SPRINGWATCH in CAPE MAY POINT, NJ
Documenting NORTHBOUND MIGRATION of 200+ BIRD SPECIES

**WHY HERE:**
The mouth of Delaware Bay is an important feeding area for migrating waterbirds, and many species utilize the area while traveling to northern breeding grounds. The dunes at Cape May Point offer the perfect vantage point for observing their movements. Many songbirds and raptors see Cape May Point as a natural location to make landfall after a perilous water crossing of Delaware Bay; others arrive from points north and west after the passage of strong cold fronts.

**WHY NOW:**
The months of March, April, and May bring daily northbound movements of migrating birds throughout North America. Here at Cape May Point, waterbirds primarily migrate during March and early April, while a majority of landbirds are on the move between mid-April and late May. Periods of westerly winds typically produce the highest daily counts.

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*NORTHERN GANNET* *COMMON LOON* *INDIGO BUNTING*

Northern Gannet “The Ocean’s Jester” by CHRISTINA BAAL | Photography by TOM REED