑮ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM	23 ⑮ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑯ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM	24 ① BIRDING CAPE MAY PT. 8AM-10AM ② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS 7:30AM-10:30AM ③ BIRD WALK FOR ALL 3PM-5PM ④ BIRDS IN FLIGHT ⑤ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-12:30PM
25 ⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑨ BIRDS OF PEASLEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA 7AM-11AM ④ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	26 ⑨ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑤ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	27 ⑩ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑪ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM	28 ⑫ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑬ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM	29 ⑮ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM	30 ⑮ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑯ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 ② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS 7:30AM-10:30AM ③ BIRD WALK FOR ALL 3PM-5PM ④ SPRING BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑤ SOUNDS OF SPRING ⑥ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-12:30PM
2 ⑦ SUNSET BEACH 9AM-11AM ⑧ ABOVE PAR BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑨ EXPLORING ATLANTIC COUNTY 8AM-11AM ⑩ SOUNDS OF SPRING ⑪ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	3 ⑫ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑬ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	4 ⑭ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑮ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM	5 ⑯ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑰ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM ⑱ EXPLORING CUMBERLAND 7:30AM-10:30AM	6 ⑲ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM	7 ⑳ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ㉑ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM	8 ㉒ WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING ㉓ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-12:30PM

9 ㉔ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	10 ⑫ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑬ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	11 ⑭ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑮ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM ⑯ SPRING MIGRATION SPECIAL	12 ⑰ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑱ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM ⑲ EXPLORING CUMBERLAND 7:30AM-10:30AM ㉑ SPRING MIGRATION SPECIAL	13 ⑲ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ㉒ SPRING MIGRATION SPECIAL	14 ㉓ CAPE MAY SPRING FESTIVAL	15 ㉔ CAPE MAY SPRING FESTIVAL
16 ㉕ CAPE MAY SPRING FESTIVAL	17 ⑫ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑬ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	18 ⑭ HIDDEN CORNERS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ⑮ E-Z BIRDING AT NORTHWOOD 8:30AM-10:30AM ⑯ SPRING SHOREBIRDS AND SOUTHERN BREEDERS	19 ⑰ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM ⑱ BIRDS OF NUMMY ISLAND 4:30PM-6:30PM ⑲ EXPLORING CUMBERLAND 7:30AM-10:30AM ㉑ SPRING SHOREBIRDS AND SOUTHERN BREEDERS	20 ⑲ BIRDS OF BELLEPLAIN 7:30AM-10:30AM ㉒ SHOREBIRDS ON THE BAY 1PM-4:30PM	21 ⑳ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ㉑ A MEADOWS AFTERNOON 3PM-5PM	22 ② BELLEPLAIN HOTSPOTS 7:30AM-10:30AM ③ BIRD WALK FOR ALL 3PM-5PM ④ SPRING BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑤ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-12:30PM
23/30 ㉔ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM	24/31 ⑫ BIRDING THE MEADOWS 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑬ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-1PM Memorial Day (5/31) Northwood Center Closed	25 ㉑ SHOREBIRDS ON THE BAY 9AM-12:30PM	26 ⑰ MIGRATION @ THE POINT 8AM-10AM	27	28 ⑳ HIGBEE BEACH BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM	29 ③ BIRD WALK FOR ALL 3PM-5PM ④ SPRING BIRDING 7:30AM-9:30AM ⑤ BACK BAY BIRDING BY BOAT 10AM-12:30PM